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Methodology

In April 2024, a survey was sent to Episcopal Regional Coordinators for Hispanic/Latino Ministry to distribute to Hispanic Ministry leaders in the 14 Episcopal regions. After six weeks, we began reaching out via email and phone to dioceses that had not responded or did not have a Hispanic Ministry director or coordinator. By mid-August, all dioceses responded to the survey.¹

It is important to note that many dioceses self-reported missions or ministries serving Hispanics/Latinos. Some dioceses may be serving Hispanics/Latinos in extraordinary ministries or locations not identified as parishes. This survey examined parishes serving Hispanics/Latinos in U.S. dioceses and does not diminish the significant efforts to serve Hispanics/Latinos in diocesan missions and other extraordinary locations. It is also significant to note that if a Mass was identified as bilingual, it was counted as a Mass in Spanish since it includes the Spanish language.

The last question asked participants to identify the “Number of Parishes in the (Arch)Diocese with Hispanic/Latino Ministry or presence that do not offer Masses in Spanish.” For the USCCB, Hispanic/Latino Ministry in parishes has often been defined as those parishes that offer Mass in Spanish. We are aware that this does not fully address the diversity of languages (English only, bilingual, and Spanish) for Hispanic/Latino Ministry. There are regional and local realities that were considered for this question, and survey participants spoke to us about the complexities of their local contexts. Below are a few ways this question was interpreted by survey participants:

1. Dioceses were unaware if there was a Hispanic/Latino presence as they have not completed any census information with parishes or examined U.S. or local census data.
2. There are Hispanics/Latinos living within the geographic boundaries of the parish, but no Mass is offered in Spanish. This is typical in areas with low numbers of Hispanics/Latinos and no established Hispanic/Latino Ministry, such as in most northern areas of the Northeast and Midwest regions of the United States.
3. Hispanics/Latinos have been present in the area for hundreds of years and are fluent in English. Hispanics/Latinos attend Mass in English, but the ministry is considered Hispanic/Latino Ministry as it includes Hispanic/Latino cultural influences, songs in Spanish, and spiritual practices, such as in the Southwest regions of the United States and the state of Montana.

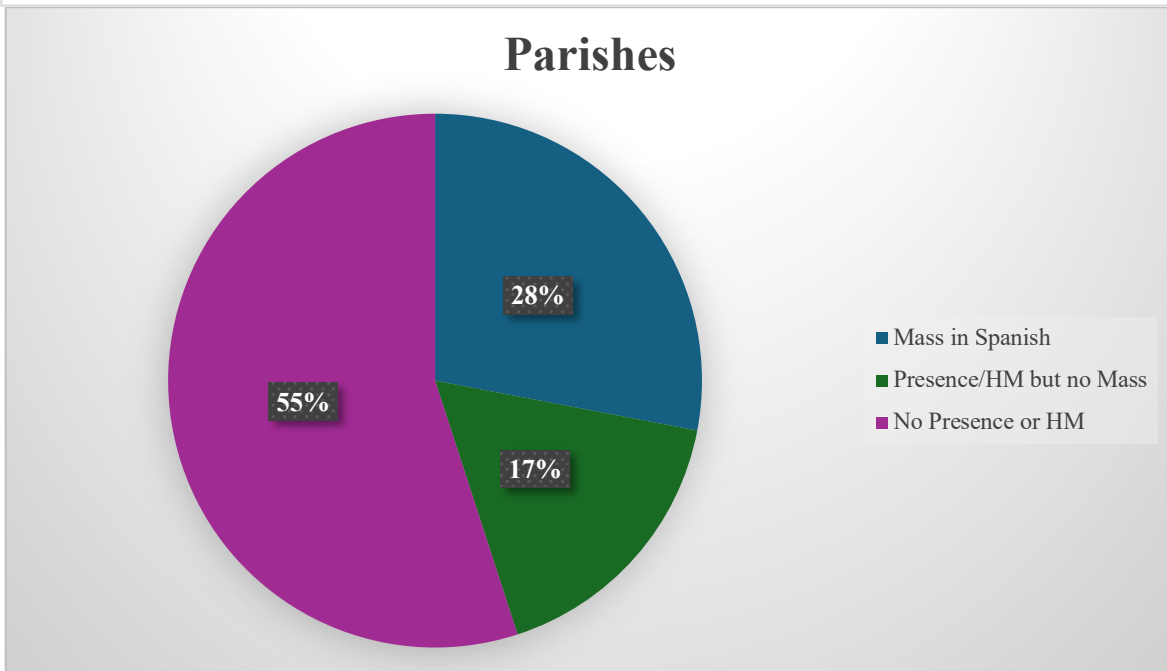
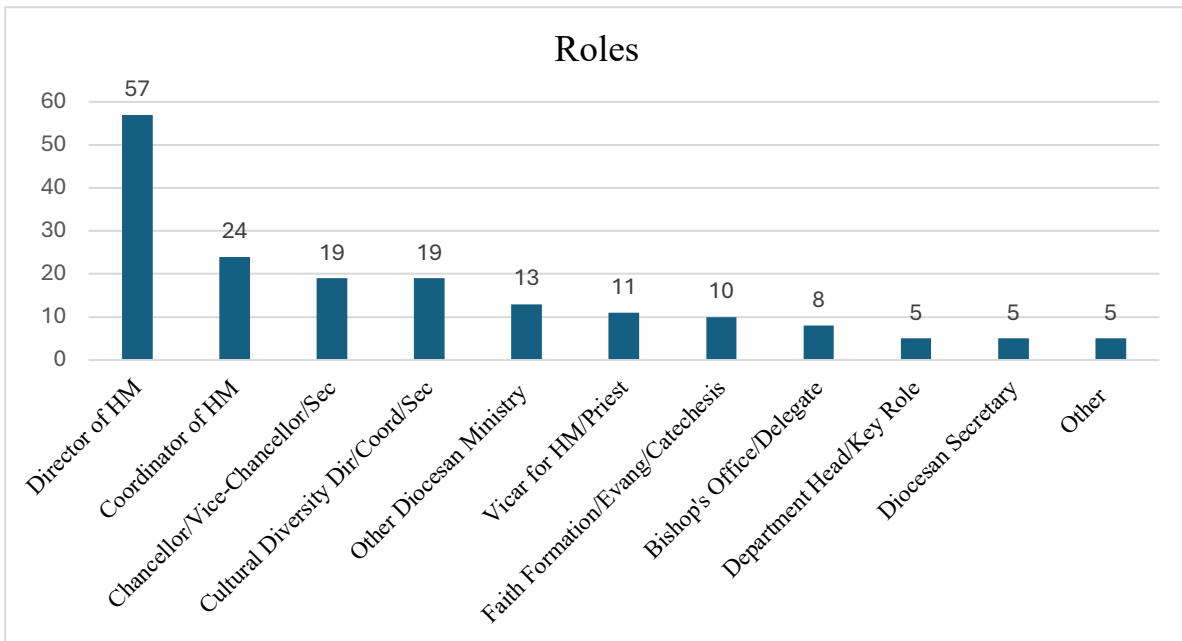
When looking at the number of parishes with some Hispanic/Latino presence or ministry but no Masses in Spanish, it is important to consider these three realities reported by survey participants.

Lastly, it's important to highlight that the survey was conducted during a period when dioceses across the country were making significant decisions regarding the opening and closing of parishes. This dynamic environment leads to fluctuating numbers, reflecting the ongoing changes within diocesan structures. This report presents the data reported by dioceses within the specified timeframe above.

¹ 175 Dioceses were invited. The survey did not include the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA since it serves outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. The survey also did not include the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, and the Eastern Catholic Archeparchies and Eparchies in the United States.

Diocesan Survey on Parishes and Hispanic/Latino Ministry

- 175 surveys were completed with 100% of dioceses surveyed in the U.S.
- Dioceses reported a total number of 16,279 parishes.
- 4,479 parishes have Masses in Spanish.
- 2,760 have a Hispanic/Latino presence or ministry but no Mass in Spanish.
- 47% of respondents are either Directors or Coordinators of Hispanic/Latino Ministry.



(Arch)Diocesan Reporting on Parishes with Hispanic/Latino Ministry

(Arch)Diocese	Number of Parishes	Number of Parishes with Mass in Spanish	Number of Parishes with Hispanic/Latino presence or Ministry but no Mass in Spanish
Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau	32	5	3
Archdiocese of Atlanta	106	64	8
Archdiocese of Baltimore	147	20	0
Archdiocese of Boston	250	40	0
Archdiocese of Chicago	216	82	6
Archdiocese of Cincinnati	212	20	5
Archdiocese of Denver	149	50	3
Archdiocese of Detroit	213	25	0
Archdiocese of Dubuque	226	13	1
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston	156	107	26
Archdiocese of Hartford	105	18	5
Archdiocese of Indianapolis	126	18	16
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas	120	12	1
Archdiocese of Las Vegas	34	11	12
Archdiocese of Los Angeles	288	240	12
Archdiocese of Louisville	110	13	8
Archdiocese of Miami	109	89	20
Archdiocese of Milwaukee	187	31	12
Archdiocese of Mobile	83	20	8
Archdiocese of New Orleans	112	19	1
Archdiocese of New York	277	143	134
Archdiocese of Newark	212	87	10
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City	112	40	40
Archdiocese of Omaha	140	16	8
Archdiocese of Philadelphia	214	37	1
Archdiocese of Portland, OR	124	60	10
Archdiocese of Saint Louis	137	12	0
Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis	187	24	6
Archdiocese of San Antonio	171	114	57
Archdiocese of San Francisco	88	34	1
Archdiocese of Santa Fe	93	42	20
Archdiocese of Seattle	174	46	90
Archdiocese of Washington	139	40	0
Diocese of Albany	126	8	6
Diocese of Alexandria	71	6	0
Diocese of Allentown	80	9	5
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown	87	0	0
Diocese of Amarillo	50	31	18
Diocese of Arlington	70	35	35
Diocese of Austin	127	69	58
Diocese of Baker	30	14	0
Diocese of Baton Rouge	64	8	56

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Diocese of Beaumont	44	17	2
Diocese of Belleville	99	5	1
Diocese of Biloxi	43	9	3
Diocese of Birmingham	78	29	27
Diocese of Bismarck	93	5	6
Diocese of Boise	51	28	0
Diocese of Bridgeport	75	14	6
Diocese of Brooklyn	186	68	118
Diocese of Brownsville	72	72	0
Diocese of Buffalo	136	2	0
Diocese of Burlington	67	3	0
Diocese of Camden	62	20	4
Diocese of Charleston	95	53	0
Diocese of Charlotte	92	52	11
Diocese of Cheyenne	70	12	58
Diocese of Cleveland	185	8	79
Diocese of Colorado Springs	39	7	1
Diocese of Columbus	108	17	0
Diocese of Corpus Christi	69	25	0
Diocese of Covington	48	4	Unknown
Diocese of Crookston	67	2	8
Diocese of Dallas	69	48	Unknown
Diocese of Davenport	72	10	62
Diocese of Des Moines	80	8	2
Diocese of Dodge City	47	15	4
Diocese of Duluth	80	0	0
Diocese of El Paso	57	56	1
Diocese of Erie	83	1	10
Diocese of Evansville	45	6	0
Diocese of Fairbanks	43	1	0
Diocese of Fall River	69	7	0
Diocese of Fargo	127	2	6
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend	81	18	20
Diocese of Fort Worth	92	45	47
Diocese of Fresno	89	75	14
Diocese of Gallup	56	6	50
Diocese of Gary	58	14	44
Diocese of Gaylord	75	2	73
Diocese of Grand Island	70	7	0
Diocese of Grand Rapids	79	12	25
Diocese of Great Falls-Billings	50	1	0
Diocese of Green Bay	194	14	180
Diocese of Greensburg	78	1	77
Diocese of Harrisburg	89	10	4
Diocese of Helena	57	3	0
Diocese of Honolulu	66	5	0

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Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux	39	6	33
Diocese of Jackson	72	29	5
Diocese of Jefferson City	92	13	8
Diocese of Joliet	117	22	95
Diocese of Kalamazoo	46	11	22
Diocese of Kansas City-Saint Joseph	80	10	70
Diocese of Knoxville	51	30	4
Diocese of La Crosse	156	7	0
Diocese of Lafayette	122	5	5
Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana	61	16	2
Diocese of Lake Charles	37	2	35
Diocese of Lansing	73	8	5
Diocese of Laredo	32	31	0
Diocese of Las Cruces	46	27	19
Diocese of Lexington	59	20	2
Diocese of Lincoln	133	11	0
Diocese of Little Rock	135	49	5
Diocese of Lubbock	60	20	37
Diocese of Madison	30	14	14
Diocese of Manchester	89	4	8
Diocese of Marquette	90	0	0
Diocese of Memphis	47	25	3
Diocese of Metuchen	93	27	8
Diocese of Monterey	46	34	12
Diocese of Nashville	54	26	6
Diocese of New Ulm	62	6	15
Diocese of Norwich	68	5	0
Diocese of Oakland	82	41	41
Diocese of Ogdensburg	77	2	Unknown
Diocese of Orange	63	42	1
Diocese of Orlando	93	45	0
Diocese of Owensboro	78	14	18
Diocese of Palm Beach	54	29	0
Diocese of Paterson	108	38	3
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee	50	15	2
Diocese of Peoria	156	15	0
Diocese of Phoenix	94	51	10
Diocese of Pittsburgh	57	5	1
Diocese of Portland, ME	48	7	5
Diocese of Providence	150	15	13
Diocese of Pueblo	72	17	14
Diocese of Raleigh	97	67	5
Diocese of Rapid City	58	1	2
Diocese of Reno	28	25	3

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Diocese of Richmond	140	35	8
Diocese of Rochester	48	7	8
Diocese of Rockford	105	33	0
Diocese of Rockville Centre	132	52	40
Diocese of Sacramento	109	70	10
Diocese of Saginaw	56	4	10
Diocese of Salina	86	4	0
Diocese of Salt Lake City	48	34	10
Diocese of San Angelo	45	34	32
Diocese of San Bernardino	92	82	10
Diocese of San Diego	97	59	5
Diocese of San Jose	53	27	2
Diocese of Santa Rosa	40	30	10
Diocese of Savannah	77	45	32
Diocese of Scranton	110	9	101
Diocese of Shreveport	38	8	30
Diocese of Sioux City	44	6	2
Diocese of Sioux Falls	119	7	4
Diocese of Spokane	80	11	1
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois	129	7	38
Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau	66	16	0
Diocese of Springfield, MA	79	10	1
Diocese of Saint Augustine	68	26	0
Diocese of Saint Cloud	132	9	123
Diocese of Saint Petersburg	80	33	1
Diocese of Steubenville	50	2	0
Diocese of Stockton	35	31	34
Diocese of Superior	103	1	0
Diocese of Syracuse	116	3	0
Diocese of Toledo	122	13	5
Diocese of Trenton	97	18	1
Diocese of Tucson	79	45	5
Diocese of Tulsa	77	24	8
Diocese of Tyler	67	61	1
Diocese of Venice	61	32	29
Diocese of Victoria	50	13	6
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston	92	7	7
Diocese of Wichita	90	12	3
Diocese of Wilmington	56	21	0
Diocese of Winona-Rochester	96	11	3
Diocese of Worcester	91	13	3
Diocese of Yakima	44	32	1
Diocese of Youngstown	86	4	0