

JUNE 27-28, 2020: RURAL MINISTRIES WEEKEND

➔ Did you know?: 6 Parishes



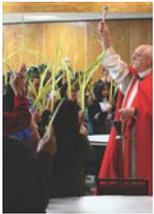
Six of our parishes are not accessible from Anchorage by road. Can you guess which six? (answer below)

➔ 18 of 33 Parishes



Of the 33 parishes in the Archdiocese of Anchorage, 18 of them share their priest with at least one other parish or mission.

➔ \$119K in Subsidies



Eight of our parishes receive a total of \$119,000 in subsidies from the Archdiocese to help fund and support a priest-in-residence in a rural community.

➔ 3.5 Hour Flight



It takes 3.5 hours to fly one-way from Anchorage to visit St. Christopher-by-the-Sea Parish in Unalaska. This is farther than a flight from Anchorage to Seattle!

➔ 6 Mission Parishes



There are 6 "mission parishes" in the Archdiocese. A "mission" is a small community that's supported by and connected to a larger "mother parish." Similarly, we are considered a "mission diocese," and are supported by other, larger US Catholic dioceses.

6 parishes are not accessible by road: St. Mary's Parish in Kodiak, St. Christopher-by-the-Sea in Unalaska, Holy Rosary in Dillingham, St. Peter the Fisherman Mission in Clarks Point, St. Theresa's Mission in Naknek, and St. Joseph in Cordova.

ANSWER:



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PARISHES LIKE FAMILIES

"To you and to all I repeat: never yield to discouragement. Do not lose trust. Do not allow your hope to be extinguished."
-Pope Francis

Our 22 rural parishes are often keystone organizations in their communities, and have unique opportunities to make an impact through local outreach programs.

"We share love and hope with our neighbors in Valdez," said Fr. Eric Wiseman. "Our next-door neighbor is the Lutheran-Episcopal Church. Last year both churches invited families living on the street we share to a BBQ picnic. During Advent we all host a "Walk to Bethlehem"—each church takes part in one chapter of Mary and Joseph's search for shelter."

Our rural communities face many challenges, but they have an important local impact through faith and service.

"Loving in deed and truth is shown as St. Francis Xavier prepares to move the Valdez Food Bank onto our vacant lot, which is located in the residential area," said Fr. Wiseman.

How is your parish making a difference in your community?

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