



## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JACKSON

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Dear Monsignor/Father/Lay Ecclesial Minister:

I have found the Status Animarum Reports to be helpful. While it does not tell the whole story, it is a window through which I can sense the pulse beat of the parish or mission. It also provides valuable information from which we can make diocesan reports on the national level.

I am grateful for the time and energy you spend making the report each year. I am aware of the burden of providing so much information. We have tried to make this year's report easier to complete. The report is also on our website [www.jacksondiocese.org](http://www.jacksondiocese.org). To download, click on Resources, Forms & Documents then Jackson Diocese. Scroll down to Chancellor/Vicar General and you will see the link for the report.

In the **Statistical Section**, we ask for data needed for diocesan, national or Vatican reports or for information which will help us serve you better. Please complete the section on statistics **carefully** giving **accurate** and **up-to-date** data on parish **population** and **number of households**. Please identify both the missions under your pastoral care and the number of Catholic households at each mission.

**The Report will be due August 1. The list of contact persons for Parish Ministries will be due October 1.** I hope this report will help you focus on the progress of your parish. Your Parish Pastoral Council and ministry groups can be helpful in the preparation of the report.

I again thank you for your ministry. I pray daily that God will enrich our efforts to be evangelizing people fully living and freely sharing our faith. I thank you for completing the Parish Report and submitting it on time.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Yours truly in Christ,

Joseph N. Latino  
Bishop of Jackson

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Enclosure(s)