



PASTORAL MIGRATORIA

# 2020 CENSUS TOOLKIT FOR PRIESTS

RESPONDING TO OUR CALL FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP



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Dear Father,

As you are aware, the 2020 Census is starting now! We have developed this resource to help you encourage your community to participate.

This resource contains pastoral tools such as a sermon guide, litany on dignity and justice, prayers of the faithful, sacred texts and prayers for bulletin inserts.

One component of our ministries, Pastoral Migratoria (Immigrant Social Ministry) and Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry, is to participate in civic life as it is pivotal to the framework of our faith.

I hope you find this toolkit helpful. If you have any questions, ideas, concerns or need additional information, please contact Raymundo Valdez at 312.534.8503 or [rvaldez@archchicago.org](mailto:rvaldez@archchicago.org).

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With this letter, I take the opportunity to urge you to participate in the upcoming 2020 Decennial Census. The Census provides a snapshot of the entire population of the U.S. and occurs only once every 10 years, so it is important that everyone be counted.

Census counts determine political representation, the allocation of billions of dollars and volumes of statistics to allow organizations like ours to plan for the future. The Census is a count of every man, woman and child living in the United States. Neither U.S. Citizenship nor legal residency is a requirement for participation. Under federal law, all individual information is kept confidential for 72 years and is not shared with other government agencies. Underserved neighborhoods particularly need accurate counts so that they can receive their fair share of political representation and funds for much needed infrastructure improvements and services.

Census Day is April 1, 2020, and census questionnaires will arrive to all households in March of 2020. Also, for your convenience and for the first time ever, the Census Bureau will accept responses online and by phone.

Included with this letter is my signed proclamation of support for this nationwide initiative. Please consider sharing it with family and friends.

Please know that you are in my prayers and I ask that you keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

## INTRODUCTION

Every ten years, the federal government is required to count every single person living in the United States through a census in order to determine political representation and how billions of dollars in federal funds will be distributed among states and local communities for the next decade. Though the census count has improved over the years, certain populations continue to be “undercounted.”

As people of faith, we believe in God’s given dignity of every person. When we participate in the census and encourage our neighbors to do so too, we declare that we are part of “we the people” and refuse to be excluded from the critical funding and political representation that all people deserve.

Church leaders are among the most trusted messengers in our communities and are positioned to play a key role in ensuring that everyone is counted in the 2020 Census. This toolkit aims to provide priest, deacons and parish ministry leaders (e.g., Pastoral Migratoria, Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry) with information, resources, messaging and action steps to assure that every adult and child in their parish community is counted, regardless of gender, race, nationality, economics or immigration status.

Pastoral Migratoria is looking to support your efforts to encourage your parishioners to participate in the 2020 Census. If you have any questions, ideas, concerns or need additional information, please contact Raymundo Valdez, National Outreach Coordinator, Pastoral Migratoria Nacional, at 312.534.8503 or [rvaldez@archchicago.org](mailto:rvaldez@archchicago.org).

Now, let’s all get counted!

## WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

The census has been a cornerstone of our democracy since the first national count in 1790. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency.

The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands). **Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire — online, by phone or by mail.** This will mark the first time that people will be able to respond to the census online.

## WHY DOES THE CENSUS MATTER?

The decennial census most effectively represents and facilitates proper federal funding to everyone, based on an accurate count of the population. When communities are not counted, their numbers are not included in annual federal funding allocations for

the entire decade! Similarly, the country's "representative" form of government (apportionment) and redistricting are unequivocally tied to the census count.

## WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES?

**Federal Funding.** Over \$800 billion in federal government funding will be determined by the 2020 Census count. It will impact how many teachers are hired in our local schools and how many nurses and beds are in our local hospitals. From roads to food assistance, when people are not counted, our communities lose out in much needed funding.

**Political Power.** Population data from the 2020 Census is used to apportion political representation at all levels of government including:

- Federal House of Representatives
- State Legislatures
- Local Government

The 2020 Census will determine how many of the 435 seats in the U.S. House each state receives and how your congressional district will be drawn. This is why we must ensure a fair and accurate count as citizens and people of faith.

**Federal Funding Allocations.** The richness of the 2020 Census data allows the federal government to distribute funding to meet local needs for social programs that directly benefit people with greatest need. The National League of Cities breaks down these federal allocations into three categories:

1. Federal grants are allocated to states in accordance with formulas that typically target greater funding to areas or populations with greater need. For example, Medicare and Medicaid, which provide health insurance coverage to seniors and low-income families and individuals.
2. Project grants fund specific projects for fixed periods of time. These can include anything from scholarship funding to construction grants. For example, the Head Start/Early Head Start programs.
3. Direct payments for specified use are made to individuals, private organizations or institutions for a particular activity or in support of a particular program. For example, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or "food stamps").

In 2015, The George Washington Institute of Public Policy identified and analyzed 16 large federal programs with distributions guided in whole or part by data derived from the decennial census (see the table on the next page). The Institute concluded, "Equitable distribution of federal financial assistance to state and local governments and to households will depend on the accuracy of the 2020 Census."

## LARGE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT DISTRIBUTE FUNDS ON BASIS OF THE DECENNIAL CENSUS (FISCAL YEAR 2015)

Program	Dept.	Type	Recipient	Obligation
Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid)	HHS	Grants	States	\$311,975,766,352
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	USDA	Direct Pay	Households	\$69,489,854,016
Medicare Part B (Supplemental Medical Insurance) — Physicians Fee Schedule Services	HHS	Direct Pay	Providers	\$64,176,725,988
Highway Planning and Construction	DOT	Grants	States	\$38,331,904,422
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	HUD	Direct Pay	Owner	\$19,087,549,000
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs)	ED	Grants	LEAs	\$13,859,180,910
National School Lunch Program	USDA	Grants	States	\$11,560,852,485
Special Education Grants (IDEA)	ED	Grants	States	\$11,233,112,681
State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP)	HHS	Grants	States	\$11,089,152,000
Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program	HUD	Direct Pay	Owners	\$9,238,092
Head Start/Early Head Start	HHS	Grants	Providers	\$8,259,130,975
Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	USDA	Grants	States	\$6,347,680,031
Foster Care (Title IV-E)	HHS	Grants	States	\$4,635,733,000
Health Center Program	HHS	Grants	Providers	\$4,181,407,055
Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)	HHS	Grants	States	\$3,370,228,288
Child Care and Development Fund — Entitlement	HHS	Grants	States	\$2,858,660,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$589,695,029,211</b>

The George Washington Institute of Public Policy, George Washington University, Counting for Dollars 2020: The Role of the Decennial Census in the Geographic Distribution of Federal Funds, Andrew Reamer, Research Professor August 22, 2017.

## PASTORAL MIGRATORIA AND GETTING OUT THE COUNT

There are many ways you can share information and encourage parishioners to participate in the 2020 Census. The easiest way is to ask Pastoral Migratoria leaders to take the lead! They have been trained in educating and distributing information to their community about the importance of the census and have direct contact with Pastoral Migratoria Nacional for resources and support.

You and Pastoral Migratoria leaders can encourage participation in the 2020 Census by:

- Flyers and bulletin inserts. Regularly distribute bilingual information and reminder flyers and publish bulletin inserts throughout the 2020 Census period of April 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 (see samples).
- Hosting a “Census Sunday.” Integrate the census into digitally-broadcast Masses about the dignity of all people, the importance of being counted and what is at stake for your community (see the Integrating the Census into Worship section).

## WHO IS HARD TO COUNT?

Certain groups have been consistently undercounted in past censuses and therefore are classified as “Hard-to-Count” (HTC). We must work to ensure that the following communities are aware that the 2020 Census is coming and that no one is left uncounted. When these communities are undercounted, the results are the inaccurate drawing of political boundaries and denial of a fair voice in important local, state and national policy decisions. It also means the unequal allocation of critical resources and funding for programs meant to address gaps in education, healthcare, food security, poverty rates and housing. The 2020 Census is our opportunity to break this unjust cycle!

**Children under age 5.** Many people filling out the census do not realize they are supposed to count *everyone* in their home, including young children and babies. In the 2010 Census, over 2 million young children were not counted!

**Immigrant communities.** These communities tend to be difficult to count even under the best of circumstances, but due to the policies and rhetoric of the current administration and with strong fears of their data being shared with Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), thus resulting in deportation, they are at higher risk of not responding to the census.

**People living in poverty.** Over 29 million people living in or near poverty reside in hard-to-count census tracts. Many low-income households may not file income taxes or receive W2s or are renters, which means they are more likely to be in transition during the census and be missed. Additionally, many in poverty do not have access to the internet making it difficult to take the 2020 Census online.

**People experiencing homelessness.** The census counts people experiencing homelessness through Service-Based Enumeration (SBE) and Enumeration at Transitory Locations. SBE is a process in which census workers count people at places where they receive services, such as shelters, soup kitchens and mobile food vans. Enumeration at Transitory Locations counts people in transitory locations such as hotels, motels and campgrounds.

**African Americans.** More than 3.7 million African Americans were not counted in the 2010 Census. African American households typically share characteristics (high rate of poverty, housing, etc.) combined with underrepresentation due to voter suppression makes them vulnerable to undercounting.

**Latinos.** The Latino undercount is the result of numerous barriers including language, poverty, education and immigration status. When accounting for the current political climate, Latino households, similar to the immigrant community, are especially vulnerable to being undercounted.

**Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.** One in five Asian Americans live in hard-to-count areas, along with one-third of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. This community is very diverse and are especially at risk of not being counted due to challenges such as housing insecurity, poverty, unemployment, education levels and language barriers.

**American Indians and Alaska Natives.** As of 2016, there were 5.6 million Native people living in the United States, 26% of whom live in hard-to-count areas. Native people across regions can share common struggles that compound the risk of not being counted, including poverty, education level, housing insecurity and age.

**Do you have parishioners that are hard to count in your parish or community?**

- ☐ Racial and ethnic populations/communities of color minorities
- ☐ African American men
- ☐ Persons with limited English proficiency
- ☐ Immigrants
- ☐ Renters or residents who move often
- ☐ Alternative or overcrowded housing units
- ☐ Gated communities or publicly inaccessible multifamily units
- ☐ Persons displaced by natural disasters
- ☐ Persons experiencing homelessness
- ☐ Young mobile adults
- ☐ Single parent headed households
- ☐ Households below the poverty line
- ☐ Low educational attainment households
- ☐ Formerly incarcerated individuals

## 2020 CENSUS QUESTIONS EXPLAINED

Census data not only provides timely, relevant information about the population characteristics and the economy of the United States, but is also purposely designed and used to respond to a specific federal program need. Remember: Census data is never used to identify individuals.

Before participating in the 2020 Census, respondents have the right to know why census questions are asked and the purposes for which the information will be used. Affiliates from the National Urban League has described the importance of some of the questions to help a reluctant public understand the impact to its community.

**Age.** “What is this person’s age?” “What is this person’s date of birth?” Age data is used in planning and funding government programs for children, working-age adults, women of childbearing age or the older population. These statistics are used to enforce laws, regulations and policies against age discrimination in government programs and society.

**Race.** “What is this person’s race?” Race data is used in planning and funding federal, state, and tribal government programs, policies, and services for civil rights, to ensure fair and equitable provision of services to all racial groups and to monitor compliance with antidiscrimination laws, regulations and policies. States also use race data to meet legislative redistricting requirements.

**Hispanic origin.** “Is this person of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?” This is required for federal and state programs and is used in planning and funding government programs that provide funds or services and provides data that is used to evaluate government programs and policies to ensure fair and equitable provision of services to the Hispanic population and to monitor compliance with antidiscrimination laws, regulations and policies. States also use this data to meet legislative redistricting requirements.

**Important:** The categories on race and origin are based on self-identification.

**Relationships.** “What is this person’s relationship to Person 1?” The census asks about the relationship of each person in a household to one central person to create estimates about families, households and other groups. Relationship data is used in planning and funding government programs that provide funds or services for families, people living or raising children alone and grandparents living with grandchildren such as Community Development Block Grants, HOME Investment Partnership Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS and other programs.

**Sex.** “What is this person’s sex?” Data disaggregated by sex is used in planning and funding government programs and in evaluating other government programs to ensure they fairly and equitably serve the needs of specific genders. Statistics are also used to enforce laws, regulations and policies against discrimination in government programs and in society, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**Tenure.** “Is this home, apartment or mobile home owned or rented?” Tenure is the most basic characteristic to assess housing inventory. Tenure data is used in government programs that analyze whether adequate housing is available to residents, provide funding for housing assistance programs and to enforce laws, regulations and policies against discrimination in private-market housing and government programs.

**Population count (number of people living or staying).** This question provides an accurate count of the number of people at each address on Census Day, April 1, 2020. It ensures that people are counted only once and are not included at multiple addresses (e.g., college students, prisoners, group home, etc.) It will help determine how many seats your state gets in Congress and will be used to draw boundaries for congressional districts, state legislative districts and school districts.

**Phone number.** A phone number is needed in case the census needs to contact you to clarify a response on your form or a related question. The census will never share your number and will only contact you if needed for official U.S. Census Bureau business.

**Name.** The 2020 Census asks for names to ensure everyone in the house is counted. Listing the name of each person in the household helps respondents include all members, particularly in large households where a respondent may forget who was counted and who was not.

**What will not be asked.** As a result of the June 27, 2019 Supreme Court ruling, there will *not* be a question about citizenship status on the 2020 Census. Every person, regardless of immigration status, has the right to be counted in the 2020 Census.

## 2020 CENSUS TALKING POINTS

The Census impacts us all! Church leaders have a unique position and voice to help people understand the importance of responding to the census, both for their families and community. Please use these talking points when talking your parish community to about the 2020 Census.

**Everyone deserves to be counted.** Our shared faith teaches us that every person is created with equal dignity by God. That means everyone deserves to be counted by their government.

**The census is completely confidential.** When you fill out the census survey, your personally identifiable information will *not* be shared outside the U.S. Census Bureau with any other government agencies. Everything is confidential and protected by ironclad laws.

**The 2020 Census will *not* have a citizenship question.** Even if you can't vote you can be counted in the census. As a result of the June 27, 2020 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, there will not be a question about citizenship status on the 2020 Census. Every person, regardless of immigration status, has the right to be counted in the 2020 Census and we need to work together as people of faith to make sure everyone is counted.

**Completing the 2020 Census is easy, and there is support available.** People can choose how you want to respond — online, by paper or by phone. Telephone assistance and an online questionnaire will be available in 12 languages. Paper forms will be translated in English and Spanish, with glossaries available in 59 non-English languages and Braille. You can get in touch with these resources for assistance:

- National Association Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund's Spanish/English Hotline at 877.352.3676 or visit [naleo.org](http://naleo.org).
- U.S. Census Bureau Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Line at 1.800.354.7271 or visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).
- Pastoral Migratoria at 312.534.8503 or email Raymundo Valdez at [rvaldez@archchicago.org](mailto:rvaldez@archchicago.org).

## FRAUD PREVENTION

**Is the census safe to take?** Yes. According to the 2020 Census and Confidentiality Fact Sheet, “Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics — they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.” To learn more, please visit: [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).

**How can a census participant identify a scam?** Visit the U.S. Census Bureau at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) for tips on recognizing field representatives. For more information, please visit Avoiding Fraudulent Activities and Scams site at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).

If a participant has received a call to complete the census by phone, they can verify the caller's identity by calling their nearest National Processing Center at:

- 1.800.523.3205 (Jeffersonville, Indiana)
- 1.800.642.0469 (Tucson, Arizona)
- 1.800.877.8339 (TDD/TTY)

**What questions will the Census never ask?** The census will *never* ask for:

- Your full Social Security number
- Money or donations
- Credit card numbers
- Banking information
- Anything on behalf of a political party
- Your mother's maiden name

**Where do I go to get more training for my parishioners or to request a 2020 Census Workshop?** Please contact Raymundo Valdez, National Outreach Coordinator, Pastoral Migratoria Nacional, at 312.534.8305 or rvaldez@archchicago.org.

## HOW TO PROMOTE THE 2020 CENSUS

Below are suggested activities for you to market the 2020 Census to your parish community.

- Regularly update your parish website and promote through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) information and links about 2020 Census, important dates and upcoming census events.
- Discuss the importance of participation in the 2020 Census during digitally-broadcast Masses.
- Word-of-mouth with parishioners, parish leaders and local organizations.
- Invite your Pastoral Migratoria leaders and other parish lay leaders to participate in a 2020 Census digital training conducted by Pastoral Migratoria Nacional.
- Create and distribute “premailer” letters sent to “Hard-to-Count” communities (in different languages) that reads “If you see this [picture of a census letter] don’t throw it out, we are here to help.” and guide them to a Pastoral Migratoria leader.
- Create and share census prayer cards to distribute among parishioners (see sample).
- Regularly distribute bilingual information and reminder flyers and publish bulletin inserts throughout the 2020 Census period of April 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 (see samples).

## 2020 CENSUS FAQs

**What is the Census?** The United States Constitution mandates that every 10 years the U.S. government count every person residing in the U.S. through the census. The data collected is the basis of our democratic representation, critical to the protection of civil rights, used to annually distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to states and local communities, and helps businesses and other sectors make informed decisions. The data collected is used for the next decade.

**Does it make a difference whether I participate in the census?** Yes! A fair and accurate census is one of the most significant civil rights and economic justice issues facing our country today. Communities of color, urban and rural low-income households, immigrants and young children have historically been undercounted, which has deprived these already vulnerable communities of the fair representation and vital community

resources we all need to build a thriving community. Your community can only get the full funding and representation it deserves when every single individual is counted in the Census — including you, your family, and every person who lives in your household.

**How do I respond to the census?** The 2020 Census will be the first census to offer an online response option. However, everyone has the option of participating in the census on paper through the mail or over the phone too. If you do not respond online, by phone, or mail (or do not fill out the paper questionnaire fully) an individual census official will try to contact you by knocking on your door.

**How do I help someone take the 2020 Census?** The 2020 census is accessible online. Each household will receive a letter with log on details and a personal code. They may also look up their code using their name and street address. Ask Pastoral Migratoria leaders to coordinate with the parish school or local library to bring computers to you parish and help parishioners to fill out the census for people who do not have access to a digital device or computer

**Is the information that I provide to the government confidential?** Yes. The U.S. Census Bureau will keep your responses to the survey secure and encrypted at all times.

**Can I still respond to the census if I'm not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. The U.S. Constitution requires that the census counts every resident in the United States regardless of their immigration status. All people should be counted to ensure that our community is fully counted.

**Will there be a question about citizenship on the 2020 Census survey?** No! As a result of the June 27, 2019 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, the administration has abandoned its plans to add a question on U.S. citizenship to the 2020 Census. Judges in all three lower court cases (New York, Maryland and California) issued orders to permanently block the addition of the citizenship question or any effort to ask about citizenship on the 2020 Census.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### March 2020

- 2020 Census self-response packets are mailed to residences

**Important:** On Wednesday, March 18, the U.S. Census Bureau announced a two-week suspension of training and outreach due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This suspension may be extended. Keep updated at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

### April 2020

- Census officials begin visiting college campuses, senior centers, transitory housing, and those experiencing homelessness

- April 1: Census Day — by this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census

#### **May 2020**

- Census takers begin visiting homes that have not responded

#### **June 2020**

- Census takers continue visiting homes that have not responded

#### **July 2020**

- Census takers continue visiting homes that have not responded

#### **August 2020**

- The 2020 Census ends

#### **December 2020**

- The U.S. Census Bureau delivers apportionment counts to the White House and Congress, as required by law.

#### **March 2021**

- March 31: By this date, the U.S. Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

# CENSUS INTO WORSHIP

# SERMON GUIDE

## Dignity

- We believe that all people, regardless of race, religion, or immigration status, are made in the divine image. Our existence and our divinely given dignity demand recognition by our government. That means we must all be counted in the census.
- What we declare when we answer the census is that we are here, and we are part of “we the people” and we refuse to be excluded.
- “Fear not” is the most often-repeated phrase in Hebrew and Christian scripture — mentioned a combined 365 times. Be not afraid to state your presence by answering the census.
- Originally, the census counted every white man, woman and child as a full person, counted enslaved people of African descent as 3/5 of a person and didn’t count Native Americans at all. Now we have an opportunity to reclaim the census as a tool for dignity, justice, and equity.

## Community

- When completing the census, you are also making sure your neighbor’s child has a seat in their classroom and their mother has access to medical care. We must work together to make sure that everyone in our community is counted so we all get the resources we deserve.
- The 2020 Census’ impact on our communities is profound. It shapes everything from whether we have fair political representation in Congress to whether our roads, hospitals, schools and fire departments have the funding they need to support our health and well-being.
- You count in this country! Your work and your contribution to the common good moves beyond the walls of where we worship. Your voice matters! All people, regardless of your voting eligibility, must be counted in the census.

## Democracy

- If we are undercounted in the census, we are under-represented in Congress, diminishing our voices and depriving us of democracy and equality.
- A full, accurate count lays the foundation for a healthy democracy and communities where families thrive and flourish. By completing the census and encouraging our communities do so, we claim our rightful representation and fulfill our responsibility to our neighbors and future generations.
- It is important to be counted in the census because it provides economic and political empowerment. To participate in our democracy is to be counted!

## LITANY ON DIGNITY AND JUSTICE

**Reader:** God, you tell us that we are made in your image. We believe that all people, regardless of race, religion or immigration status have inherent dignity because you made us. Our God-given dignity demands recognition.

**All:** We will celebrate our dignity and we will count ourselves!

**Reader:** Diversity is part of being human. God delights in the abundance of differences His human creatures possess. The book of Revelation describes the final gathering of God's people from "every nation, tribe, and tongue." (Rev. 7:9)

**All:** We will celebrate our dignity and we will count ourselves! **Reader:** The angels and elders around God's throne adore Jesus with the words "with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation." (Rev. 5:9) So God enjoys the diversity within the human race. We are each created in His image for His pleasure and glory. (Rev. 4:11; Col. 1:16) He designed us the way we are and delights in His handiwork. (Ps. 139:13 – 16) **All:** We will celebrate our dignity and we will count ourselves!

**Reader:** In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching, show integrity and seriousness. (Ti. 2:7) Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. (1 Pet. 2:17)

**All:** We will celebrate our dignity and we will count ourselves!

**Reader:** I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue. (Rev. 7:9) Fortify efforts to restore peoples of this country and welcome them into our midst.

**All:** We will celebrate our dignity and we will count ourselves!

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

As we listened to the Word of God during the Christmas season, we heard that "a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth."

May the census this year be a faithful count of all people in the U.S. We pray to the Lord.

For our nation and our own community as a Census 2020 is taken and for all who will take part in the Census. We pray to the Lord.

For the Census 2020 that we may take it seriously for its importance in determining the dollars in federal funding that are received by the states and its communities each year. We pray to the Lord.

For a faithful participation of our community in the Census 2020 so that our state will have a correct number of seats for the Congress. We pray to the Lord.

That we may trust that all the information taken during the census may be held in confidence and therefore everyone may take part in the census. We pray to the Lord.

That all employees of the Census 2020 may be respectful and well-versed to include all peoples in our communities. We pray to the Lord.

That the census may shape the many aspects of our community according to our reality. We pray to the Lord.

That all of us may do our part in getting a complete and accurate count in the Census 2020. We pray to the Lord.

## SACRED TEXTS

### Old Testament — Hebrew Scriptures

- “Take a census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers’ households, according to the number of names, every male, head by head from twenty years old and upward, whoever is able to go out to war in Israel, you and Aaron shall number them by their armies. With you, moreover, there shall be a man of each tribe, each one head of his father’s household.” (Num. 1:2 - 46)
- “Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or raise His voice, nor make His voice heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not be disheartened or crushed. Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.” (Is. 42:1 - 4)
- “Therefore, the Lord longs to be gracious to you. And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.” (Is. 30:18)
- “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jer. 29:11)

### New Testament — Christian Scriptures

- “In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world... so Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.” (Lk. 2:1 - 5)

- “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. He also told them this parable: Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” (Lk. 6:37 - 42)
- “His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’” (Mt. 25:21)
- “Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.” (1 Pt. 2:17)
- “His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” (Eph. 2:15 - 22)

## PRAYER FOR BULLETIN INSERT

God of all Peoples, please help everyone in our communities to be counted in the 2020 Census. You know our fears, our challenges and questions about taking part in this census. Help us to have the courage, strength and insight to participate so that every person is counted in this important event in our country. We need to be counted to have our necessary representatives, the federal money that we deserve and to show the diversity of who we are in the United States. We make this prayer in a God who loves and cares for each of us. Amen.



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# THE 2020 CENSUS IS ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE

We're making sure that however you choose to respond — online, by phone or by mail — that the census is accessible. You'll receive an invitation to respond beginning in mid-March. You choose how you want to respond: online, by phone or by mail.

**Responding is important.** A complete count helps ensure that services like Medicare, Medicaid, social security and public transportation can support those that need them.

**Responding is secure.** All of the information you share is protected by law and cannot be used against you.

For questions or more information visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) or contact Raymundo Valdez at [rvaldez@archchicago.org](mailto:rvaldez@archchicago.org) or 312.534.8503.





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# RESPONDING TO THE 2020 CENSUS ONLINE

The 2020 Census will be the first time you will be invited to respond online — even on your mobile device. You can respond by phone or mail — they're secure, too — but going online is a great option, because it is:

- **Convenient:** You can respond from anywhere, at any time, using a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or desktop. You just need to be connected to the internet.
- **Easy:** You can respond online, the website will guide you through each question on the 2020 Census and provide more information if you need it. The census form will be available in English, Spanish and 11 additional languages.
- **Secure:** All responses submitted online are encrypted to protect personal privacy.

Visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) to access and complete the census questionnaire.

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# HOW TO IDENTIFY A CENSUS EMPLOYEE

Here are some ways you can verify an individual is an official U.S. Census Bureau employee. A census taker or representative will:

- Present an ID badge that includes: name and photo, Department of Commerce watermark and Expiration date.
- Carry an official bag and U.S. Census Bureau-issued electronic device, such as a laptop or smartphone, bearing the U.S. Census Bureau logo.
- Conduct their work between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., local time
- Visit local organizations and community events with computer tablets to help individuals respond online to the 2020 Census

The best way to avoid being visited at home by a census taker is to complete the 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail. For questions or more information visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) or contact Raymundo Valdez at [rvaldez@archchicago.org](mailto:rvaldez@archchicago.org) or 312.534.8503.



## WHAT HAPPENS TO MY ANSWERS?

- Your responses are compiled with information from other homes to produce statistics, which never identify your home or any person in your home. To learn more, visit: [2020census.gov/en/data-protection.html](https://2020census.gov/en/data-protection.html).
- Your personal information is kept *confidential*. The Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information, and your data is used only for statistical purposes.

## CONFIDENTIAL AND SECURE

Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual or business. Census Bureau employees take a life-long pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to five years or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

**The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.**

The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

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## HOW TO VERIFY A CENSUS WORKER

- Check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date.
- If you still have questions about their identity, please call 800.923.8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative.



To learn more visit us at [catholicsandimmigrants.org](https://catholicsandimmigrants.org) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/forimmigrantaffairs/](https://facebook.com/forimmigrantaffairs/)

The Immigration Ministry invites immigrants to respond to the baptismal commitment to engage in service and justice actions as leaders in the parish community.

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# LET'S ALL GET COUNTED: U.S. CENSUS 2020



## WHAT IS THE CENSUS 2020?

The census is much more than just a head count. It provides a detailed picture of our nation and its communities. An accurate count is very important because the data collected is used to determine the allocation of more than \$675 billion in federal funding to states and local communities each year for programs that support education, housing, health facilities, transportation, food assistance, emergency services and more. It also determines how many representatives each state will have in the U.S. Congress for the next 10 years.

## HOW DOES THE CENSUS AFFECT ME AND MY COMMUNITY AS AN IMMIGRANT?

Everyone living in your home counts! **The census counts every person living in the United States regardless of their country of origin or immigration status.** This includes newborn babies, children, relatives (uncles, aunts, cousins, grandparents), friends, nonrelatives and anyone who is living or staying with you as of April 1, 2020.

Your answers count! The 2020 Census will impact funding decisions for the next 10 years for important local services in *your* communities such as: SNAP, Federal Pell Grants, Head Start, national school lunches, English Language Acquisition programs and mental health services.

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## WHEN DOES IT TAKE PLACE?

**April 1, 2020:** Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

**April 2020:** Census takers begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers also begin conducting quality check interviews to help ensure an accurate count.

**May 2020:** The census takers begin visiting homes that have *not* responded to the census online, by phone or by mail to ensure everyone is counted.

**December 2020:** The Census Bureau delivers apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.

## HOW WILL I RECEIVE THE CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE?

There are three ways that the Census Bureau will initially collect responses:

1. Online
2. By phone
3. By mail

You only need to respond to *one* of these requests. In May 2020, census takers will begin following up in person at your home if you have *not* responded to the census.

**Be Proactive:** The best way to avoid a follow-up visit from a census taker is to fill out the census questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail as soon as you receive your invitation to participate.

## THE QUESTIONS ARE EASY

Federal and local governments, businesses, communities and nonprofit organizations rely on the data collected from the census, so it is important that you answer the questions honestly and as accurately as possible.

Some of the questions you can expect are:

- **How many people are *currently* living or staying in your home on April 1, 2020.** This helps count the entire U.S. population.
- **Whether your home is owned or rented.** This is one indicator of the nation's economy and aids in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.
- **The gender of each person in your home.** This is used in planning and funding government programs and to enforce laws, regulations and policies against discrimination.
- **The age of each person in your home.** Agencies use this data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older adults.
- **The race and national origin of each person in your home.** This helps federal agencies monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those in the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.
- **The relationship of each person in your home.** This is used in planning and funding government programs that support families, including people raising children alone.

**Is there a question about citizenship?** As a result of the June 27, 2019 Supreme Court ruling, there will not be a question about citizenship status on the 2020 Census. Every person, regardless of immigration status, has the right to be counted in the 2020 Census.

## ¿QUÉ SUCEDE CON MIS RESPUESTAS?

- Sus respuestas se copian con información de otros hogares para producir estadísticas. Estas estadísticas nunca identifican su hogar o cualquier persona que habita en su hogar. Para obtener más información, visite: [2020census.gov/en/data-protection.html](https://2020census.gov/en/data-protection.html).
- Su información personal se mantiene confidencial. La Oficina del Censo está obligada por la ley federal a proteger su información, y sus datos se utilizan solo con fines estadísticos.

## CONFIDENCIAL Y SEGURO

Estrictas leyes federales protegen sus respuestas sobre el Censo. Es contra la ley que cualquier empleado de la Oficina del Censo divulgue o publique cualquier información del Censo que identifique a un individuo o negocio. Los datos recopilados solo se pueden utilizar con fines estadísticos que ayudan a informar decisiones importantes, incluida la cantidad de fondos federales que recibe su comunidad.

**La Oficina del Censo nunca le pedirá su número de Seguro Social, números de cuenta bancaria o de tarjeta de crédito, dinero, donaciones, o cualquier otra cosa en nombre de un partido político.**

La Oficina del Censo tiene un sólido programa de ciberseguridad que incorpora las mejores prácticas de la industria y estándares federales de seguridad para la encriptación de datos.

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## COMO VERIFICAR SI LA PERSONA ES UN TRABAJADOR DEL CENSO

- Compruebe que tienen una identificación, con su fotografía, y que la identificación contiene una marca de agua del Departamento de Comercio de EE.UU. y fecha de caducidad.
- Si todavía tiene preguntas sobre la identidad del trabajador, llame al 800.923.8282 para hablar con un representante local de la Oficina del Censo.

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La Pastoral Migratoria invita a los inmigrantes a que, respondiendo al compromiso bautismal, se involucren en acciones de servicio y justicia como líderes de la comunidad parroquial.

Si desea participar en la Pastoral Migratoria, por favor comuníquese con:

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# SEAMOS TODOS CONTADOS: CENSO DE E.E.U.U. 2020



## ¿QUE ES EL CENSO 2020?

El censo es mucho más que un recuento de personas. Proporciona una imagen detallada de nuestra nación y sus comunidades. Un recuento preciso es muy importante porque los datos recopilados se utilizan para determinar la asignación de más de \$675 mil millones en fondos federales a los estados y comunidades locales cada año para programas que apoyan la educación y vivienda, y determina el número de representantes que cada estado tendrá en el Congreso de los Estados Unidos durante los próximos 10 años.

## ¿COMO EL CENSO ME AFECTA A MI Y A MI COMUNIDAD COMO INMIGRANTE?

¡Todos los que viven en su casa cuentan! **El censo cuenta a todas las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos, independientemente de su país de origen o estatus migratorio.** Esto incluye bebés recién nacidos, niños, parientes, amigos, no familiares y cualquier persona que viva o se quede con usted a partir del 1 de abril de 2020.

¡Sus respuestas cuentan! El Censo 2020 afectará las decisiones del gobierno federal en relación con la planificación y financiamiento de programas y servicios locales para los próximos 10 años tales como: SNAP, préstamos federales para estudiantes, (Federal Pell Grants), programas de cuidado de niños como Head Start, almuerzos escolares, programas de adquisición del idioma inglés y servicios de salud mental entre otros.

Información obtenida del Censo de los Estados Unidos 2020. La información en este folleto es tan solo para educación y guía general. No intenta reemplazar la consulta legal con una persona profesional y acreditada. Cualquier uso de esta información, incluyendo, pero no limitado, al uso de proveedores de servicio mencionados, es con la condición de que la Pastoral Migratoria no tendrá responsabilidad u obligación legal alguna por daños u otras consecuencias derivadas de su uso, incluyendo, pero no limitándose, a heridas personales o aun muerte.

## ¿CUÁNDO SE VA A LLEVAR ACABO?

**1 de abril de 2020:** El Día del Censo se celebrará en todo el país. Para esta fecha, cada hogar recibirá una invitación para participar en el Censo 2020.

**Abril 2020:** Los censistas comienzan a visitar a los estudiantes universitarios que viven en colegios, a las personas que viven en centros de la tercera edad y a otras que viven en zonas pobladas. Los censistas también comienzan a realizar entrevistas de verificación de calidad para ayudar a garantizar un recuento preciso.

**Mayo de 2020:** Los censistas comienzan a visitar casas que *no* han respondido al censo en línea, por teléfono o por correo para asegurarse de que todos estén contados.

**Diciembre de 2020:** La Oficina del Censo entregará conteos de la distribución proporcional al presidente y al Congreso como lo exige la ley.

## ¿COMO RECIBIRÉ EL CUESTIONARIO DEL CENSO?

Hay tres maneras en que la Oficina del Censo recopilará inicialmente las respuestas:

1. En línea
2. Por teléfono
3. Por correo

Sólo tiene que responder a *una* de estas solicitudes. En mayo de 2020, los censistas comenzarán a dar seguimiento en persona en su casa si no ha respondido al censo.

**Sea proactivo:** La mejor manera de evitar una visita de seguimiento de un censista es llenar el cuestionario del censo en línea, por teléfono o por correo tan pronto como reciba su invitación para participar.

## LAS PREGUNTAS SON SENCILLAS

Los gobiernos federales y locales, las empresas, las comunidades y las organizaciones sin fines de lucro confían en los datos recopilados del censo, por lo que es importante que usted responda a las preguntas con honestidad y con la mayor precisión posible.

Algunas de las preguntas que puede esperar son:

- **Cuántas personas viven o se quedan en su casa el 1 de abril de 2020.** Esto ayuda a contar toda la población de los EE.UU.
- **Si usted es dueño de su casa o alquila.** Este es un indicador de la economía de la nación y ayuda a administrar programas de vivienda e informar las decisiones de planificación.
- **El sexo de cada persona en su hogar.** Esto se utiliza en la planificación y financiación de programas gubernamentales y para hacer cumplir las leyes, regulaciones y políticas contra la discriminación.
- **La raza y el origen nacional de cada persona en su hogar.** Esto ayuda a las agencias federales a monitorear el cumplimiento de las disposiciones contra la discriminación.
- **La relación de cada persona en su hogar.** Esto se utiliza en la planificación y financiación de programas gubernamentales que apoyan a las familias, incluyendo a las personas que crían niños solos.

### ¿Hay alguna pregunta sobre la ciudadanía?

Como resultado de la decisión de la Corte Suprema el 27 de junio de 2019, no habrá ninguna pregunta sobre el estado de Ciudadanía de las personas en el Censo de 2020. Cada persona, independientemente de su estatus migratorio, tiene el derecho de ser contada en el Censo 2020.



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