

# CENSUS 2020

counting our communities

## Once every ten years we must all be counted.

Starting in March, Marylanders will be invited to respond to the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census' impact on our communities and our nation is profound. Participation in the count:



shapes our state's  
representation in  
Congress



informs emergency  
preparedness and  
public safety plans



guides federal funding  
to communities for  
services and programs.

The 2020 Census count will help to direct funding for programs and services that provide a benefit to all of us, as well as assistance to the most vulnerable among us. It also helps to provide each community a voice, so participation is power. Each person of faith can do their part in raising a voice for others by participating in the 2020 Census and by encouraging others to do so. Our faith tradition calls upon us to consider our responsibility and actions towards others.

## Why does the Catholic Church care about the Census?

- The count influences legislative representation at all levels of government, where decisions about the common good and the most vulnerable are often made
- The Catholic Church relies on an accurate census to more effectively serve those in need
- Undercounting households leads to underfunding critical programs and services
- Our community benefits from everyone being counted, and we have one chance in a decade to get it right.

***A full, accurate count lays the foundation for a healthy democracy and communities where families thrive and flourish.***



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