

MISSION INVENTORY 2005-2006 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This year, as we celebrate 25 years of passion for God's mission, we at United States Catholic Mission Association are happy to share with you the compilation of the missionary survey results we received in response to a questionnaire and a request to update the 2002-2003 statistics. The survey was originally mailed to 786 mission-sending organizations in January 2005. A follow-up mailing was sent in May 2005.

The numbers and figures presented here give us a glimpse of the commitment of thousands of missionaries. Acknowledging that our mission outreach is to the global community, the tabulation is inclusive of **U.S. citizens, Catholic missionaries** – laity, religious and clergy – serving in mission both within and outside the United States borders.

As you go through this inventory, let us try to remember the faces and names of those missionaries who have touched our lives.

GUIDELINES TO THE PRESENTATION

The following 2005 – 2006 tabulation of United States Catholic missionaries serving both within the U.S. and abroad has been compiled by the U.S. Catholic Mission Association from data received from mission-sending organizations and home dioceses (with additional reference to *The Official Catholic Directory*). The data, therefore, is as reliable as the most diligent effort can make it and as the constant changes in personnel will allow.

The lists of data include **only U.S. missionaries**, meaning those who are or have been *United States citizens by birth or naturalization*. Those who have taken out citizenship in their country of mission service are still listed here as missionaries from the United States. On the other hand, citizens of other countries serving as members of mission-sending organizations headquartered in the U.S. are not listed. As an example, there are numerous Maryknoll sisters serving abroad, often in countries other than their homeland, who are not U.S. citizens and therefore are not listed here among the Maryknoll sisters serving abroad as U.S. Catholic Missionaries. This policy helps to prevent overlapping when the various national mission councils publish their tabulations. It must be remembered, however, that mission-sending organizations which appear to have only very few members in a given mission field may have many more who are not U.S. citizens.

The lists bear the heading **U.S. Catholic Missionaries**. This includes all those Catholics who are sponsored by Catholic mission-sending organizations, even if they work for projects not sponsored by the Catholic Church.

The term **missioner** is used in its generally accepted sense. It includes not only those engaged in the primary and subsequent stages of evangelization but also those ministering in closely related areas of community service and development.

The term **servicing** stands for service over a period of time. While some organizations provide opportunities for short-term service, only those individuals are included in these statistics who serve for a minimum of one year.

The term **abroad** means “outside” of the 50 contiguous United States. Those working in Alaska and Hawaii are included in the data as missionaries serving within the U.S. As Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are U.S. territories and not U.S. states, their data lies in the category of “abroad” for the statistical purposes of this inventory.

As with the 2002 - 2003 tabulation, the many missionaries ministering in cross-cultural situations in the United States are included. The continuing political and socio-economic changes, trends and circumstances – both in the U.S. and abroad – have enabled a renewed understanding of mission universally.

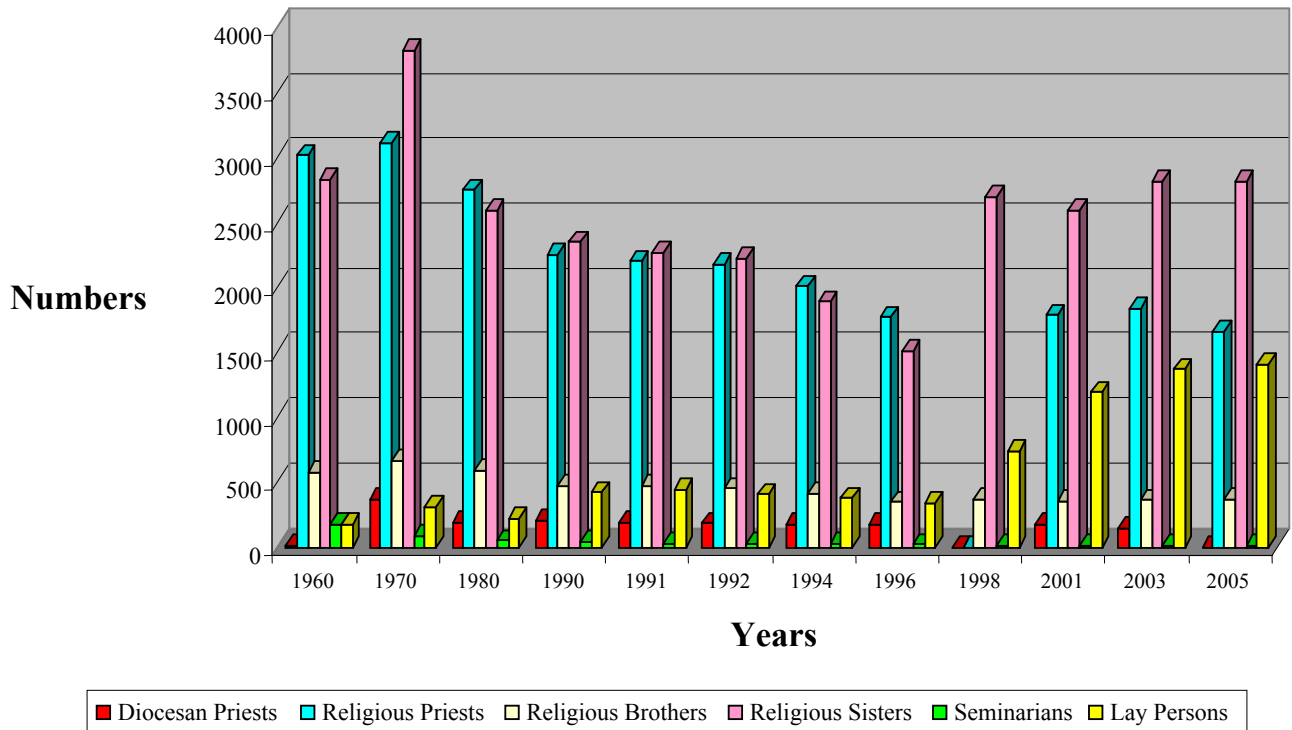
GUIDELINES FOR SURVEY OF U.S. CATHOLIC (CROSS-CULTURAL) MISSIONERS SERVING IN THE U.S.

[Note: The following guidelines were included with the request to mission-sending organizations that they name constituencies involved in cross-cultural mission in the U.S.]

The following guidelines are intended to be descriptive, not theological or sociological definitions. We offer them as guidelines for pastoral/missional judgment and not as definitive statements or categories. A cross-cultural missionary may fall into one or many of these descriptions. We at the U.S. Catholic Mission Association realize that these “guidelines” are not exhaustive, but they will help you in “self-defining” those missionary activities in which your organization is engaged.

1. The ministry is with people who have either never heard the Word or have never had it effectively proclaimed to them or their community i.e., **generally not reachable by the common methods or means of ministry in the U.S.**
2. The missionary is working in an area where the **local church** is easily understood as **institutionally underdeveloped** i.e., it lacks indigenous ecclesial leadership, personnel, and financial resources for effective ministry beyond the pastoral nurture of its own membership.
3. The ministry is genuinely with those on the margins i.e., **among people linguistically, culturally, and/or economically outside** the stream of the dominant culture.
4. The people with whom this ministry is exercised would see themselves as significantly distinct from the mainline culture i.e., **their distinct identity is clearly perceived by themselves when in the larger cultural context of the United States.**
5. It is a ministry of dialogue by which the Christian churches or community is engaged with a **community of values different from its own in some core religious or moral manner.**

U.S. Missioners by Church Role 1960-2005



	Diocesan Priests	Religious Priests	Religious Brothers	Religious Sisters	Seminarians	Lay Persons	TOTALS
1960	14	3018	578	2827	170	178	6785
1970	373	3117	666	3824	90	303	8373
1980	188	2750	592	2592	50	221	6393
1990	200	2257	477	2347	42	421	5744
1991	187	2200	468	2264	30	446	5595
1992	181	2183	449	2222	26	406	5467
1994	177	2007	408	1887	22	374	³ 4875
1996	173	1770	347	1513	18	343	⁴ 4164
1998	⁵ 167	⁵ 1903	370	2693	11	739	⁶ 5883
2001	180	1784	349	2589	15	1191	⁶ 6108
2003	147	1840	361	2812	8	1368	6536
2005	⁵ 136	1663	366	2819	9	1402	6395

³ Totals estimated due to inconclusive survey results

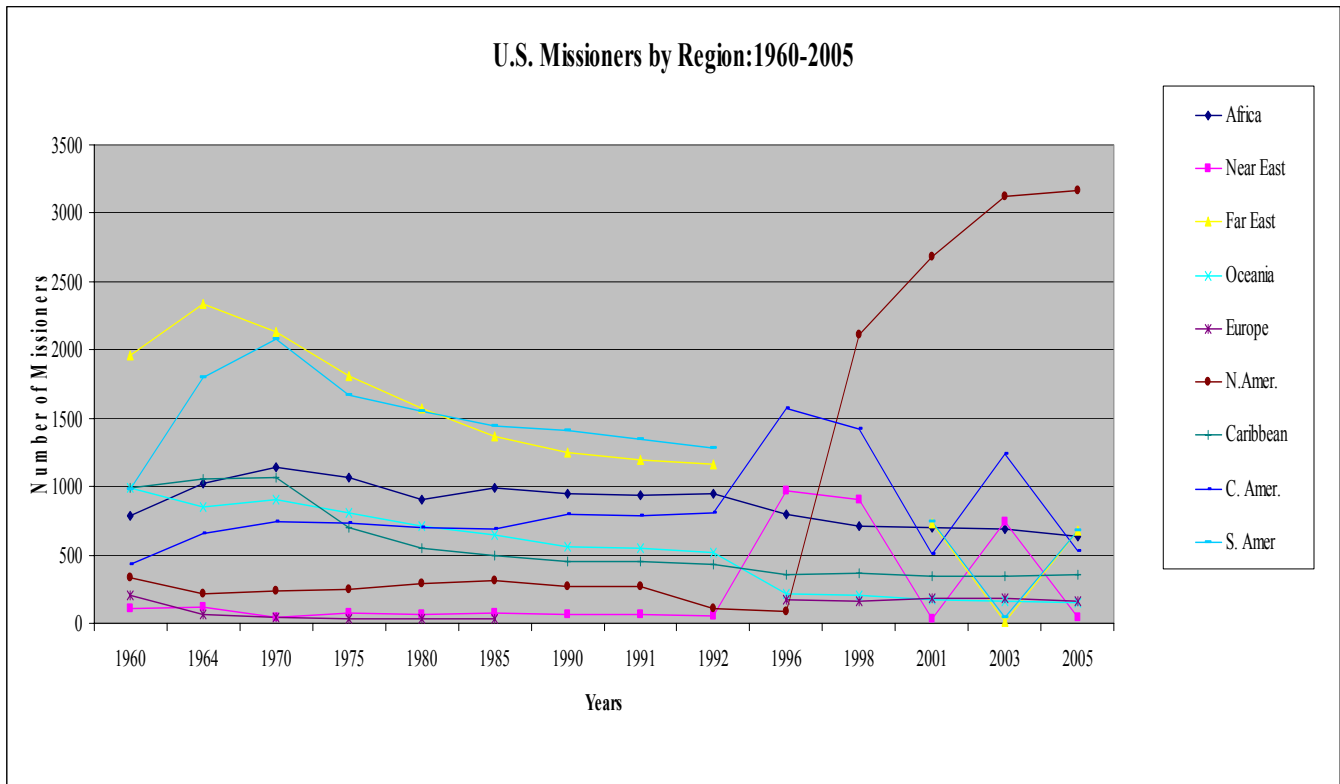
⁴ Alaska and Hawaii are no longer in the category of overseas missioners

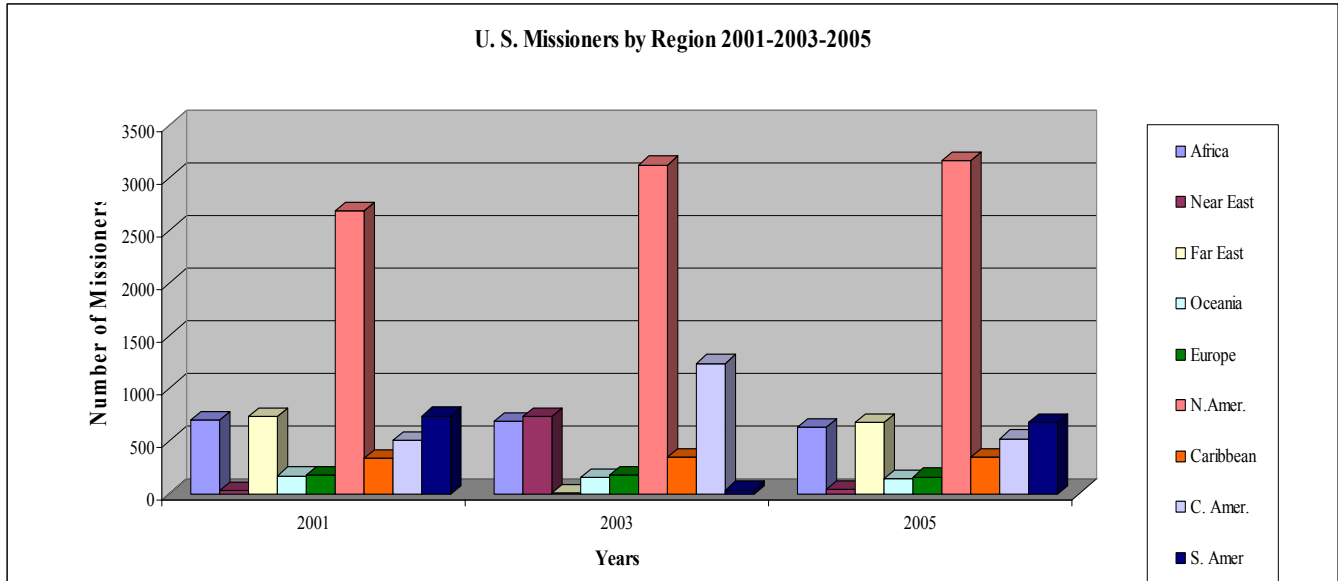
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U. S. Missioners by Regions : 1960-2005

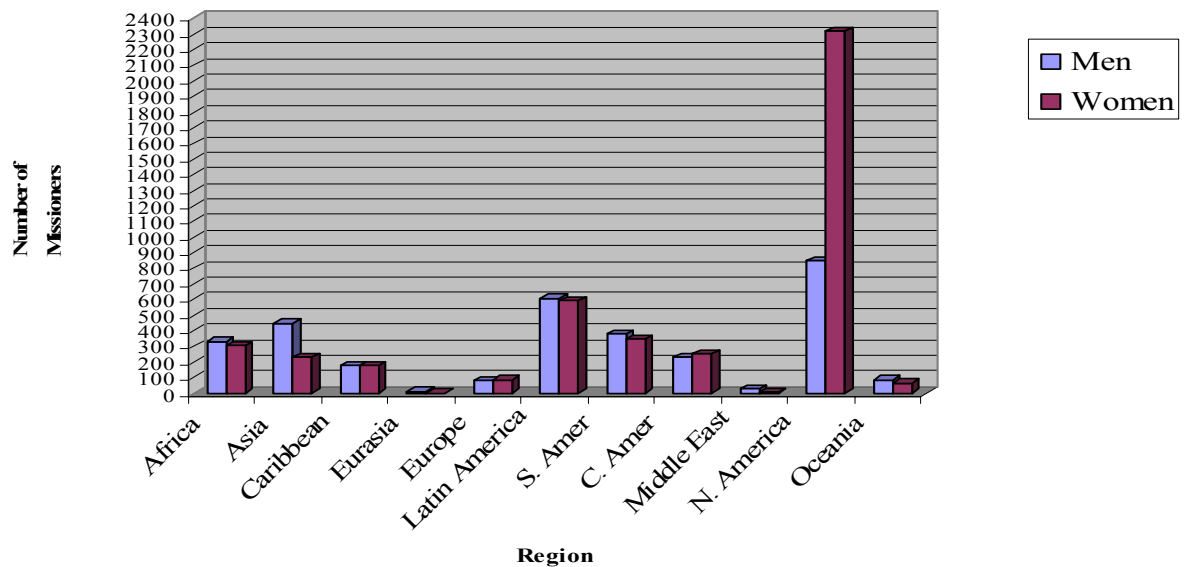
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1960	781	111	1959	986	203	337	991	433	981	6782
1964	1025	122	2332	846	69	220	1056	660	1796	8126
1970	1141	39	2137	900	38	233	1067	738	2080	8373
1975	1065	71	1814	808	37	252	698	734	1669	7148
1980	909	65	1576	711	35	294	548	699	1556	6393
1985	986	78	1366	650	31	312	500	692	1441	6056
1990	945	64	1253	560		264	449	796	1413	5744
1991	933	65	1198	546		265	453	789	1350	5599
1992	949	59	1163	512		105	431	810	1286	5315
1996	799	965		213	172	82	360	1573		4164
1998	714	909		202	158	2109	368	1423		5883
2001	704	35	734	175	181	2682	342	506	741	6100
2003	693	740	13	160	180	3122	348	1241	39	6536
2005	636	46	675	150	165	3165	353	527	678	6395



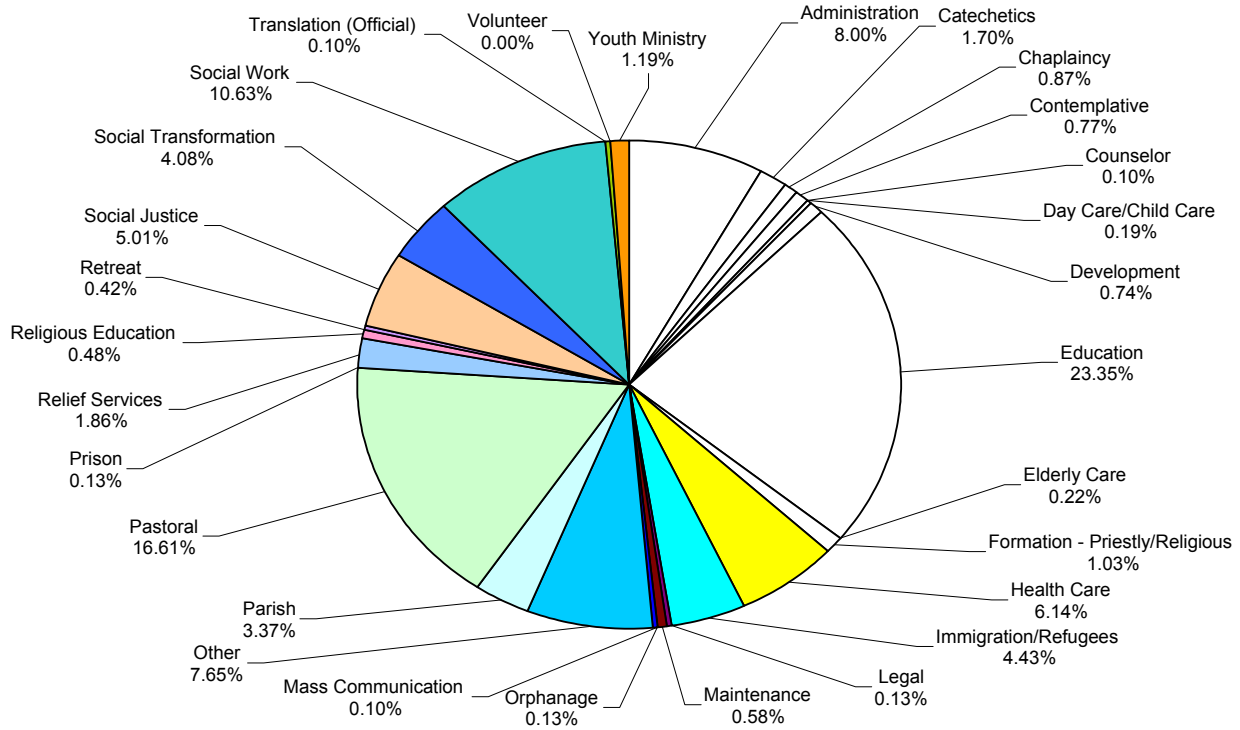


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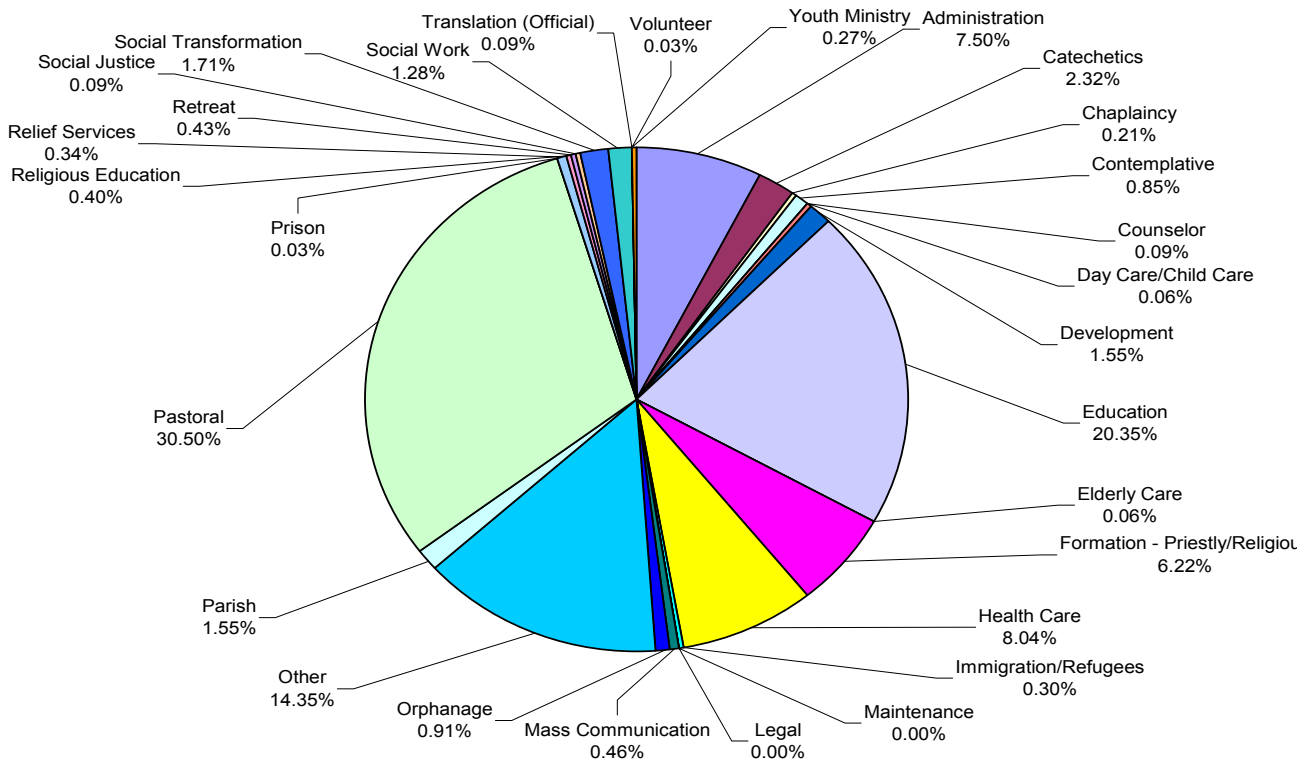
Missioners by Region and Gender 2004-2005



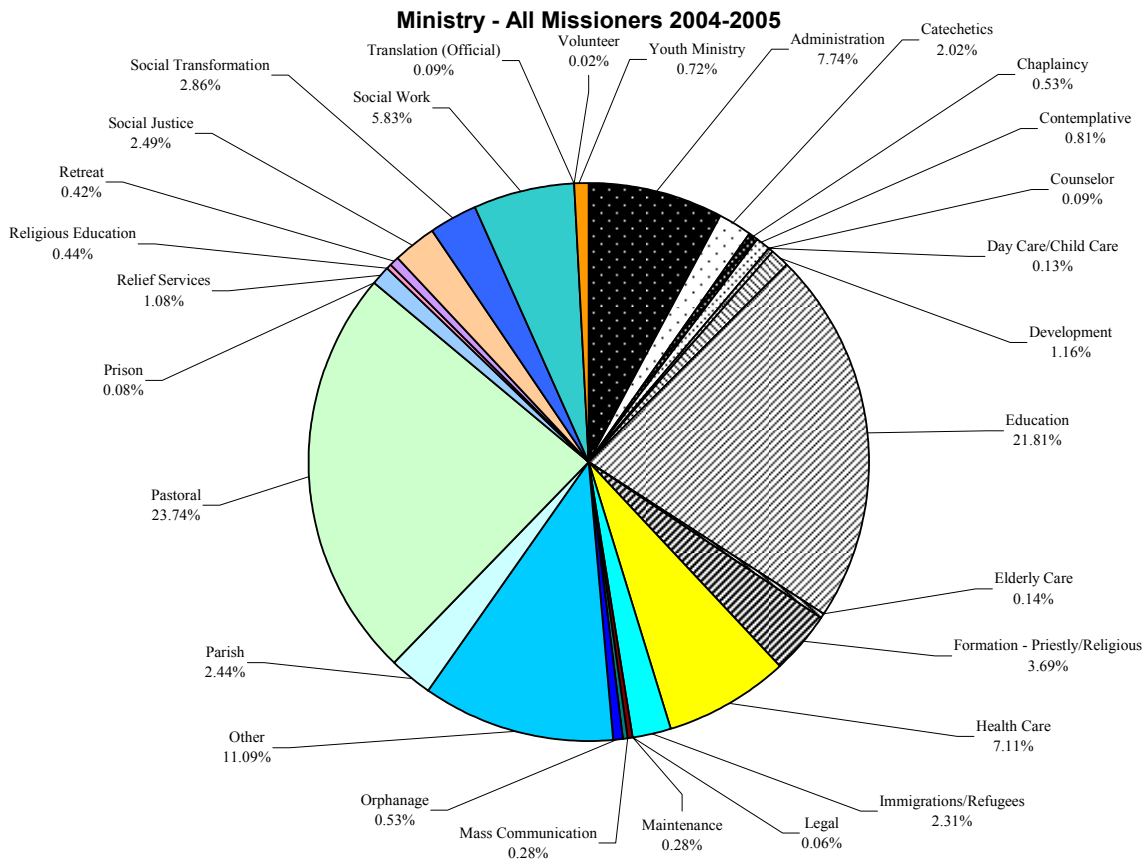
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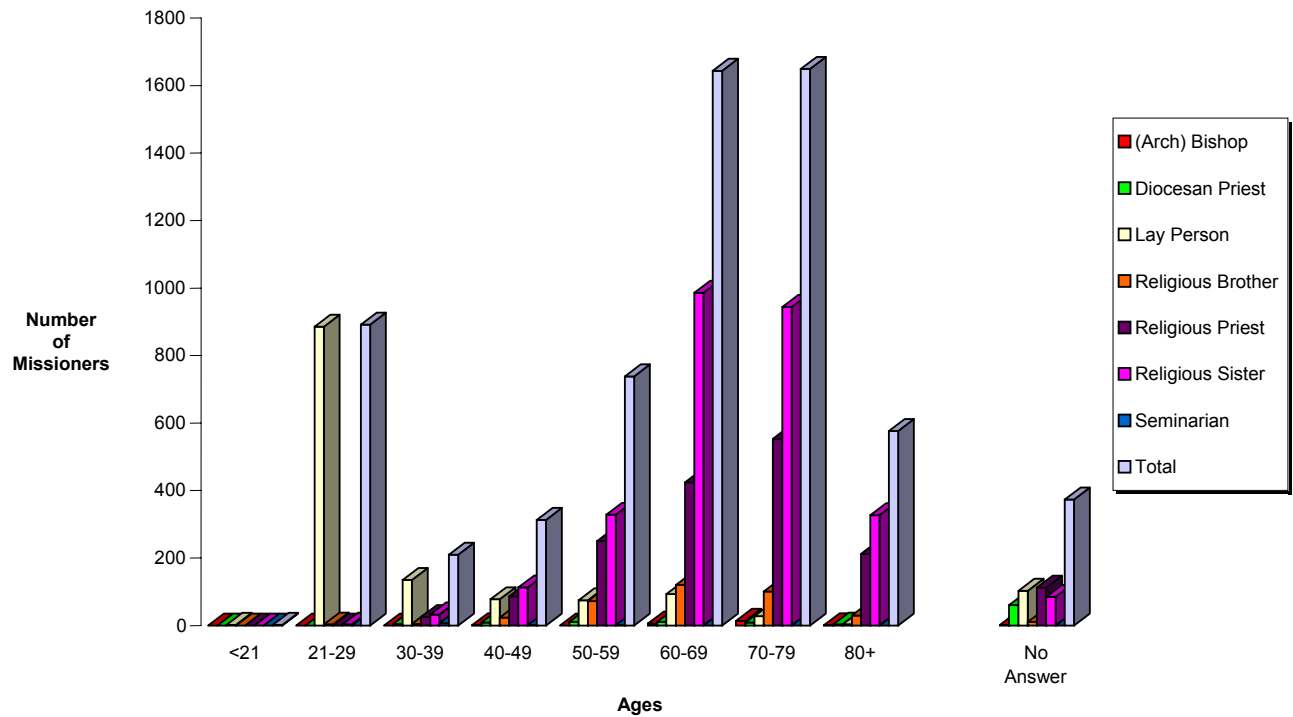
Primary Ministry Outside US 2004-2005



COMPARISON							
2000-01, 2002-03, 2004-05							
Missionary Activities - All Missioners							
Percentages							
Category	2000-01	2002-03	2004-05	Category	2000-01	2002-03	2004-05
Administration	7.83	7.71	7.74	Parish			2.44
Catechetics	3.75	3.58	2.02	Pastoral	28.31	28.27	23.74
Chaplaincy			0.53	Prison			0.08
Contemplative			0.81	Relief Services	1.2	1.21	1.08
Counselor			0.09	Religious Education			0.44
Day Care/Child Care	0.59	0.46	0.13	Retreat			0.42
Development	1.29	1.27	1.16	Social Justice			2.49
Education	20.55	21.1	21.81	Social Transformation	10.13	10.74	2.86
Elderly Care			0.14	Social Work			5.83
Formation - Priestly/Religious	3.9	3.69	3.69	Translation (Official)			0.09
Health Care	6.45	6.93	7.11	Volunteer			0.02
Immigrations/Refugees	1.98	2.14	2.31	Youth Ministry			0.72
Legal			0.06	Other	13.18	12.13	11.09
Maintenance			0.28				
Mass Communication			0.28				
Orphanage			0.53				



**U.S. Catholic Missioners
Age Distribution by Church Role
2004-2005**



**Comparison of Average Age to Total Missioners
2004-2005**

	(Arch) Bishops	Diocesan Priests	Lay Persons	Rel. Brothers	Rel. Priests	Rel. Sisters	Seminarians
Grand Totals	22	48	1299	356	1551	3734	9
Average Age	70.8	58	34.4	65.3	68.2	69.1	37.7