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The Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches has served as the definitive handbook of North American denominations since 1916. Over our 100 year history, The Yearbook has remained an authoritative source for the most accurate and complete compilation of statistical data for North American religious bodies. Now an interactive online application, The Yearbook continues to catalog census information for *** denominational religious bodies. As of 2020, the Yearbook represents ***,*** faithful members, ***,*** clergy, ***,*** congregations, **,*** educational bodies, and more than \$***,***,***,***.** in total financial commitment.

Each listing contains a brief paragraph about the religious body, contact information for the group, and informative graphs detailing current and historical statistical data. Previously stewarded by the National Council of Churches, The Yearbook is overseen by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB). in partnership with The National Council of Churches and Lake Institute on Faith and Giving. We invite you to join our effort by adding data for your religious group, becoming an ASARB member or making a contribution to our cause.

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The largest single body of Christians in Canada, the Roman Catholic Church is under the spiritual leadership of His Holiness the Pope. Catholicism in Canada dates back to 1534, when the first Mass was celebrated on the Gaspé Peninsula on July 7, by a priest accompanying Jacques Cartier. Catholicism had been implanted earlier by fishermen and sailors from Europe. Priests came to Acadia as early as 1604. Traces of a regular colony go back to 1608 when Champlain settled in Quebec City. The Récollets (1615), followed by the Jesuits (1625) and the Sulpicians (1657), began the missions among the native population. The first official Roman document relative to the Canadian missions dates from March 20, 1618. Bishop François de Montmorency-Laval, the first bishop, arrived in Quebec in 1659. The church developed in the East, but not until 1818 did systematic missionary work begin in western Canada.

In the latter 1700s, English-speaking Roman Catholics, mainly from Ireland and Scotland, began to arrive in Canada's Atlantic provinces. After 1815 Irish Catholics settled in large numbers in what is now Ontario. The Irish potato famine of 1847 greatly increased that population in all parts of eastern Canada.

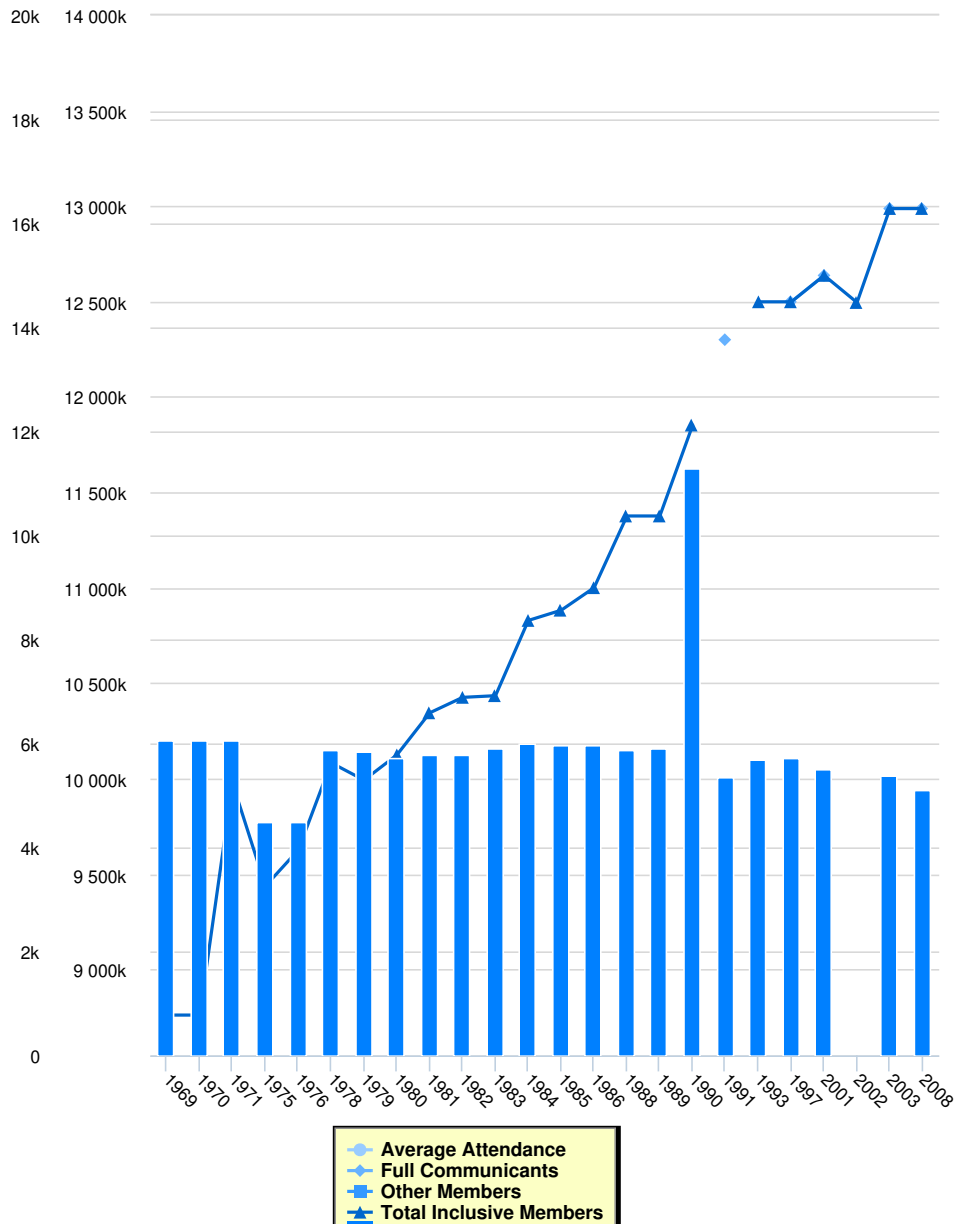
By the 1850s the Catholic Church in both English- and French-speaking Canada had begun to erect new dioceses and found many religious communities. These communities did educational, medical and charitable work among their own people as well as among Canada's native peoples. By the 1890s large numbers of non-English and non-French-speaking Catholics had settled in Canada, especially in the Western provinces. In the 20th century the pastoral horizons have continued to expand to meet the needs of what has now become a very multicultural church.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national association of the Latin and Eastern Catholic Bishops of Canada. Its main offices are in Ottawa, Ontario.

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Membership



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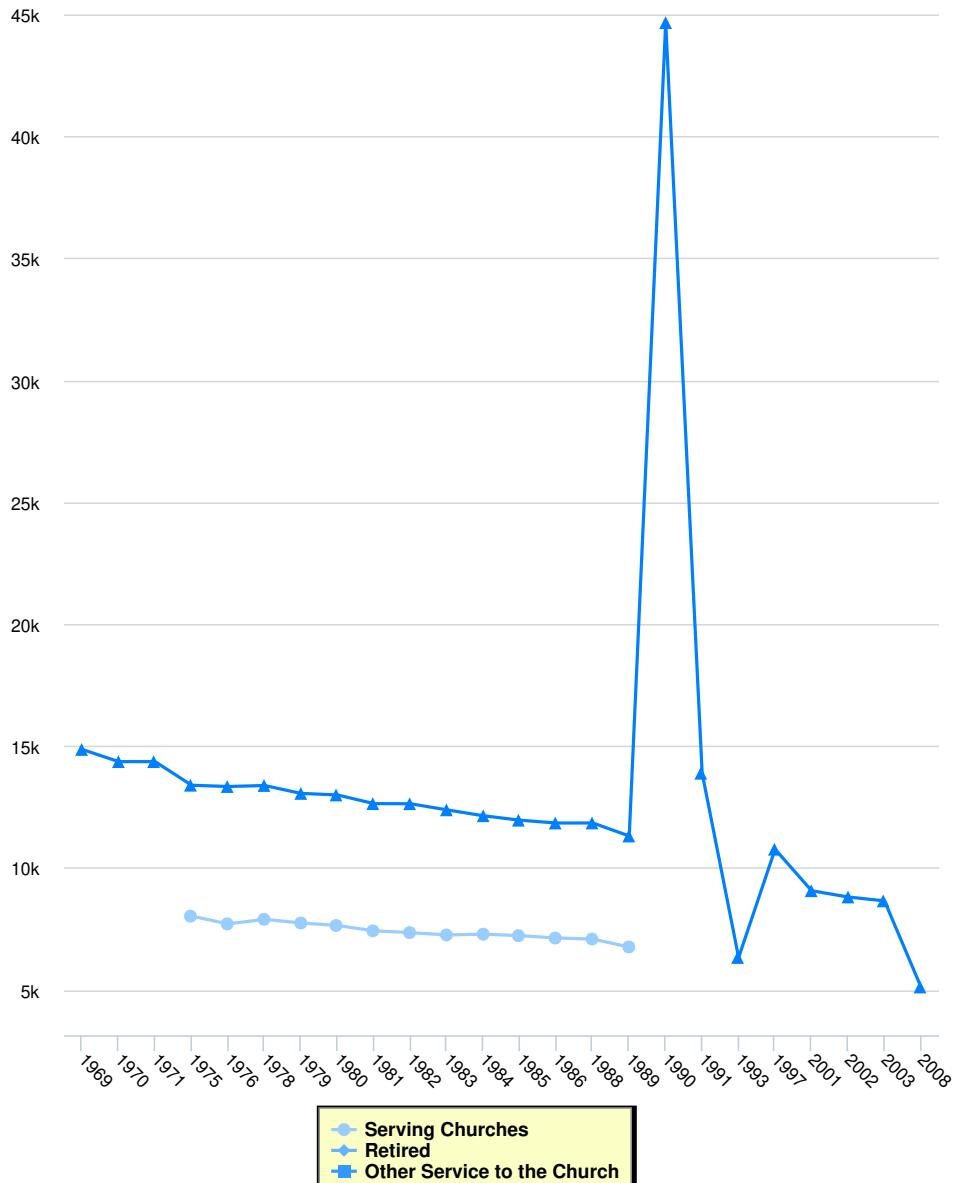
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Membership

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
2008	12,987,637	0	0	12,987,637	5,109	
2003	12,987,637	0	0	12,987,637	5,391	
2002	0	0	0	12,494,903	0	
2001	12,637,006	0	0	12,637,006	5,496	
1997	12,498,605	0	0	12,498,605	5,716	
1993	0	0	0	12,498,605	5,706	
1991	12,300,000	0	0	0	5,342	
1990	0	0	0	11,852,350	11,286	
1989	0	0	0	11,375,914	5,922	
1988	0	0	0	11,375,914	5,878	

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
1986	0	0	0	10,999,964	5,981	
1985	0	0	0	10,881,950	5,976	
1984	0	0	0	10,828,343	6,007	
1983	0	0	0	10,433,849	5,915	
1982	0	0	0	10,425,087	5,787	
1981	0	0	0	10,344,046	5,797	
1980	0	0	0	10,123,329	5,729	
1979	0	0	0	9,991,243	5,836	
1978	0	0	0	10,082,341	5,880	
1976	0	0	0	9,625,063	4,486	
1975	0	0	0	9,435,867	4,496	
1971	0	0	0	9,974,895	6,063	
1970	0	0	0	8,759,625	6,063	
1969	0	0	0	8,759,625	6,063	

Clergy



Clergy

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
2008	0	0	0	5,109
2003	0	0	0	8,641
2002	0	0	0	8,801
2001	0	0	0	9,058
1997	0	0	0	10,760
1993	0	0	0	6,318
1991	0	0	0	13,876
1990	0	0	0	44,669
1989	6,749	0	0	11,302
1988	7,075	0	0	11,838
1986	7,118	0	0	11,835
1985	7,214	0	0	11,951
1984	7,276	0	0	12,133
1983	7,243	0	0	12,375

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
1982	7,340	0	0	12,626
1981	7,413	0	0	12,631
1980	7,632	0	0	12,986
1979	7,734	0	0	13,050
1978	7,885	0	0	13,374
1976	7,697	0	0	13,332
1975	8,015	0	0	13,385
1971	0	0	0	14,353
1970	0	0	0	14,353
1969	0	0	0	14,853

Total Schools

Education
Staff **Pupils**
There is no data yet

Total Individuals

Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Finance	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
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