**2020 CENSUS: REVISED SAMPLE**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**For use May-July:**

**2020 Census: Timeline Extended**

*Did you know?* The 2020 U.S. Census timeline has been shifted in order to better protect the health and safety of the general public and the U.S. Census Bureau employees during this COVID-19 pandemic. ***Michiganders now have until October 31, 2020 to respond***. The U.S. Census Bureau offers a number of ways to respond from the safety of your home in just ten minutes, including an online response option. Michigan’s participation is vital in this count, both to ensure this state receives adequate legislative representation at the national level and also appropriate federal funding for community needs for the next decade. Visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) to respond today.

**2020 Census: Updated Dates to Know**

Each decade, households participate in the U.S. Census, which records population counts and characteristics. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau has shifted the timeline of the 2020 Census to better protect the health and safety of the general public and of its workers:

* March 2020-April 1, 2020: Households are invited to participate by mail, phone, or online.
* August-October 2020: The Census Bureau visits homes that have not yet responded.
* October 2020: The response portion of the 2020 Census is completed.
* April 2021: The Census Bureau delivers counts to the White House and Congress.

To learn more, visit [www.micatholic.org/2020Census](http://www.micatholic.org/2020Census) and [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

**2020 Census: Your Response Helps Serve Those in Need**

The Catholic Church and other service providers rely on an accurate census to more effectively serve those in need. The U.S. Bishops have called for all to be counted, as society “cannot risk missing this opportunity to give children and parents the tools they need to succeed.” Unfortunately, the census has too often undercounted households with young children; with higher rates of poverty, unemployment, or low educational attainment; with racial minorities; and with English as a second language, which leads to underfunding critical programs and services. Make sure you are counted by responding before October 31, 2020. More information is available at [www.micatholic.org/2020Census](http://www.micatholic.org/2020Census) and [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

**2020 Census: Accurate Counts = Fair Representation**

The 2020 Census is currently underway. This counting process will determine Michigan’s representation in Congress for the next decade—and Michigan is at risk of losing at least one of its fourteen seats. The count also influences how state legislative districts are formed. To ensure the voices of Michiganders are accurately reflected in government decisions, it is critical that the state’s population count is as precise as possible. Census numbers affect everyone, from seniors to students, kids and parents, and businesses and communities. Learn more at [www.micatholic.org/2020Census](http://www.micatholic.org/2020Census) and be sure to respond by October 31, 2020.

**2020 Census: Your Answers Are Confidential**

The 2020 Census began in March, gathering a count of every person living in the country as of April 1, 2020. Michiganders have until October 31, 2020 to have their response recorded. Are you concerned about your privacy during this process? Under federal law, the U.S. Census Bureau must always keep your responses secure and encrypted. Those answers can only be used for statistical purposes and cannot be used against you or shared with others, including law enforcement or other government offices. Take a few minutes to be counted! Learn more at [www.micatholic.org/2020Census](http://www.micatholic.org/2020Census).

**For use August-October:**

**2020 Census: Be Counted!**

The 2020 Census is currently underway. Participation in this counting process matters, as the census will impact whether Michigan has fair political representation in Congress. It will also impact whether the state’s roads, hospitals, schools, and fire departments have the funding they need to support Michigander’s health and well-being for the next decade. Please take the time to respond by October 31, 2020. A full and accurate count is needed to help our communities and families thrive. Learn more at [www.micatholic.org/2020Census](http://www.micatholic.org/2020Census) and [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

**2020 Census: Have You Filled Out Your Response?**

Every household in Michigan has been invited to participate in the 2020 Census. Completing the census is important for our state and must be done by October 31, 2020. It can easily be done one of three ways: by mail, by phone, or, for the first time ever, online. You can even respond on your mobile device. If you have questions about how to fill out your response, visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) or call the Census Bureau Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Line at 1-800-354-7271.