

## DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN PAROCHIAL REPORT

**BAPTIZED MEMBERS:** *(Items 3,4,5,6 on Parochial Report)* All persons in the congregation whose baptisms have been recorded and who have not been removed to inactive status in the parish register. ***Any person who contributes or participates, no matter how minimally, in the congregation should be considered active and should be counted.*** When a person moves into your congregation with a letter of transfer, they should be added to the Baptized Persons section of your parish register as well as to the Communicant section.

*“All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, and whose Baptisms have been duly recorded in this Church” are members. (Canon I.17.1) **Whether active or inactive, they should not be removed from the parish register except by reason of transfer or loss by death.***

**COMMUNICANTS:** *(Items 12, 13 on Parochial Report)* ***Those baptized members who have received Communion at least three times in the year, whether confirmed or not.*** Do not count “others active in your congregation” who have not changed their formal denominational or parish membership.

*Communicants in good standing are those communicants, “who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.” (Canon I.17.3)*

**OTHERS ACTIVE:** Those persons active and who share in the life of the congregation but who do not fit any other membership category. Included in this group are (1) persons who have not changed their denomination or affiliation but attend your parish; (2) persons whose names have not been added to the baptized members section of the parish register; (3) persons who are awaiting baptism; (4) persons who are Episcopalian but not a member of your parish because they are either awaiting a letter of transfer or want to leave their letter elsewhere. ***These persons are active in the congregation but are not recorded as baptized members.***

**CONFIRMED COMMUNICANTS:** All members 16 and older, who “have been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a Church in communion with this Church” or “have previously made a mature public commitment in another church and were received by a Bishop of this Church.