



Statuary and stained-glass windows at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Pittsburgh: An evening Mass on the first Friday of every month has been attracting young people to the church. (Wikimedia Commons/Bestbudbrian)



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More closures and consolidations: this time, schools and parishes in the [Archdiocese of Chicago](#) and schools in the [Diocese of Rockford, Illinois](#).

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Braxton also [communicates with three parishes](#) whose pastor was recently arrested for child pornography and possession of illegal drugs. The priest denies the charges.

Despite a concerted effort at evangelization, Mass attendance in the [Cincinnati Archdiocese](#) continues to decline.

A [Pittsburgh parish](#) makes a connection with young adults.

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