

**FROM BISHOP BRENDAN CAHILL –
LAVACA COUNTY RANKS AS 20TH MOST CATHOLIC COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES**



Earlier this year a friend sent me an e-mail that listed the most Catholic counties in the United States. She wanted to share with me that the 20th most Catholic county in the United States is in the Diocese of Victoria – Lavaca County!

See: <https://aleteia.org/2017/12/27/where-are-the-most-catholic-places-in-the-u-s/>

Soon after reading that fact I visited and shared that with the students and faculty of Sacred Heart School. Over 60% of the people in Lavaca County are practicing Catholics.

The question that followed in my mind was what difference this would make in the life of the community. Even more than the Catholic celebrations and symbols in the area, I think our Catholic faith makes us be sure to treat each person fairly and with respect. I'm sure this is something that is instilled in each classroom at Sacred Heart. Our Catholic faith also gets us to think of people around the world as brothers and sisters – we share their worries and concerns since we are members of the same Church. The students at Sacred Heart learn to pray for and support people in mission areas, and also are committed to actions that can make the world a safer and more fair place.

As I think about the article that reported the fact that Lavaca County is so Catholic, even more than pride in the fact that we have so many Catholics, is pride in what all the Catholics are doing to witness their faith each day. God bless you all.

I hope you have a great summer. Please know of my prayers for you and your families,

+Brendan

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