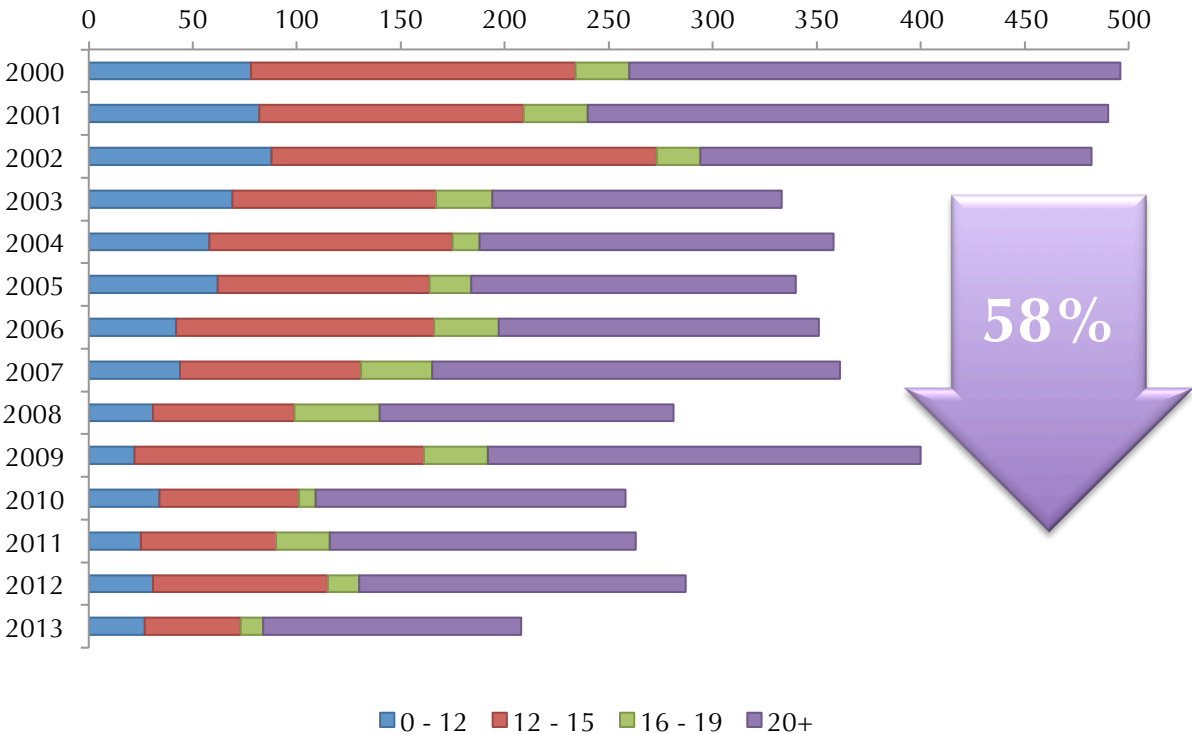


# Confirmation in the missionary practice of the Diocese of Coventry: Numerical measures of decline

## Headline figures comparing number of candidates confirmed between 2000 and 2013

- **58% fewer** candidates were confirmed.
- The age category<sup>1</sup> exhibiting the greatest decline is those aged 12-15. This has **shrunk by 71%**.
- There were **63% fewer** males confirmed.
- There were **55% fewer** females confirmed.
- On average, the total number of candidates confirmed has **declined by 4%** each year since 2000.
- Assuming the totals continue to drop by 4% each year, in **17 years** the number of candidates confirmed **will fall by a further 50%**.

Graph showing confirmation figures between 2000 and 2013



<sup>1</sup> Confirmation statistics are collected in age categories of 0-12, 12-15, 16-19 and 20+. Each of these is divided into male and female.

**Table showing confirmation statistics (2000 – 2013)**

	Male				Female				Totals				Male	Female	Grand total
	0-12	12-15	16-19	20+	0-12	12-15	16-19	20+	0-12	12-15	16-19	20+			
2000	39	74	11	79	39	82	15	157	78	156	26	236	203	293	<b>496</b>
2001	34	42	7	86	48	85	24	164	82	127	31	250	169	321	<b>490</b>
2002	40	81	8	57	48	104	13	131	88	185	21	188	186	296	<b>482</b>
2003	20	37	18	44	49	61	9	95	69	98	27	139	119	214	<b>333</b>
2004	30	51	6	58	28	66	7	112	58	117	13	170	145	213	<b>358</b>
2005	25	46	11	53	37	56	9	103	62	102	20	156	135	205	<b>340</b>
2006	23	43	11	62	19	81	20	92	42	124	31	154	139	212	<b>351</b>
2007	23	31	19	71	21	56	15	125	44	87	34	196	144	217	<b>361</b>
2008	14	29	15	56	17	39	26	85	31	68	41	141	114	167	<b>281</b>
2009	10	41	7	58	12	98	24	150	22	139	31	208	116	284	<b>400</b>
2010	17	31	2	48	17	36	6	101	34	67	8	149	98	160	<b>258</b>
2011	8	34	9	54	17	31	17	93	25	65	26	147	105	158	<b>263</b>
2012	11	24	8	61	20	60	7	96	31	84	15	157	104	183	<b>287</b>
2013	11	15	3	47	16	31	8	77	27	46	11	124	76	132	<b>208</b>