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350 responses

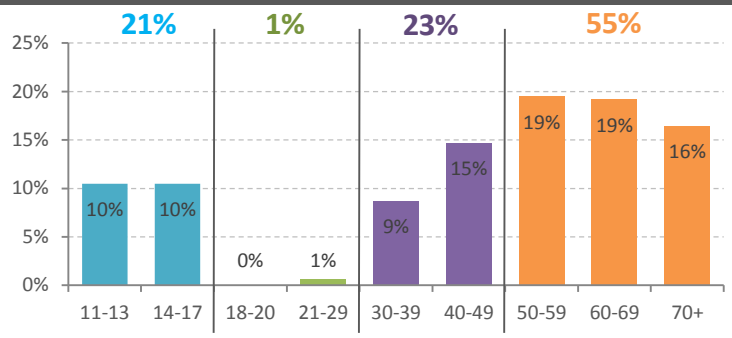
Basic Demographics

REFLECTION AND NOTES

Response tallies for youth ages 11-17 are reported separately at the end.

When you reflect on the age, ethnic, and gender distributions of respondents, do they accurately reflect the people in the pews and/or know to be parishioners?

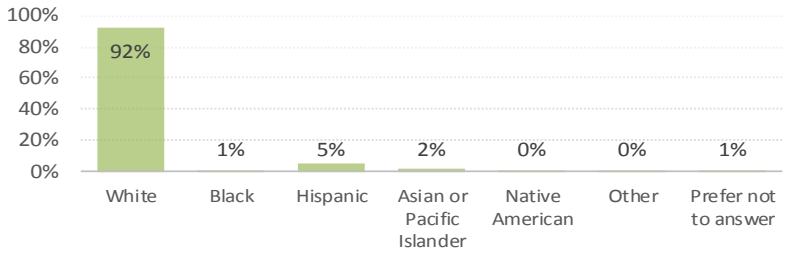
AGE GROUP (n=334) Q3



55%
of respondents are over
50
years of age

ETHNICITY (n=296) and GENDER (n=271) Q10, Q9

Do they accurately reflect the people in the parish boundaries? Where do you note discrepancies?



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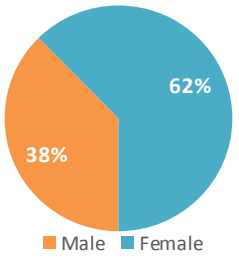
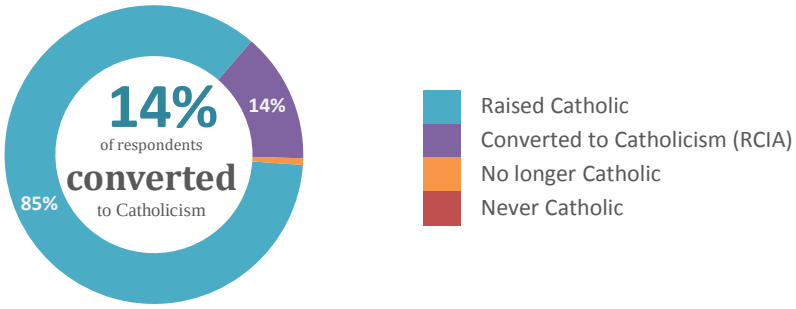


How does the parish invite people from other faith traditions to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith?

CATHOLIC STATUS (n=277) Q8

How does the parish orient new Catholics to our mission and invite their participation?



LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME (n=296) Q11

Does the parish offer opportunities for cultural expressions of the Catholic faith that respect any diversity evidenced by the languages spoken at home?

Language	% of Respondents
English	98.9%
Spanish	4.7%
Other Options	1.8%
"Other"	2.2%

(multiple selections possible)

BACKGROUND ON THE SURVEY AND ITS USE

The parish planning survey was administered by parishes and schools between October and December 2015 in support of the Be Missionary Disciples planning process. The survey was designed to complement Archbishop William E. Lori's pastoral letter, *A Light Brightly Visible: Lighting the Path to Missionary Discipleship*, as a way to help understand how people would answer key questions laid out in the letter.

The survey was not designed to achieve a statistically random or complete sample of respondents, so it will yield only partial and somewhat biased results. In this light, the results are meant to be used in conjunction with parish statistics and demographics to provide a more complete picture of challenges and opportunities to missionary discipleship and evangelization-based planning. A copy of the survey can be found online at www.BeMissionaryDisciples.org/planning/pastoral-planning-tools/. For more information on the survey or the Be Missionary Disciples planning process, contact the Daphne Daly, Director of the Office of Pastoral Planning at 410-547-5545 or Daphne.Daly@archbalt.org.

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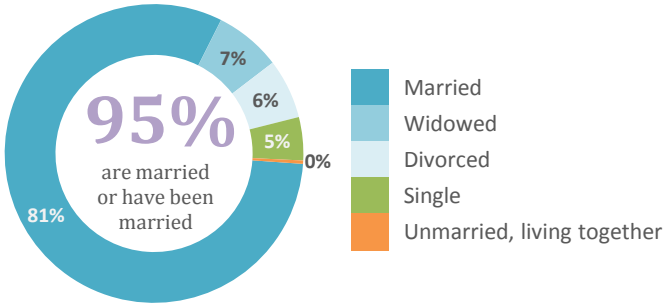
Family Demographics

REFLECTION AND NOTES

Consider the family demographics of respondents (marital status and people with children under 18 in their household). How does the parish minister to the different needs of each of these segments of the parish?

MARITAL STATUS (n=278) Q12



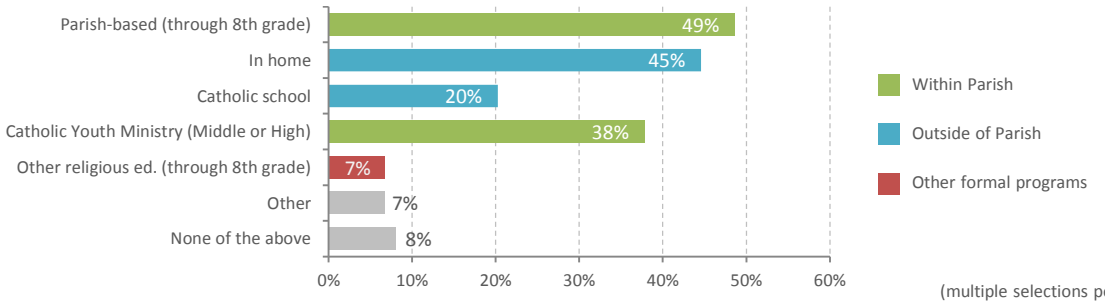
CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN HOUSEHOLD? (n=277) Q13

73% No children under 18 in household

27% Have children under 18 in household

Based on the responses to how children receive religious education, are there ways the parish can provide support to families for faith formation in the many different contexts in which it occurs?

HOW DO YOUR CHILDREN RECEIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION? (n=128)



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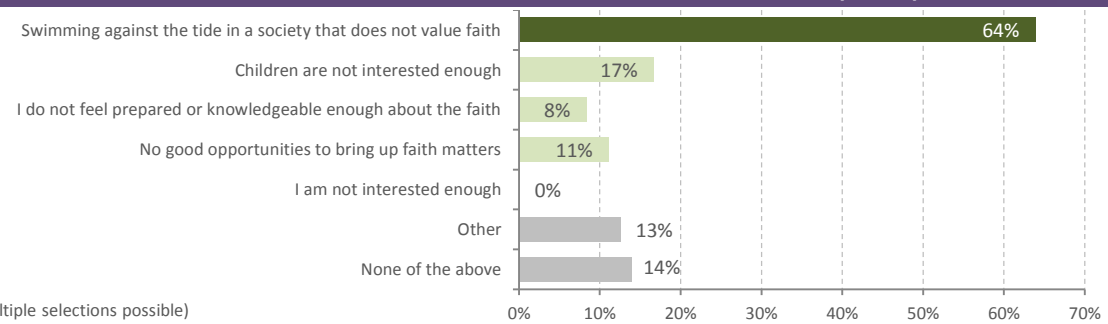
Where are there opportunities to enhance and better support passing on of the faith to children, especially in the context of the challenges noted?

GREATEST CHALLENGES PASSING FAITH TO CHILDREN (n=91)



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FAITH ACTIVITIES WITH CHILDREN (n=448)

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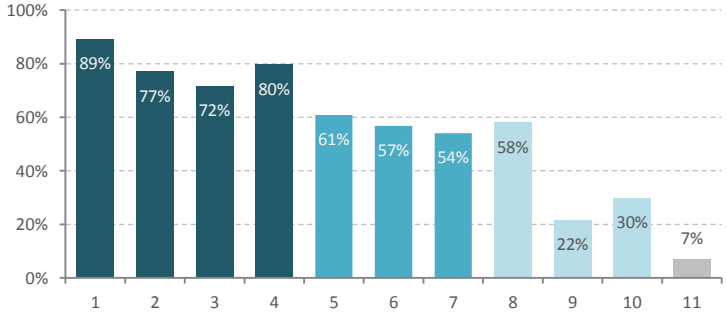

1 - Attend Mass regularly
2 - Point out the many ways in which we are blessed
3 - Prepare them for sacraments
4 - Pray together as a family (bedtime, mealtime, etc.)
5 - Teach prayers, hymns
6 - Use Christ as the reference point for decision-making
7 - Enroll them in religious education classes
8 - Encourage participation in youth groups
9 - Enroll them in Catholic schools
10 - Read the Bible and spiritual reading together
11 - Other

(multiple selections possible)

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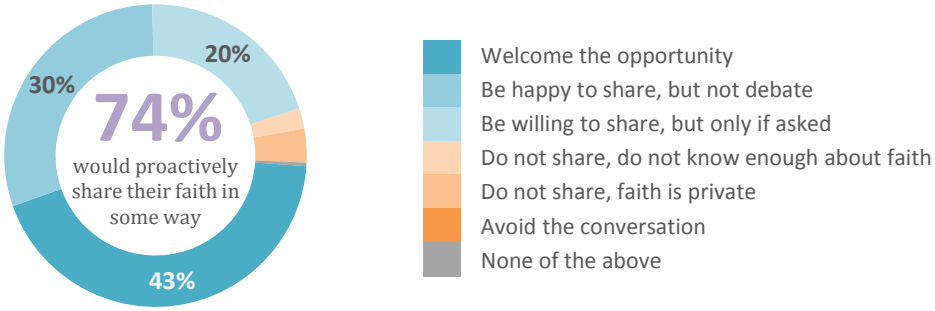
Are we equipped to fulfill the great commission to make disciples of all nations?

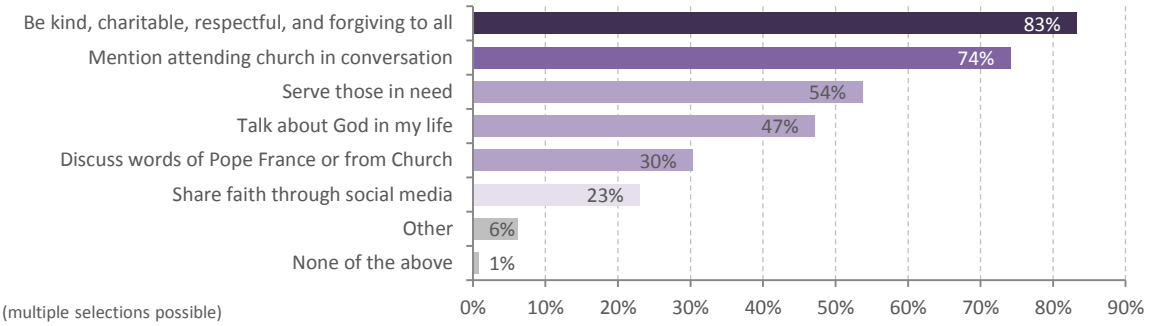
REFLECTION AND NOTES

Are people motivated and comfortable sharing their faith with others? What does this mean for the perpetuation and growth of the faith?

WILLINGNESS TO SHARE FAITH (n=276) Q14



HOW WOULD SOMEONE KNOW YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN? (n=872) Q15



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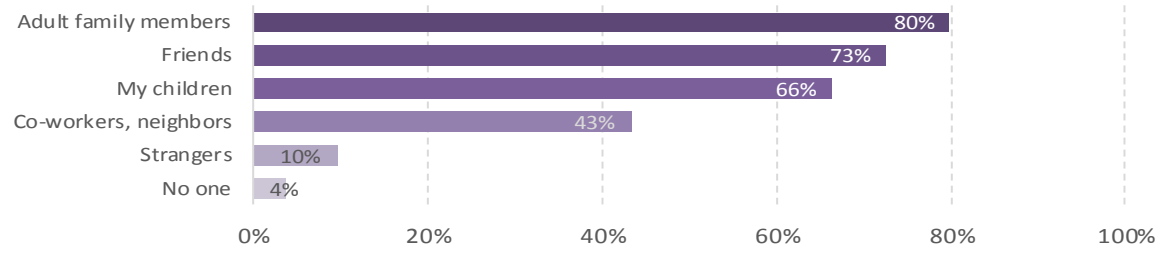
How are people already sharing their faith? What are some opportunities for helping people feel more comfortable expressing their faith in everyday life? What are the greatest challenges to being able to do this?

WITH WHOM DO YOU TALK ABOUT FAITH? (n=751) Q16



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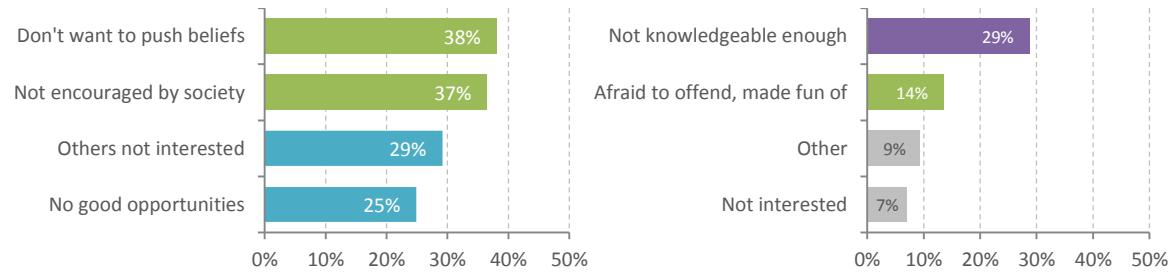
GREATEST OBSTACLES TO SHARING FAITH? (n=482) Q17



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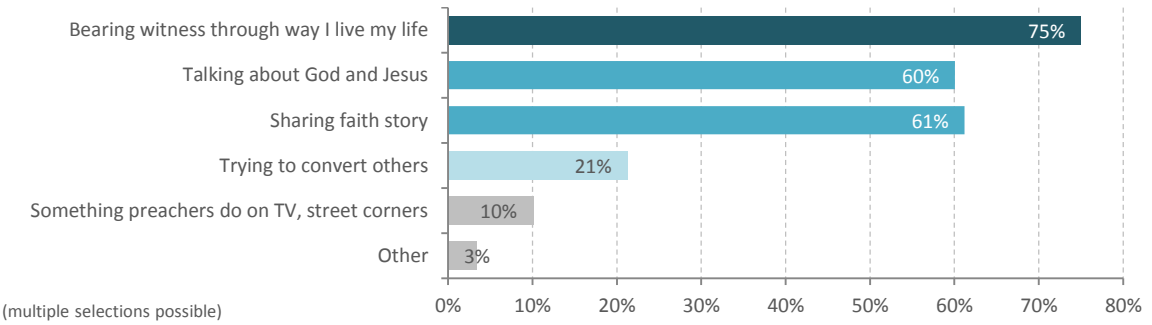
How can the parish encourage people to share the Gospel in the face of societal aversion to such things?

WHAT IS EVANGELIZATION? (n=619) Q18



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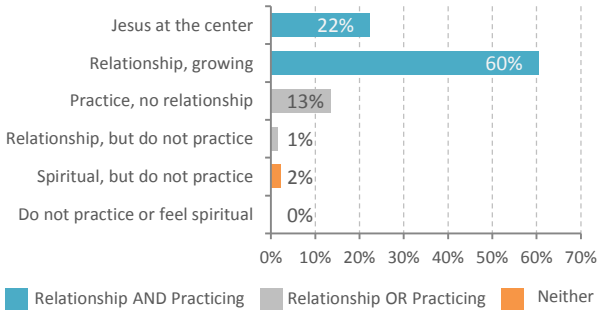
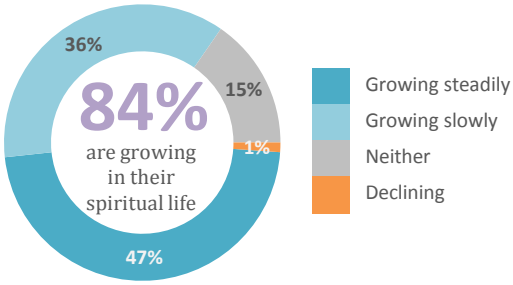
Do we personally have the qualities of mind, heart, and spirit to take up this task?

REFLECTION AND NOTES

Are the people in your parish growing in their faith and discipleship? Why might some not be growing in their faith and discipleship?

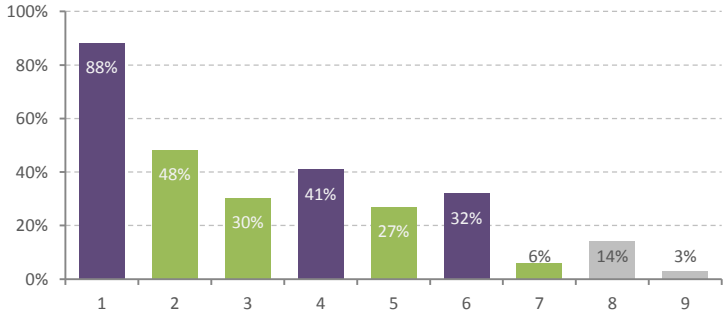
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS (n=268) and SPIRITUAL GROWTH (n=267) Q21, Q22





FAITH ACTIVITIES (n=786) Q23

How are people enriching their faith life already?

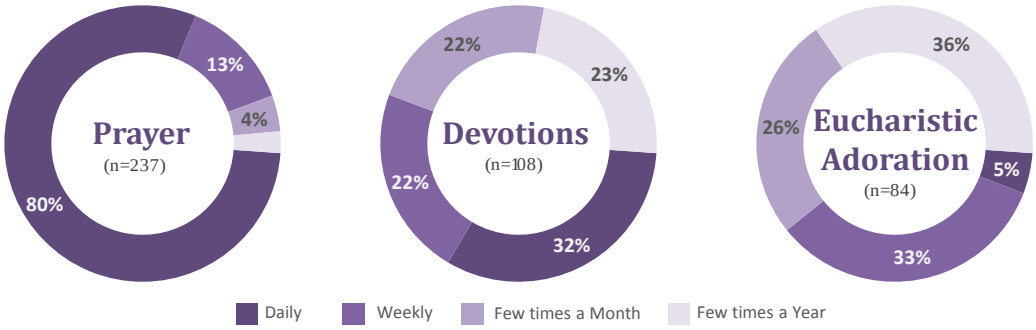


1 - Prayer outside of Mass
2 - Reading/reflecting on scripture, writings, teachings
3 - Outreach to sick, needy ,and grieving
4 - Devotions (rosary, novenas, wearing scapulars, etc.)
5 - Small groups, guided prayer, or spiritual direction
6 - Eucharistic adoration
7 - Charismatic prayer, lay ecclesiastical movements
8 - Other
9 - None

(multiple selections possible)

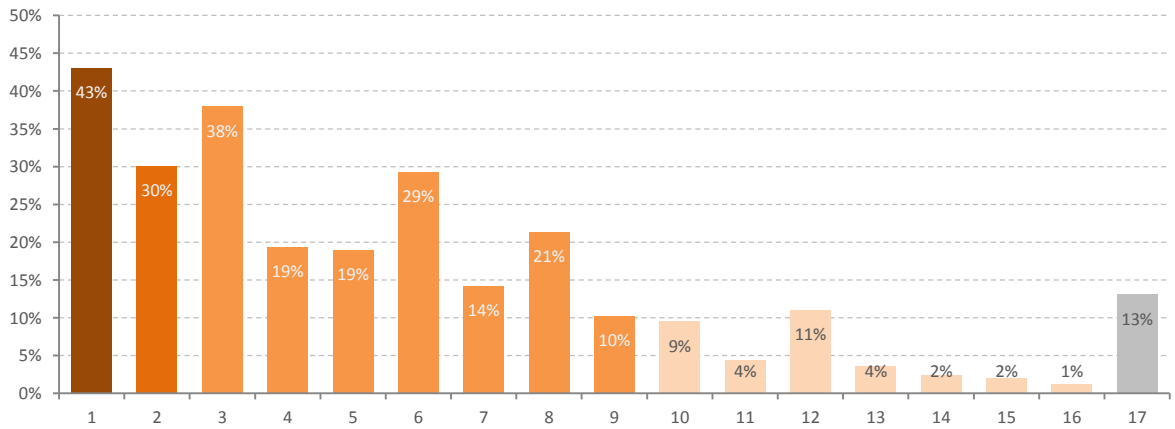
FREQUENCY OF CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES (of those who participate) Q23

Review the text answers to Questions 24, 25 & 26 (in separate document). What are some ways the parish could cultivate meaningful encounters with Christ that lead to personal and communal growth in faith and discipleship?



REASONS FOR NOT ATTENDING MASS AT MAIN PARISH (n=687) Q27

What are the biggest challenges to encouraging and supporting people so they can live out their faith more fully?



1 - Sports or other activities
2 - Don't feel I need to come to church every week
3 - Working or in school
4 - Also attend church elsewhere
5 - Church is becoming less relevant in my life
6 - Health problems or disability
7 - Spiritual needs are not being met here
8 - Divorce or marriage outside Church
9 - Poor preaching
10 - Parish is not welcoming
11 - Priest is not welcoming
12 - Lack of transportation
13 – Lack of children's ministry
14 - Parish does not reflect my language/ethnic/cultural identity
15 - No special needs ministry
16 - Church not accessible
17 - Other

(multiple selections possible)

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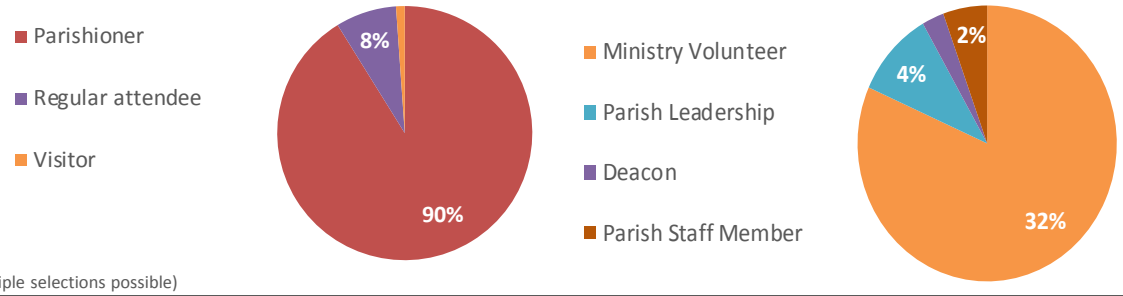
Parish-Life Demographics

REFLECTION AND NOTES

What types of parishioners are not well represented in the responses? Keep these "unheard" voices in mind during your reflection.

SELF-IDENTIFICATION (n=381) Q5



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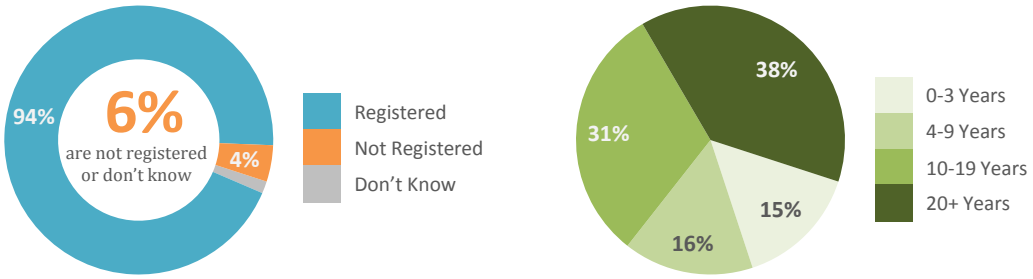
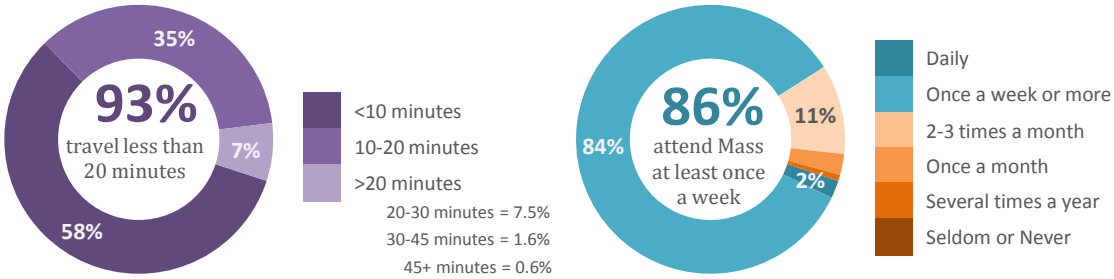
Reflect on the travel times of respondents. What does this mean for how well you are able to conduct ministries and offer pastoral care to parishioners, as well as those within the parish boundaries?

REGISTERED? (n=274) and FOR HOW LONG? (n=268) Q4



How does the parish ensure that people hear the Gospel proclaimed and are able to connect with the faith community even if they do not attend Mass every week? How can the parish encourage greater Mass attendance?

TRAVEL TIME TO PARISH (n=274) and ATTENDANCE (n=278) Q6, Q7

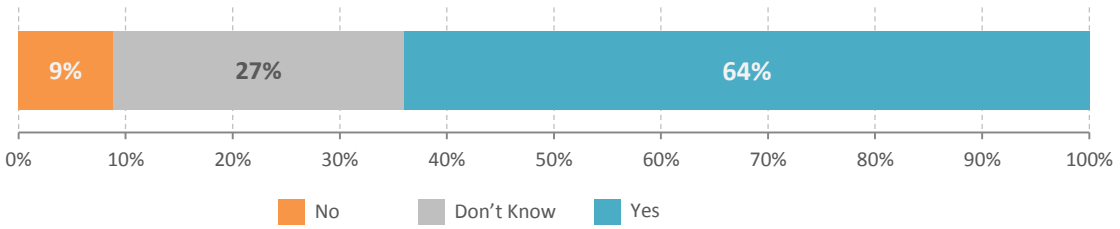


Are our parishes ready to respond to the challenges of the mission in our times? (Part I)

REFLECTION AND NOTES

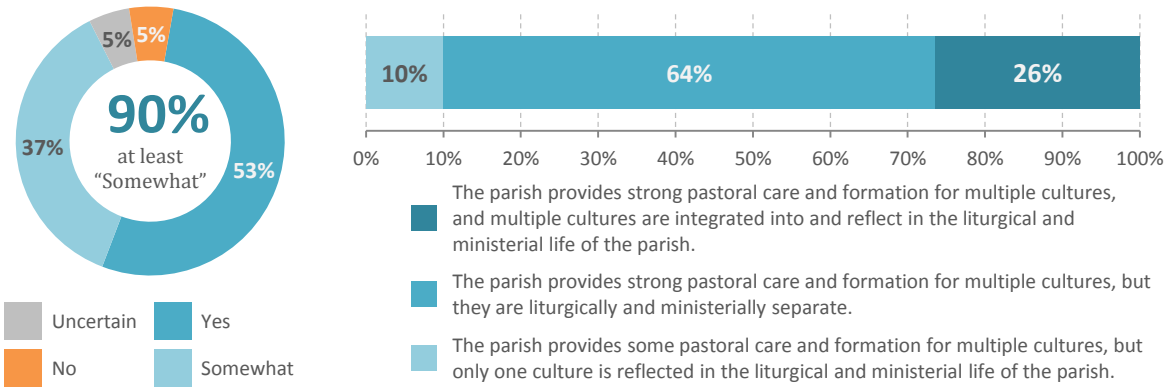
What challenges exist to encouraging and promoting vocations to the priesthood, religious life, or the diaconate and how could they be counteracted?

ARE VOCATIONS PROMOTED? (n=272) Q34



MULTI-CULTURAL PARISH? (n=264) and if so, INTEGRATED? (n=231) Q36

Does the parish recognize changing ethnic and cultural trends within its boundaries? How is it preparing for or providing ministry in culturally relevant and inclusive ways?



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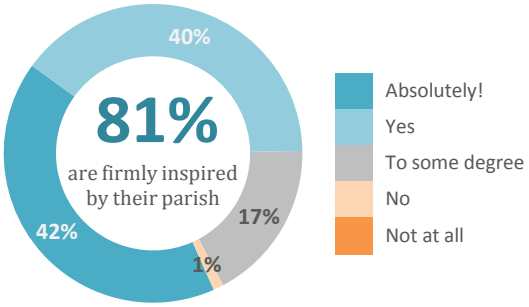
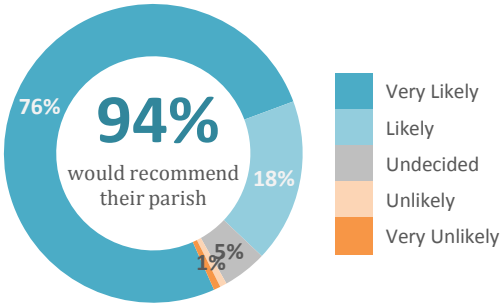
Are our parishes ready to respond to the challenges of the mission in our times? (Part II)

REFLECTION AND NOTES

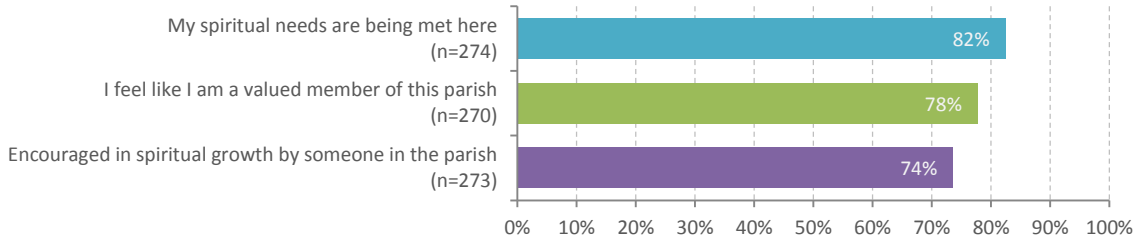
If one of the single best indicators of future performance is whether or not someone would recommend it, what do the responses for your parish indicate for the future outlook of the parish? How does the parish actively encourage people to "recommend" it to others?

PARISH INSPIRING (n=269) & WOULD RECOMMEND? (n=271) Q29, Q30



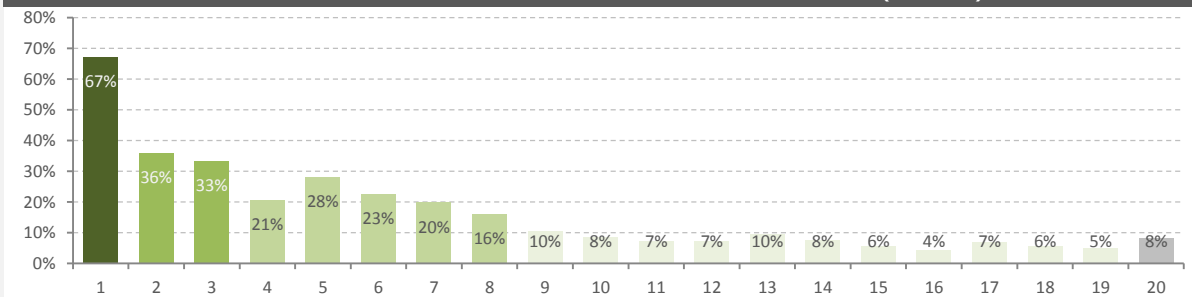


PARISH INSIGHTS (4 or 5 on 5-point scale) Q31, Q32, Q33



Do people feel fulfilled, valued, and encouraged by others in the parish? How might more be made to feel this way?

WHERE COULD THE PARISH GIVE THE MOST SUPPORT? (n=819) Q35



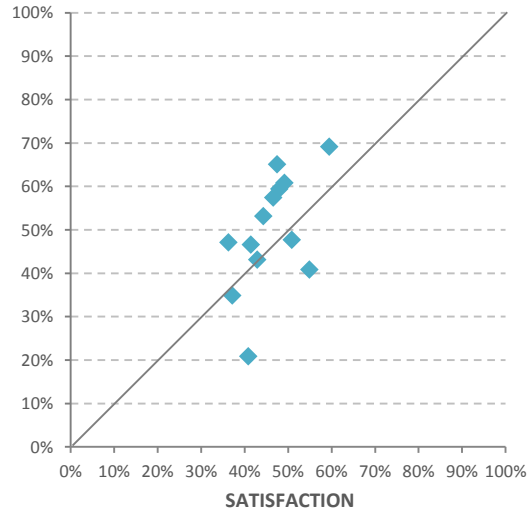
1 - Spiritual guidance and care
2 - Grief and loss
3 - Aging and care for the elderly
4 - Sickness and long-term health issues
5 - Parenting and care for the family
6 - Marital issues
7 - Depression or mental illness
8 - Education needs
9 - Separation/Divorce
10 - LGBT support for individuals and families
11 - Addiction (substance abuse, gambling, pornography)
12 - Unemployment
13 - Lack of housing/food
14 - Access to healthcare
15 - Care for immigrant families
16 - Legal assistance
17 - Domestic violence
18 - Immigration assistance
19 - Prisoner re-entry
20 - Other

(multiple selections possible)

Reflect on the areas in which people have identified a desire for support from the parish. How well is the parish positioned to provide ministry in these areas?

PARISH ASPECTS: IMPORTANCE x SATISFACTION (4 or 5 on 5-point scale) Q28

IMPORTANCE



	Imp.	Sat.	Diff.
Christ-centered parish	69%	59%	9.7%
Engaging homilies	65%	47%	17.7%
Feeling of warmth and welcome	61%	49%	11.7%
Holy, reverent worship experience	53%	44%	8.9%
Service-oriented parish	48%	51%	-3.1%
Joy and excitement in parishioners	65%	55%	10.0%
Dynamic, lively worship experience	59%	48%	11.4%
Inspiring adult faith formation	47%	41%	5.1%
Engaging children's ministry	50%	36%	14.0%
Outstanding music	43%	43%	0.3%
Welcomes immigrant families	57%	47%	10.9%
Fun social gatherings	21%	41%	-20.0%
Beautiful architecture and grounds	35%	37%	-2.3%

Compare the importance respondents placed on the various aspects of parish life to their satisfaction with them. Where are the greatest opportunities for improving the experience of the liturgy, welcome, or other points of encounter with Christ, especially for newcomers?

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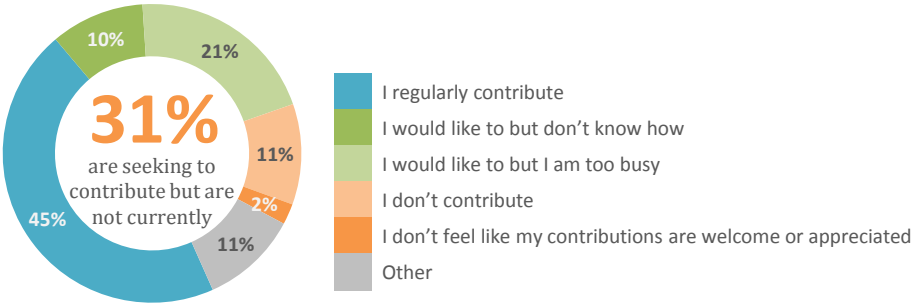
What decisions need to be made so we can marshal the resources the Lord has given us?

REFLECTION AND NOTES

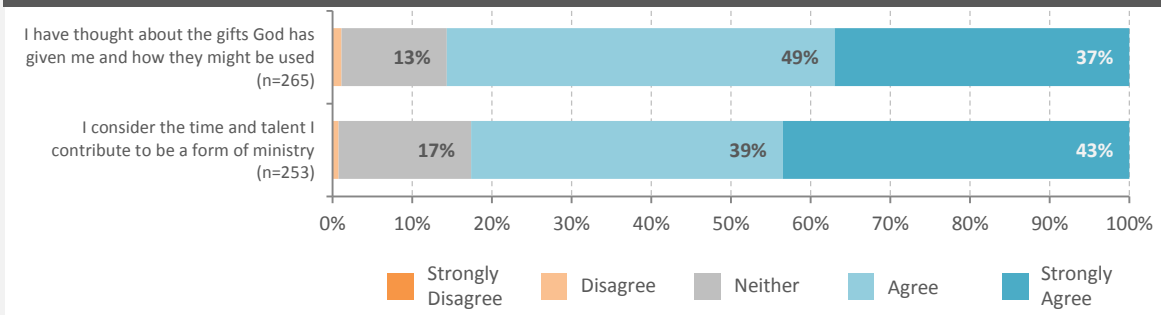
What could the parish do to better help people discern how they are being called to use their gifts in service to the Lord?

TIME AND TALENT CONTRIBUTIONS (n=266) Q37



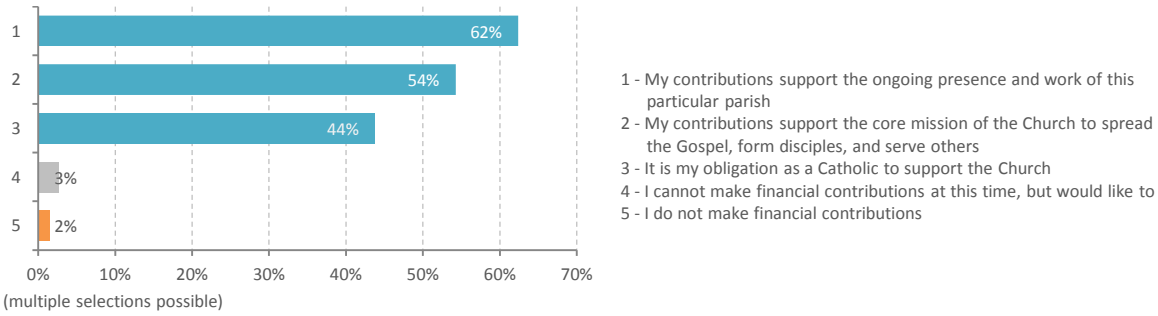
PERCEPTIONS OF GOD'S GIFTS Q38, Q39

How might people be inspired to look upon their talents and resources as blessings to be used in service to God?



REASONS FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS (n=425) Q40

How does the reality of your parish's finances measure up to what people believe them to be? If there is a mismatch, what can be done to provide parishioners with a better understanding of the parish's financial situation?



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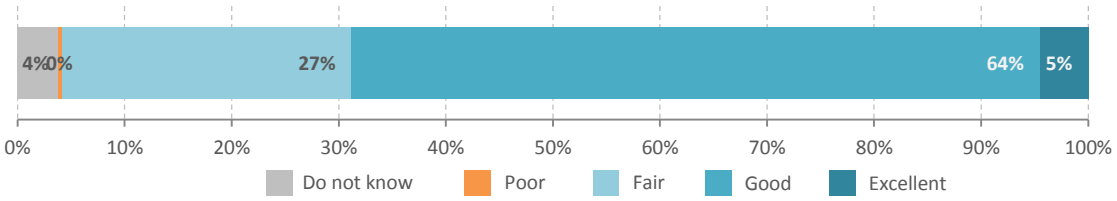
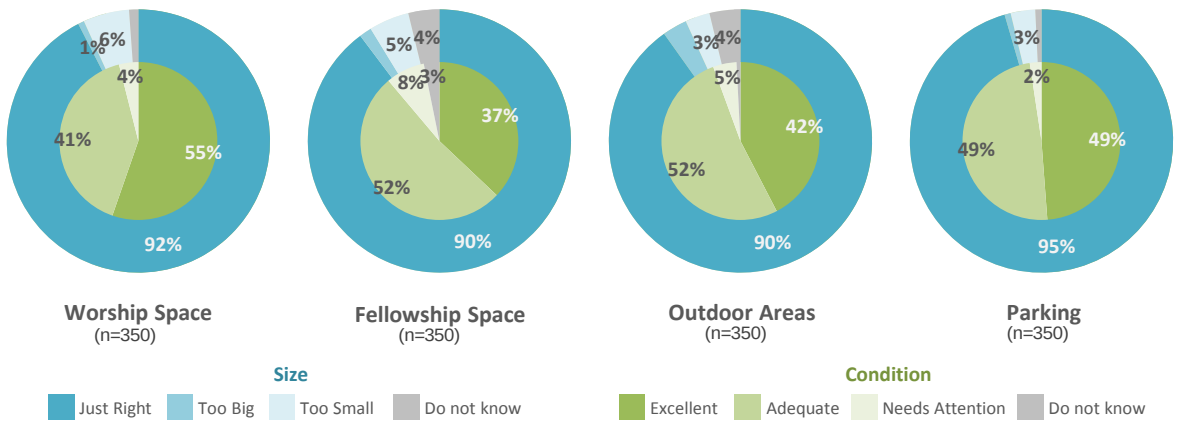
RATING OF PARISH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH (n=266) Q41



RATING OF SIZE AND CONDITION OF PARISH FACILITIES Q42

In comparing perceptions on the size and condition of various parts of the parish campus, where is the need for improvements or changes indicated? How might these perceptions encourage or discourage someone who has never been to the church to return?



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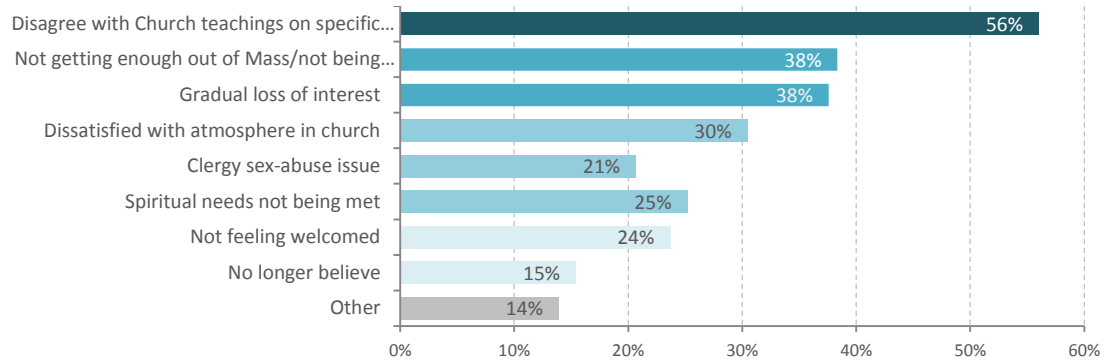
How can we reach out more dynamically to those who have left or are searching?

REFLECTION AND NOTES

What are the most common reasons why people might disengage from or leave the Catholic Church? Of these reasons, which are in the power of the parish and its parishioners to address?

REASONS WHY YOU THINK PEOPLE LEAVE THE CHURCH (n=695) Q19



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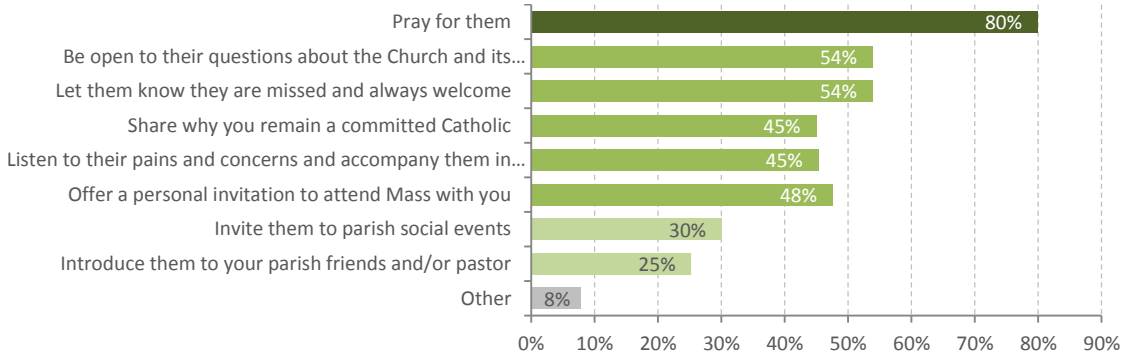
What are some of the ways your parish could reconnect people with their faith, as well as help those already engaged in their faith feel empowered to reach out compassionately to them?

HOW TO HELP RECONNECT PEOPLE WITH THE FAITH? (n=1,046) Q20



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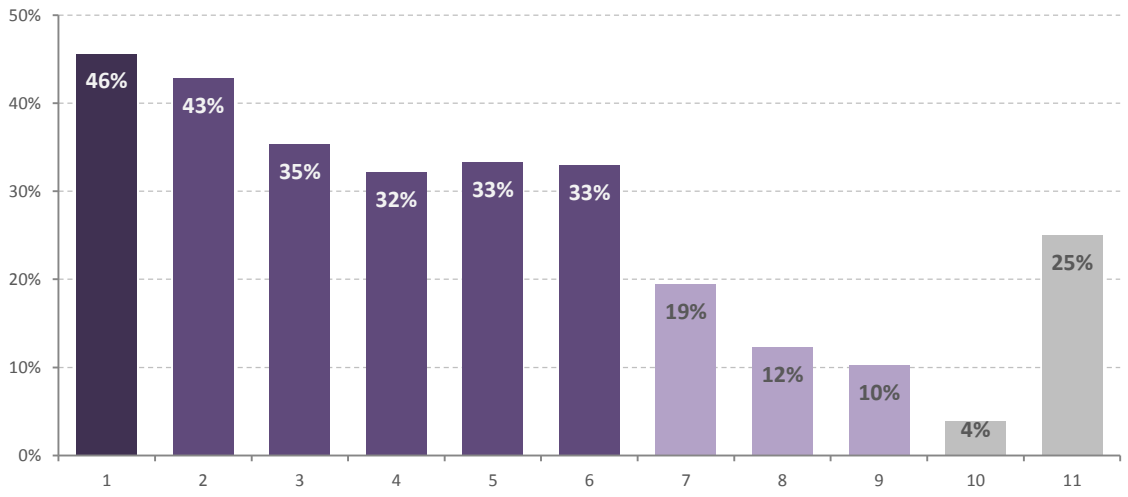
Are there ways we can pull together as a Catholic community to proclaim the Gospel more effectively?

REFLECTION AND NOTES

In which areas of ministry do respondents feel it makes the most sense to collaborate with other parishes?

Review the responses to Questions 2 & 44 (in separate document with text responses) for parishes to consider collaborating with. How might these possibilities expand the reach of the parish's ministry and evangelization efforts? With which parishes would it make sense to collaborate?

WAYS TO COLLABORATE WITH ANOTHER PARISH? (n=739) Q43



1 - Service and outreach ministries
2 - Evangelization
3 - Youth ministry
4 - Young adult ministry
5 - Adult faith formation
6 - Religious education
7 - Sacramental preparation
8 - Parish and/or pastoral staff
9 - Music ministry
10 - Other
11 - Do not know

(multiple selections possible)

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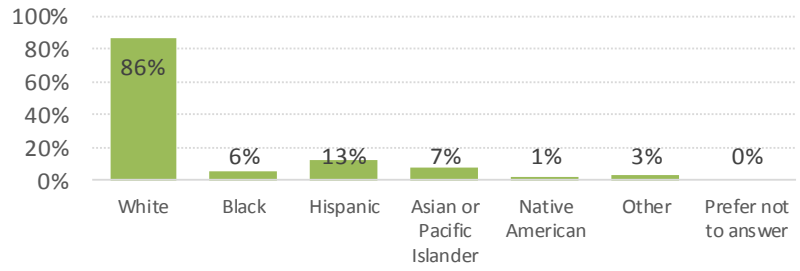
REFLECTION AND NOTES

Are there any noticeable differences in ethnicity or language between the adult and the youth respondents that would impact ministries?

ETHNICITY (n=83) and GENDER (n=70) — QY6, QY5



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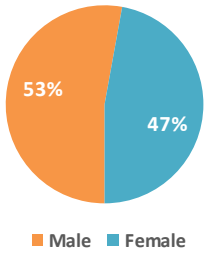


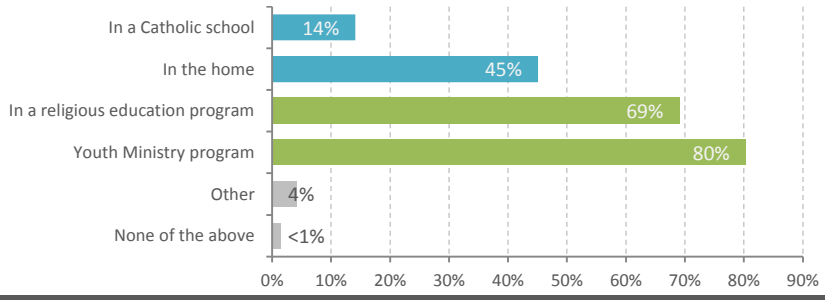
LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME (n=88) — QY7

Language	% of Respondents
English	100.0%
Spanish	12.5%
Other Options	5.6%
"Other"	4.2%

(multiple selections possible)

What are the most significant ways young people are learning about their faith? How are they <u>not</u> learning about it?

HOW DO YOU LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH? (n=152) — QY8



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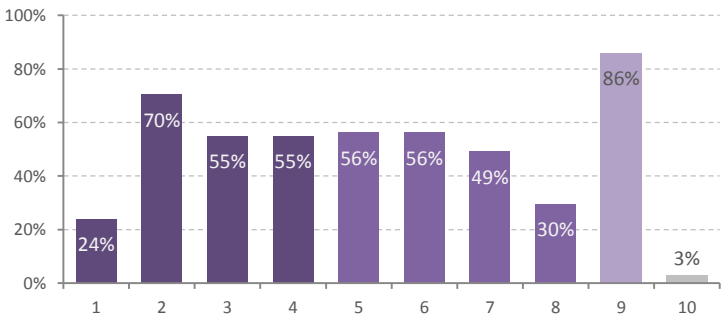
WHICH FAITH ACTIVITIES DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN? (n=344) — QY9

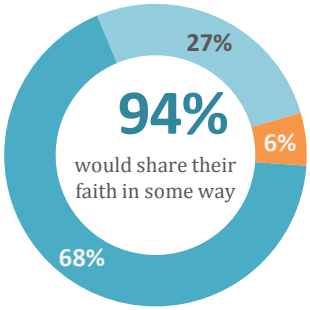


1 - Attend Catholic school/religious education classes
2 - Attend Mass regularly
3 - Talk to God
4 - Prepare for sacraments
5 - Pray with my family
6 - Participate in service projects
7 - Make decisions based on my faith and religious beliefs
8 - Read the Bible or other religious writings
9 - Attend youth groups
10 - Other

(multiple selections possible)

What does the future of evangelization look like, and how can it be nurtured?

DIRECTLY TALKING ABOUT FAITH (n=71) — QY10



"If you were in a situation where speaking about God, Jesus Christ, or your personal faith seemed appropriate, you would…"

- Not have a problem doing it
- Do it, but only if I was with friends from church
- Not do it at all

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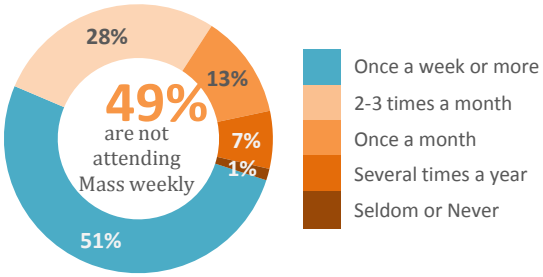
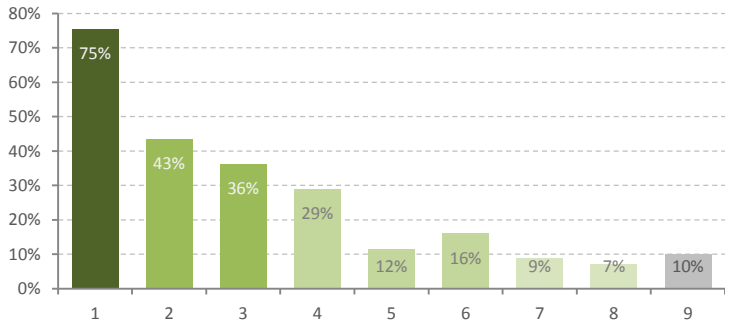
How do the Mass attendance responses given by youth compare to those given by adults?

MASS ATTENDANCE (n=72) QY4



What are the best opportunities for encouraging Mass attendance among youth, given the reasons they may not attend?

REASONS FOR NOT ATTENDING MASS (n=164) QY14



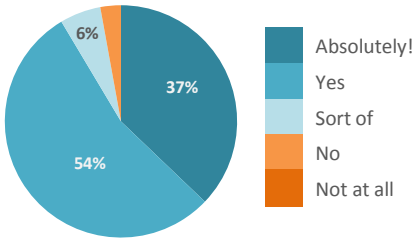
1 - Sports or other activities
2 - If my family doesn't come
3 - Working or in school
4 - Lack of transportation
5 - Health problems or disability
6 - Don't feel I need to come to church every week
7 - Church is not that meaningful to me
8 - Don't feel like I belong
9 - Other

(multiple selections possible)

What opportunities does the parish provide for meaningful involvement by youth that would make them feel valued and welcome?

HOW DOES YOUR PARISH INSPIRE YOU? QY15, QY16, QY17

Does this parish inspire you to follow Jesus?



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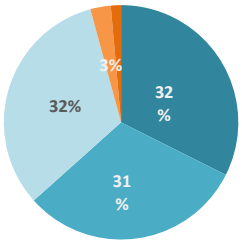
Would you tell your friends to come to this parish?



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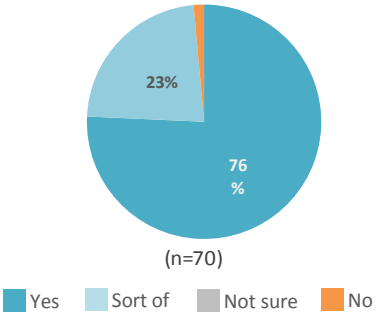
Do you feel welcome and valued in this parish?



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