

"...They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith..." (Acts 14:27)

RESEARCH AND RESOURCES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

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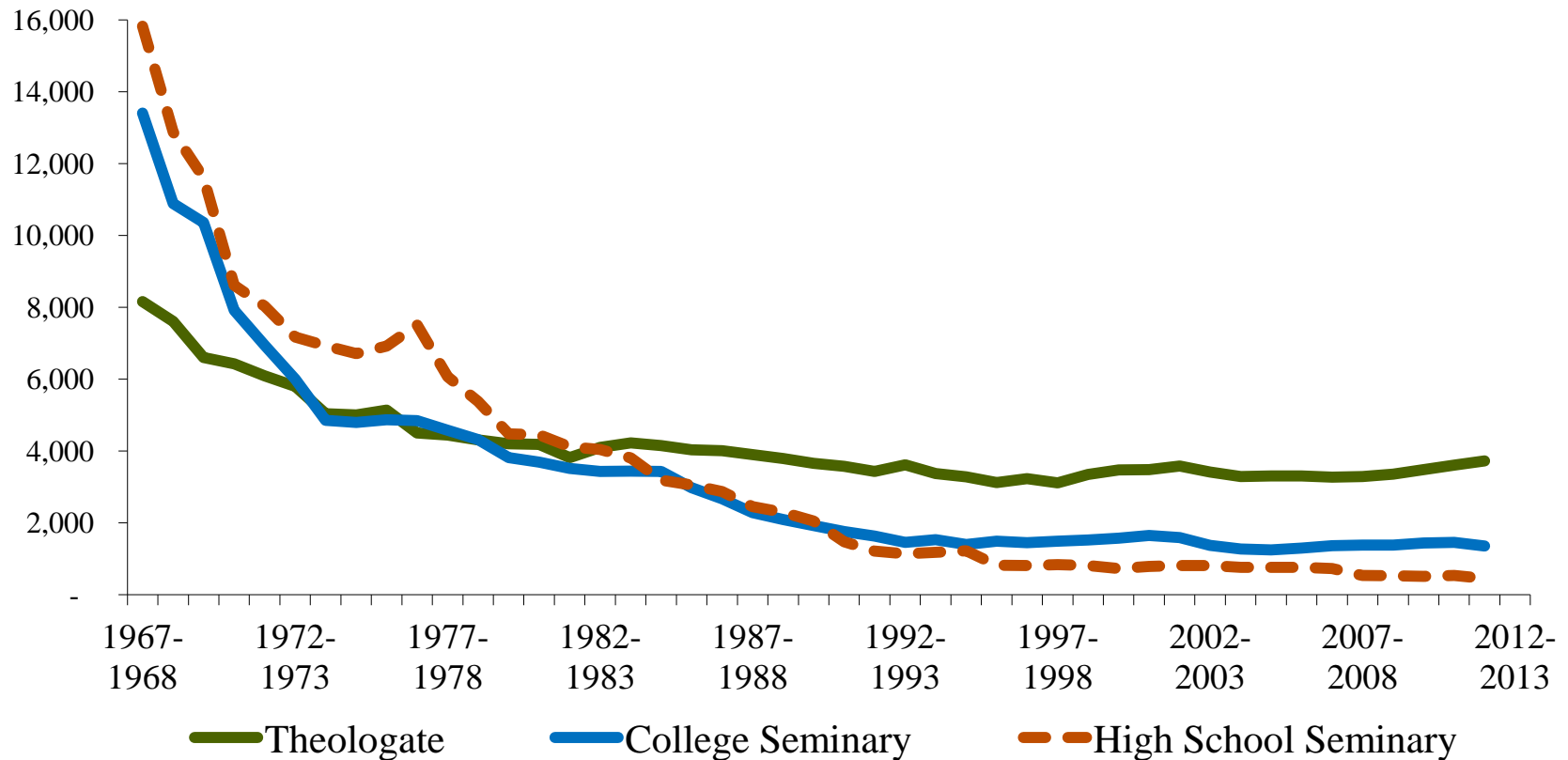
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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP AND PARISH LIFE

Priestly Formation and Ordinations

Seminary Enrollment Trends: 1968-2012



Source: *CARA Catholic Ministry Formation Enrollment: Statistical Overview for 2011-2012*

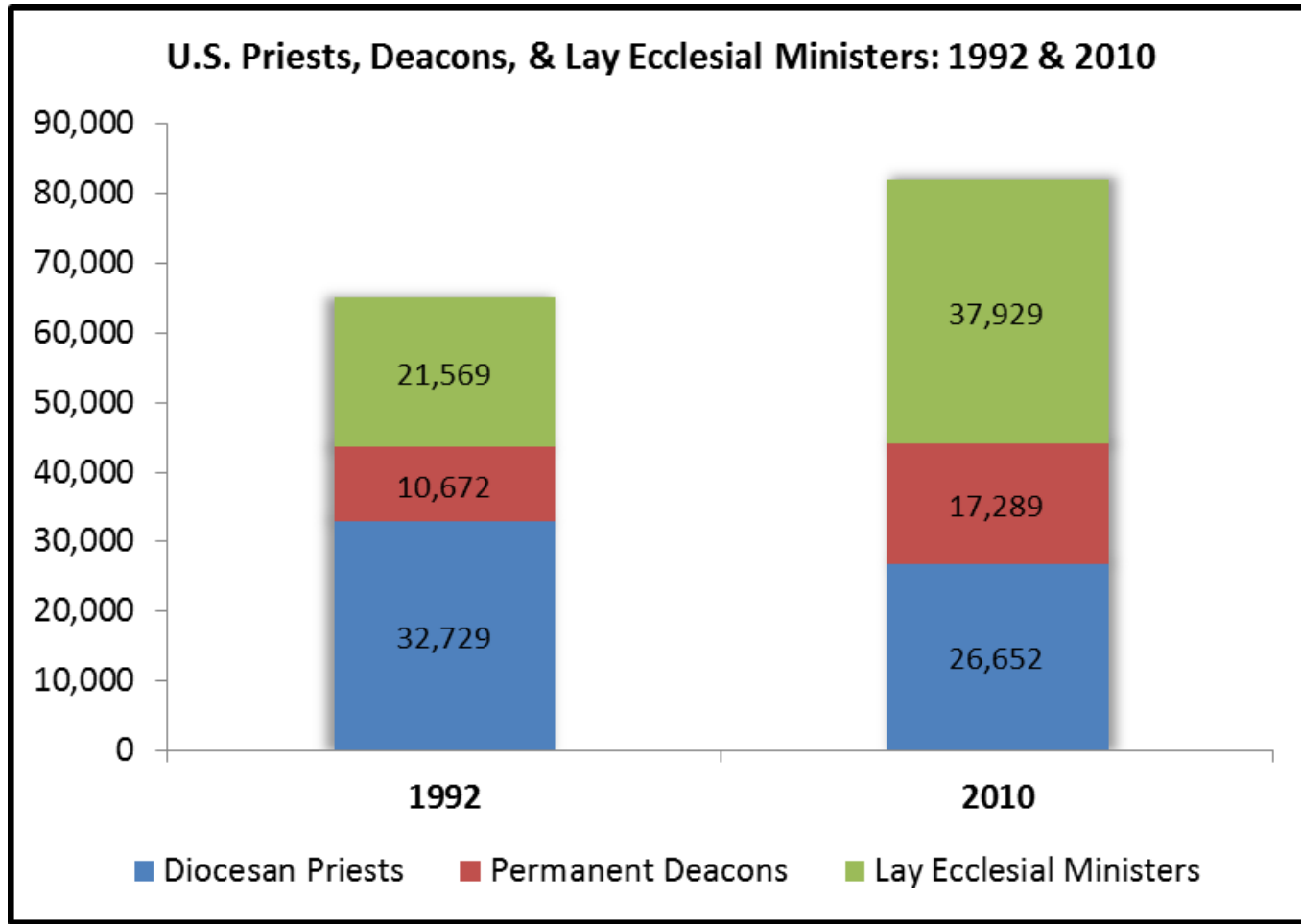
Internationalization of the priesthood

Table 1.4
Nativity by Generation
(Percentage in each category)

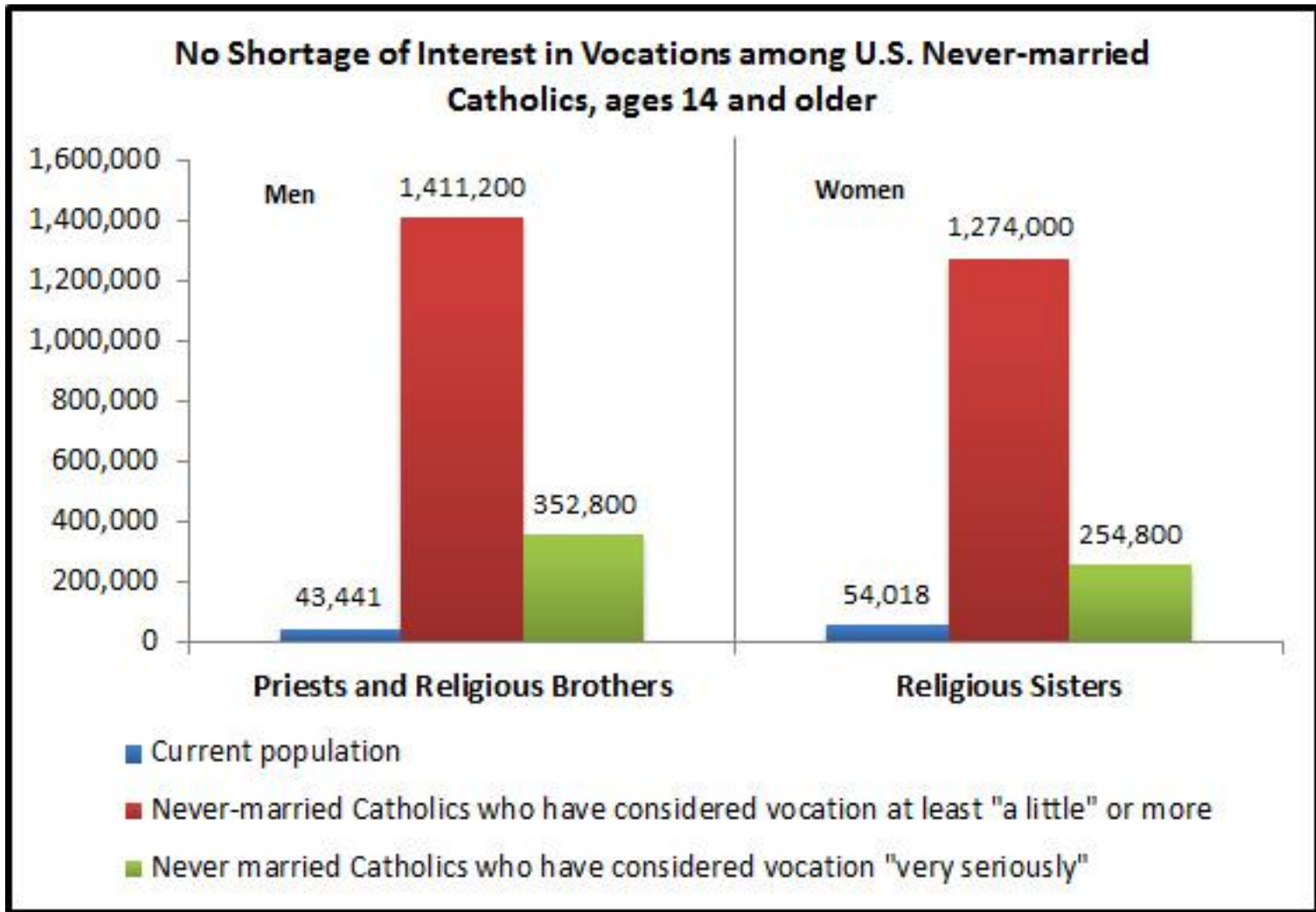
	Pre- Vatican II	Vatican II	Post- Vatican II
Born in the United States	91%	93%	70%
Born in Europe or Canada	7	2	9
Other international	2	5	21

Source: *Same Call, Different Men: The Evolution of the Priesthood since Vatican II*, 2012.

Collaboration in Pastoral Ministry

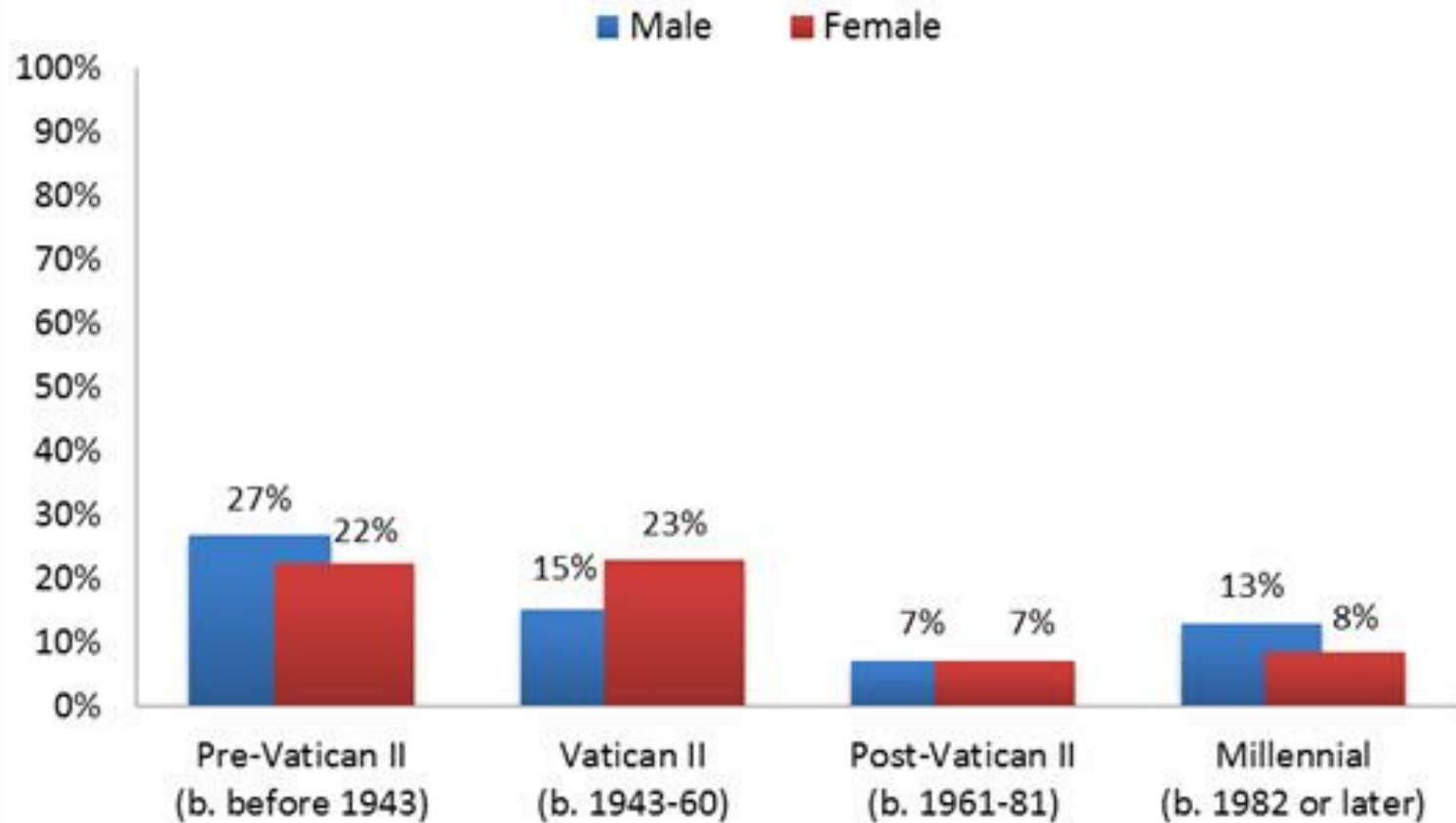


Source: *Perspectives from Parish Leaders: U.S. Parish Life and Ministry*, 2012.



Source: *Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics, 2012.*

Never-married Catholics age 14 and older who have considered a religious vocation at least "a little" seriously (females as a religious sister and males as clergy/religious brother)



Source: *Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics, 2012.*

Most Important Factors Influencing Consideration

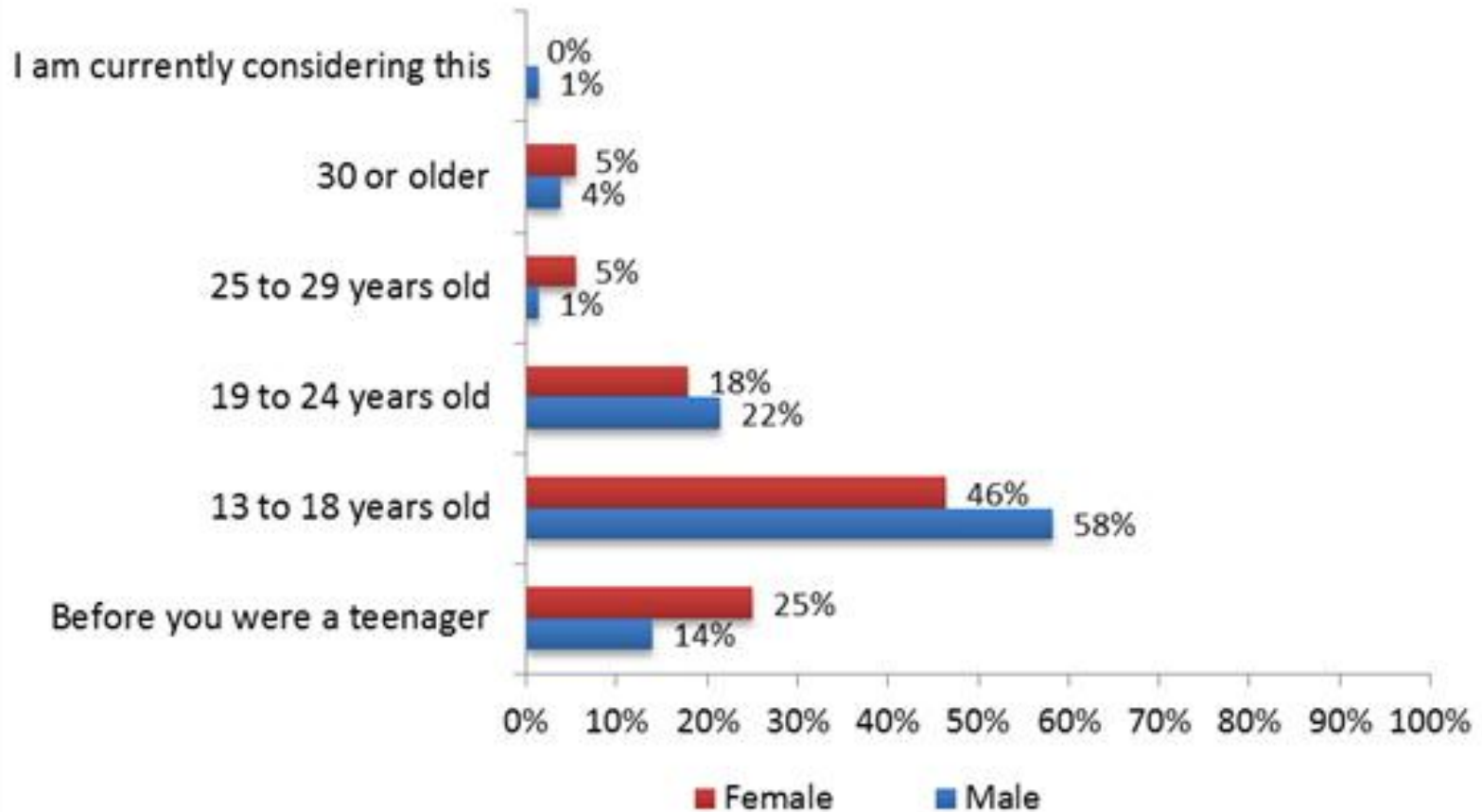
Men

- Active in parish youth group in elementary school
- Attended a Catholic high school
- Was encouraged to consider
- Knows clergy or religious
- Attended World Youth Day or National Catholic Youth Conference

Women

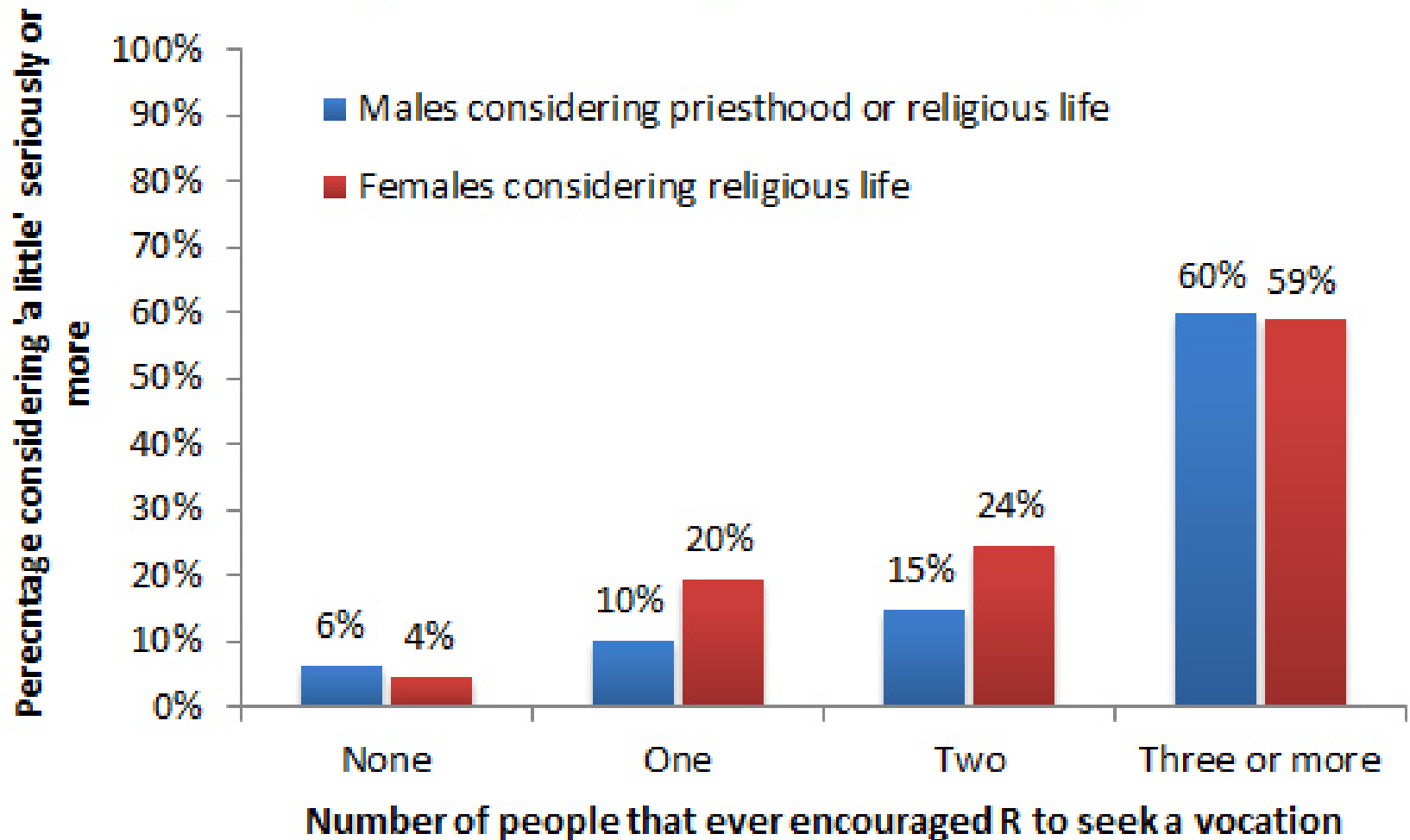
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When in your life did you first consider a religious vocation?
Never-married Catholic adults who have considered a vocation



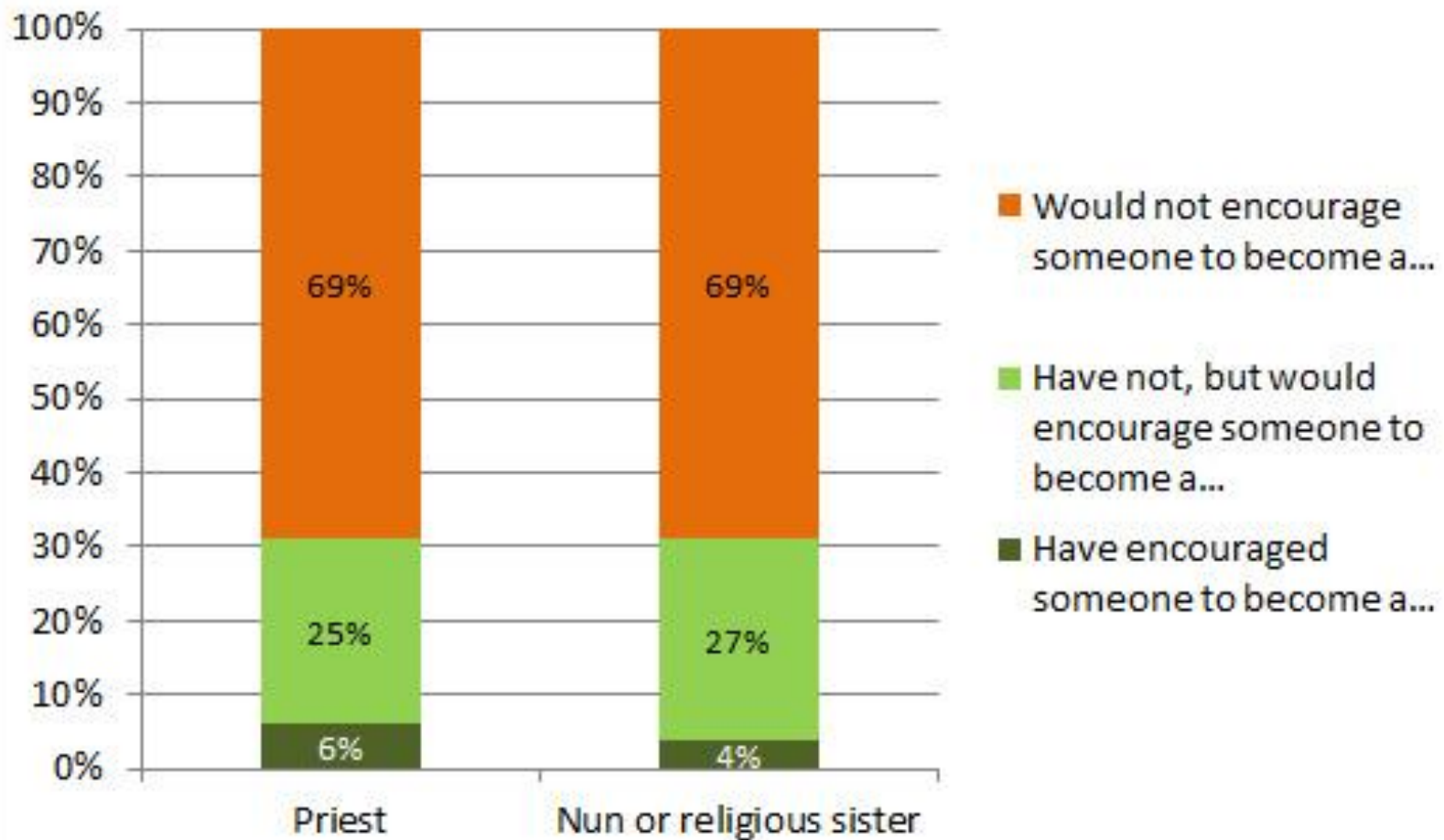
Source: *Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics, 2012.*

Consideration of a vocation among never-married U.S. Catholics ages 14 and older by number encouraging them



Source: *Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics, 2012.*

U.S. Adult Catholics' Willingness to Encourage Vocations



Source: *Sacraments Today: Belief and Practice among U.S. Catholics, 2008.*

Please evaluate these aspects of parish life: Promoting important Church teachings/causes (e.g., protecting life, helping the needy)



Source: CARA/Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership

***Please evaluate these aspects of parish life:
Spreading the Gospel and evangelizing***



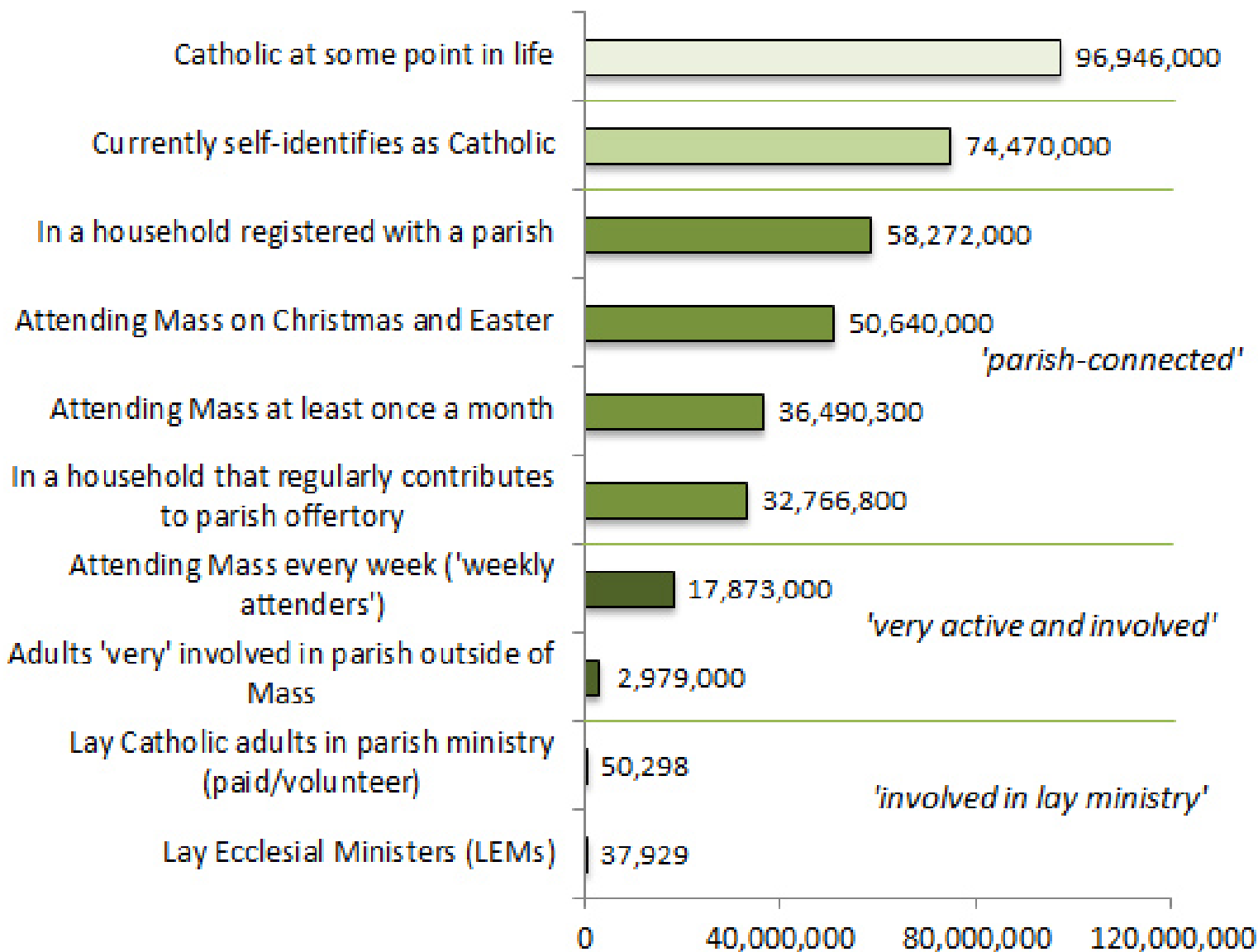
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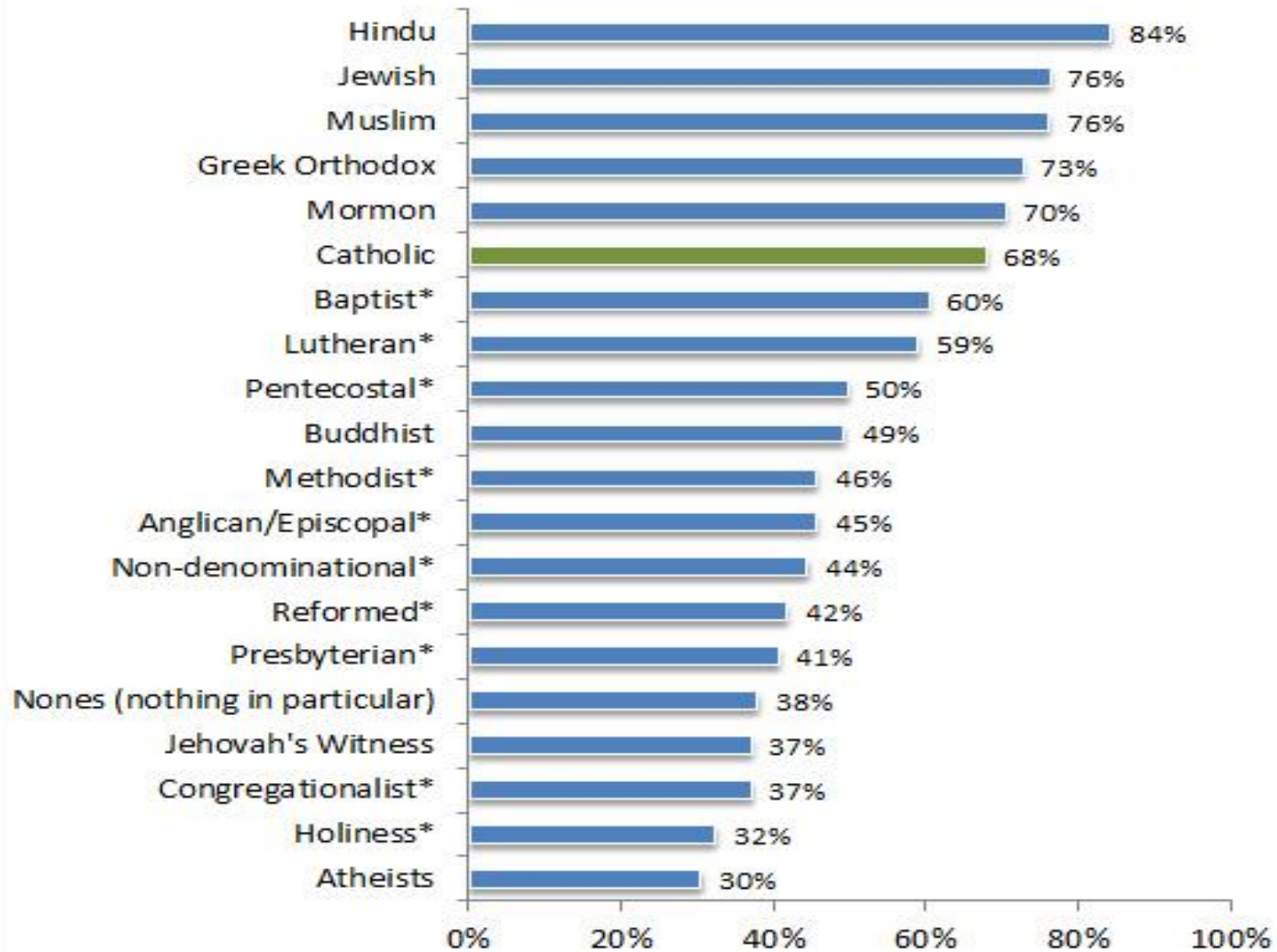
SACRAMENTAL PRACTICE & CATHOLICS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE FAITH

U.S. Catholic Populations and Parish Life, 2010

Generally, each group is a subset of those above it



U.S. Religious Retention Rates: Percentage of those raised in a faith who remain affiliated with that faith as an adult



* are Protestant denominations. Source: Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life (2008), U.S. Religious Landscape Survey, weighted data, including all respondents in continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii.

<i>Catholic population 2007 (25% of U.S.)</i>	<i>74,849,500</i>
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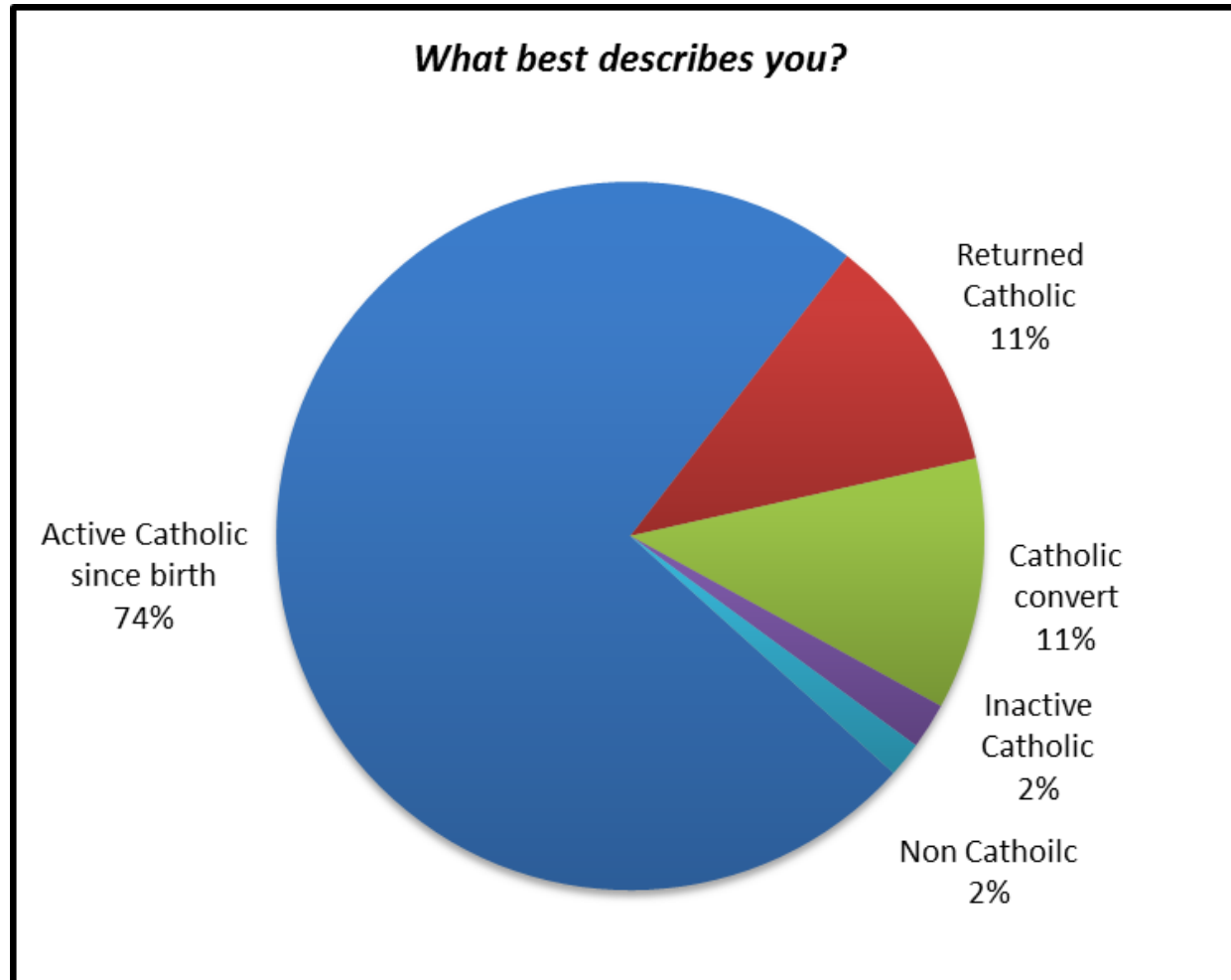
Infant Baptisms	878,922
Adult Baptisms	42,898
Received into Full Communion	78,298
Catholic immigrants (unauthorized)	216,200
Catholic immigrants (authorized)	198,429
<i>Unaccounted (coming home?)</i>	<i>316,979</i>
Additions	1,731,726

Total Deaths	605,928
Leaving estimate	570,009
Losses	1,175,937

<i>Catholic population 2008 (25% of U.S.)</i>	<i>75,405,289</i>
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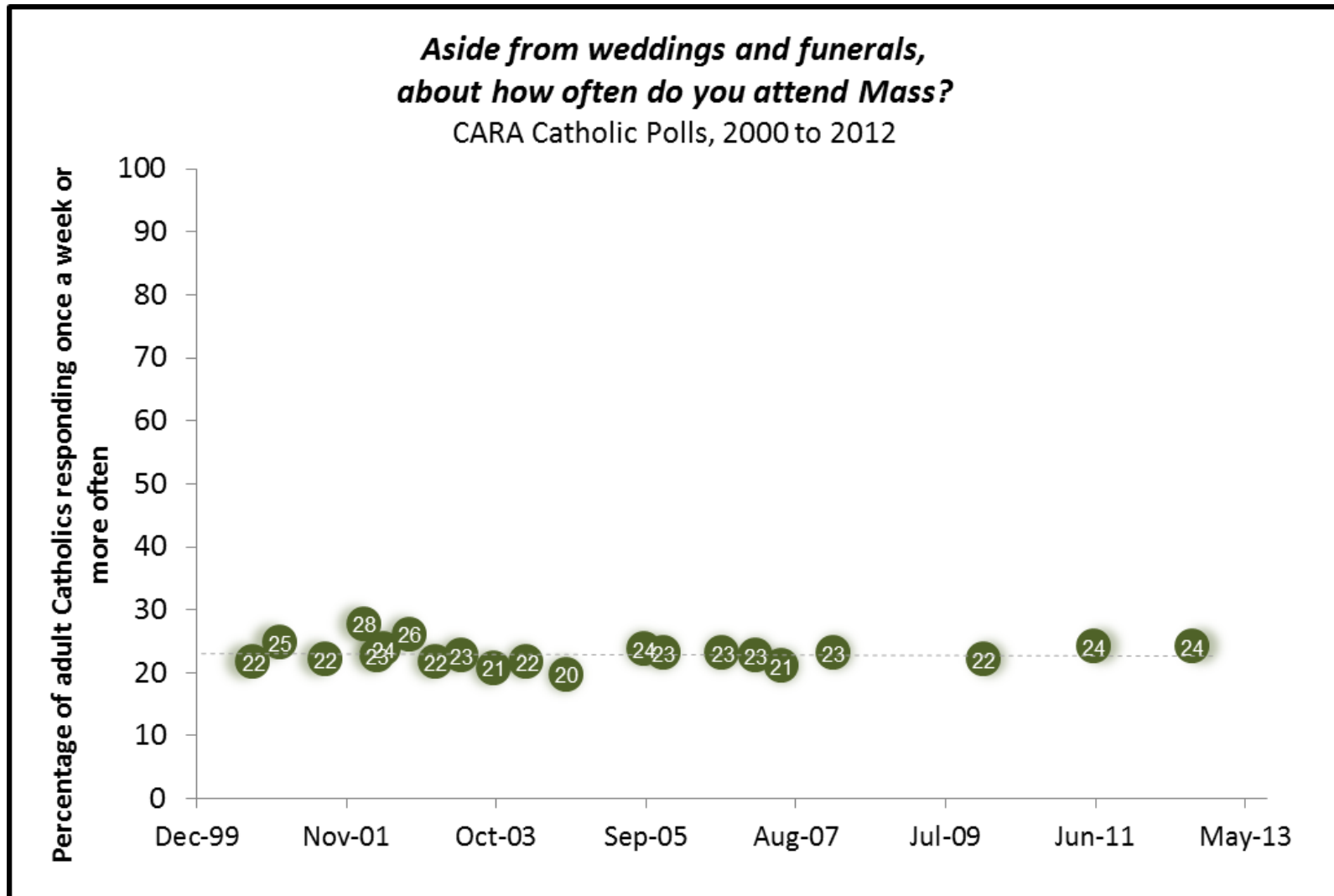
<i>Growth 2007 to 2008:</i>	<i>555,789</i>
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Catholics in the Pews

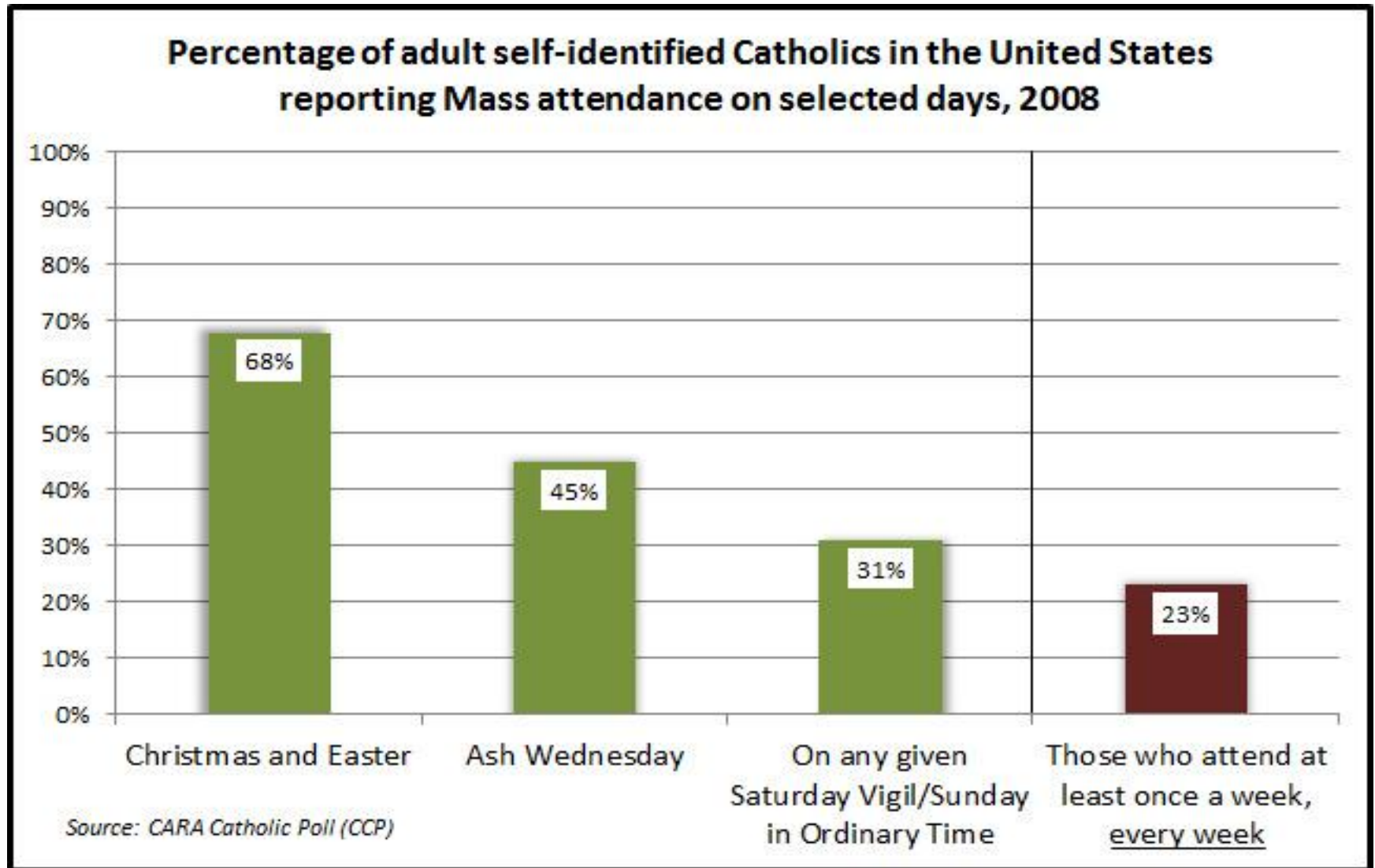


Source: CARA/Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership in-pew surveys

Mass Attendance Low, but Stable

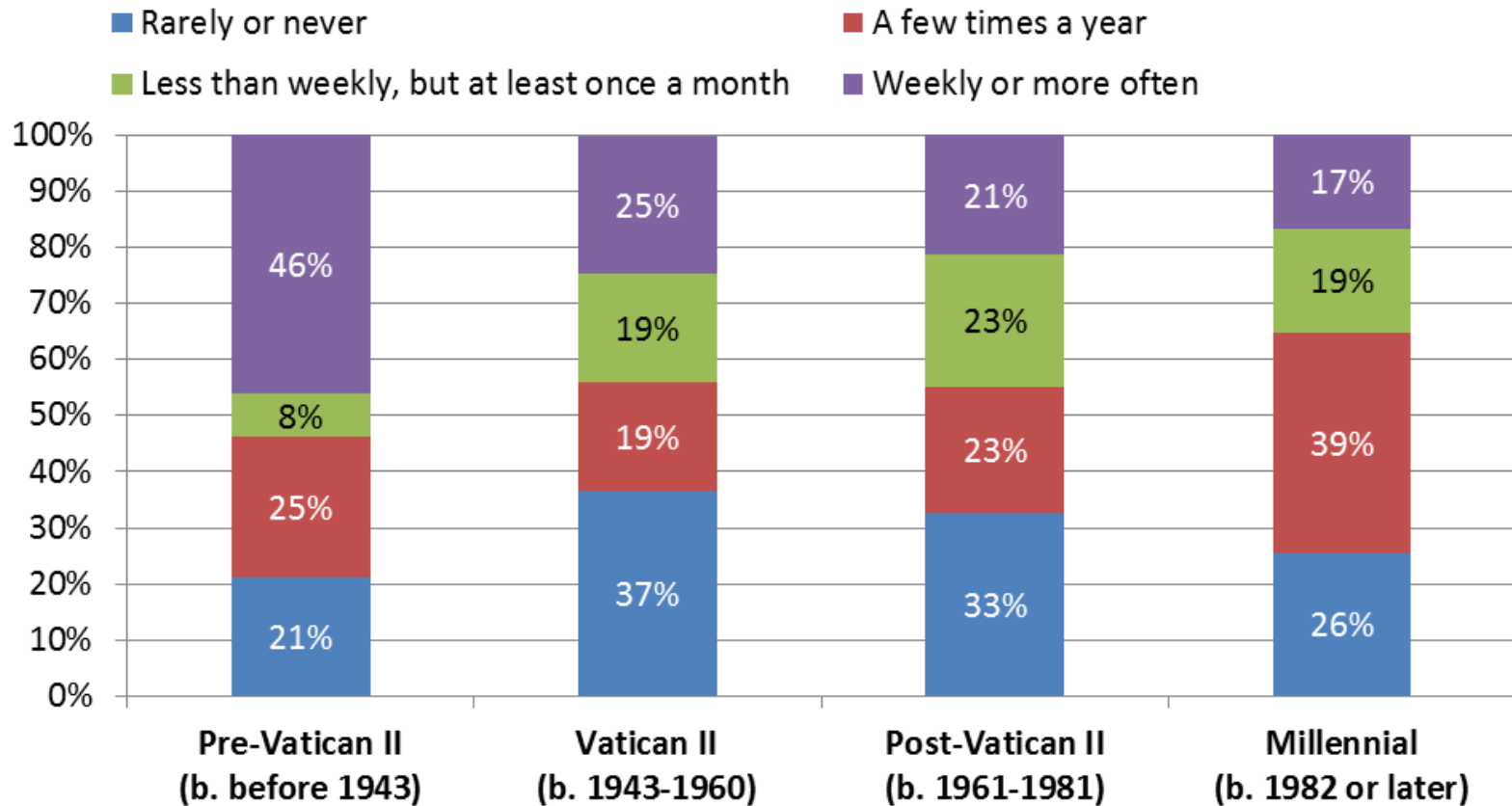


Mass Attendance and the Church Calendar



Weekly Mass Attendance

Aside from weddings and funerals, about how often do you attend Mass?

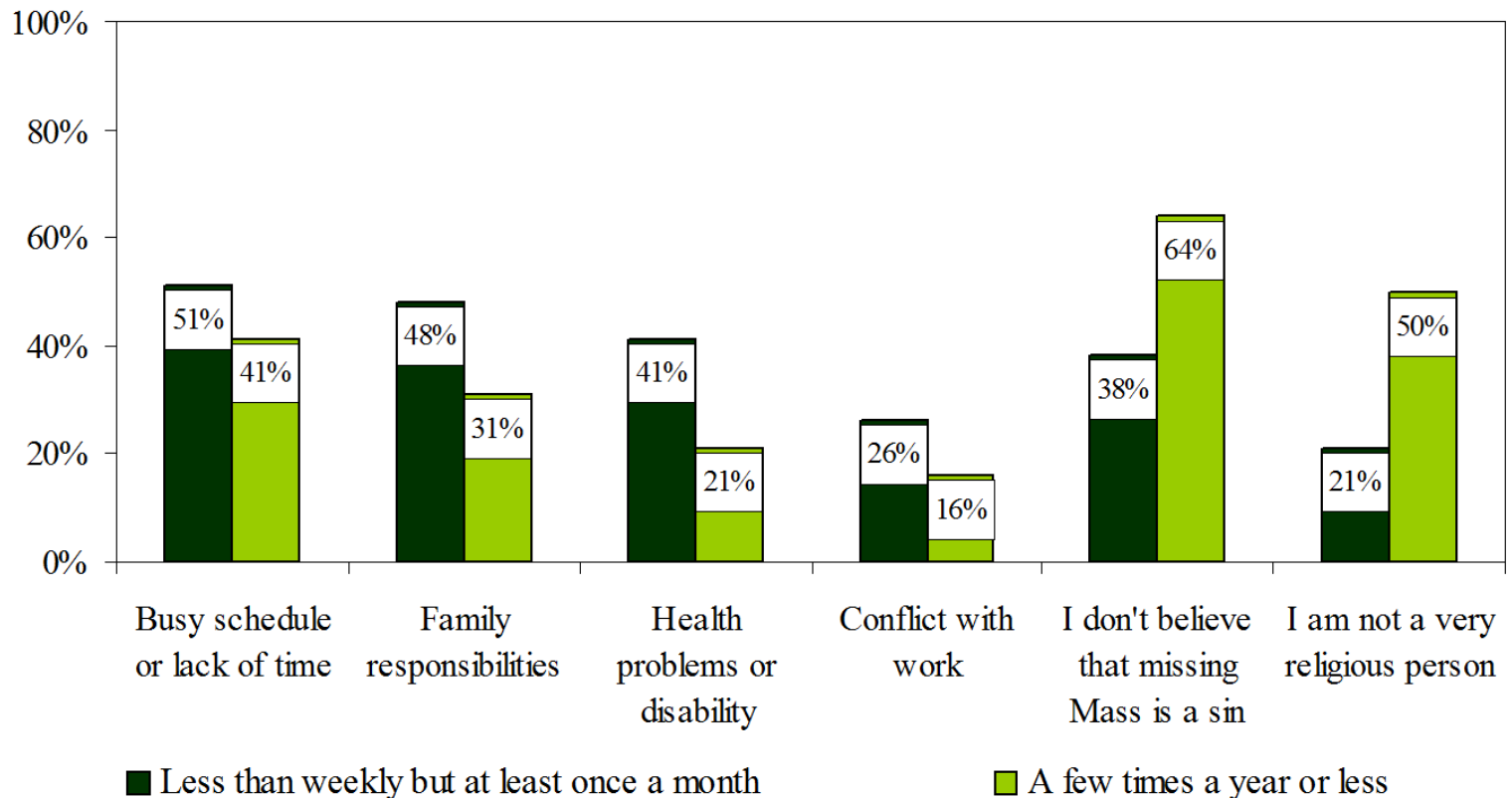


Source: CARA Catholic Poll (CCP), 2012

Reasons for Missing Mass

If you missed Sunday Mass at least once in the last six months, how well do each of the following explain, if at all, why you missed Mass?

Percentage responding at least "Somewhat" by Mass attendance



Source: *Sacraments Today: Belief and Practice among U.S. Catholics, 2008.*

Self-reported Meaningfulness of the Catholic Sacraments

How meaningful for you are each of the Catholic sacraments listed below?
 This includes celebrating, receiving, or living the sacrament yourself
 or in witnessing someone else close to you experience this sacrament.
 Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Very” meaningful

By Mass Attendance

	Weekly or more	Less than weekly but at least once a month	A few times a year or less
Baptism	99%	96%	80%
Eucharist/Holy Communion	98	97	73
Marriage	97	97	83
Confirmation	97	96	72
Anointing of the Sick	97	88	66
Holy Orders/Ordination	93	84	57
Reconciliation/Confession	90	80	51

Disentangling Knowledge and Belief

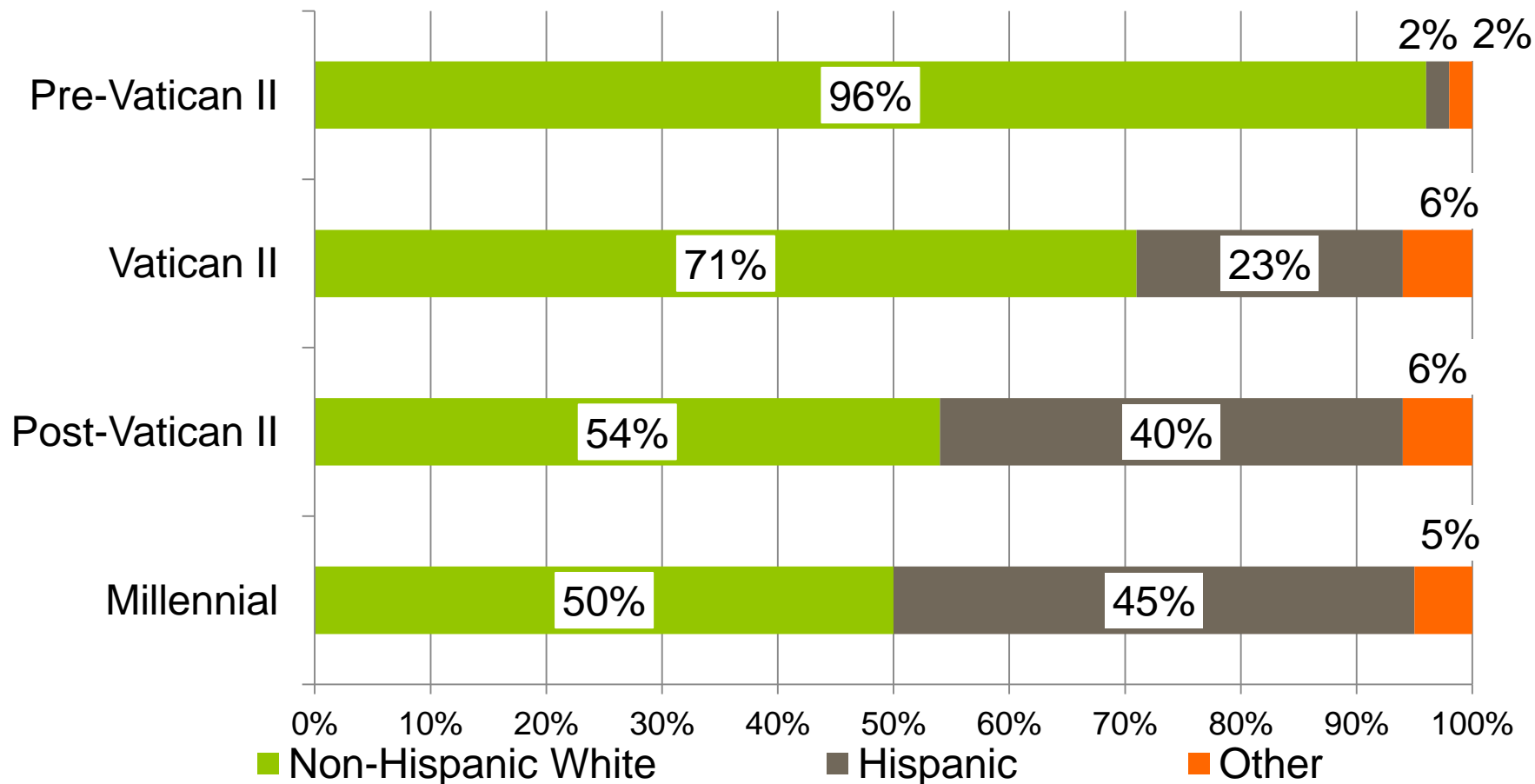
		Knowledge: Which of the following statements best describes the Catholic teaching about the bread and wine used for Communion?	
		1) The bread and wine really become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (50%)	2) The bread and wine are only symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (50%)
Belief: Do you believe that at the Consecration during a Catholic Mass, the bread and wine really become the body and blood of Jesus Christ?	1) Yes, does happen (63%)	I. Knowledgeable Believers: (46%) Among those that know, 91% believe	II. Unknowing Believers: (17%) Among those that do not know, 33% believe
	2) No, does not happen (37%)	III. Knowledgeable Doubters: (4%) Among those that know, 9% do not believe	IV: Unknowing Unbelievers: (33%) Among those that do not know, 65% do not believe



YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Increased Diversity across Generations

2011



Source: *American Catholic Laity Survey, 2011*

Catholic Practice among Millennials

	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
Registered in a Parish (yes)	39%	68%
Pray at least daily	39	45
Attend Mass weekly	26	21
Married	31	26
<i>Married to a Catholic</i>	76	69
<i>Married in the Church</i>	44	52
Living with a partner	27	12
Single, never married	39	62

Source: American Catholic Laity Survey, 2011

Millennials' Reasons for Attending or Not Attending Mass More Often

		Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
REASONS FOR ATTENDING			
	Experiencing Liturgy	59%	93%
	Feel need for Eucharist	70	85
	Enjoy being with others at Mass	54	74
	It is a habit	54	40
	Church requires it	37	31
REASONS FOR NOT GOING			
	Just not a religious person	34%	42%
	Family responsibilities	64	39
	Health reasons	47	19
	It is not a mortal sin	20	33

Source: *American Catholic Laity Survey, 2011*

Catholic Identity of Millennials: Percentages in agreement with each statement

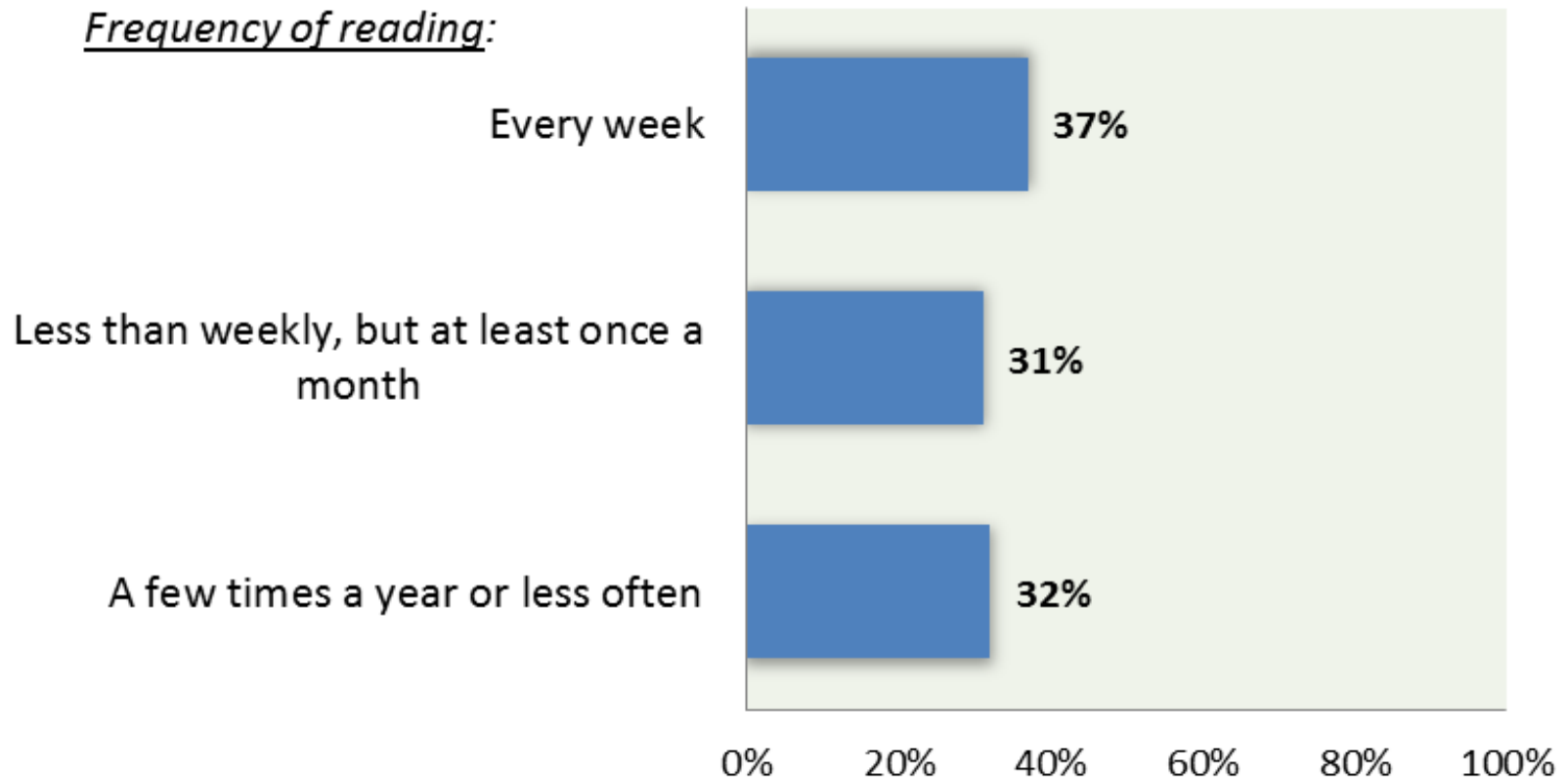
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
Being Catholic is an important part of who I am	86%	68%
Sacraments of the Church are essential to my relationship with God	86	67
Catholicism contains a greater share of truth than do other religions	83	50
Important to me that younger generations of my family grow up Catholic	83	71
I cannot imagine being anything but Catholic	77	62
How a person lives is more important than whether he or she is Catholic	77	89



CATHOLICS AND MEDIA

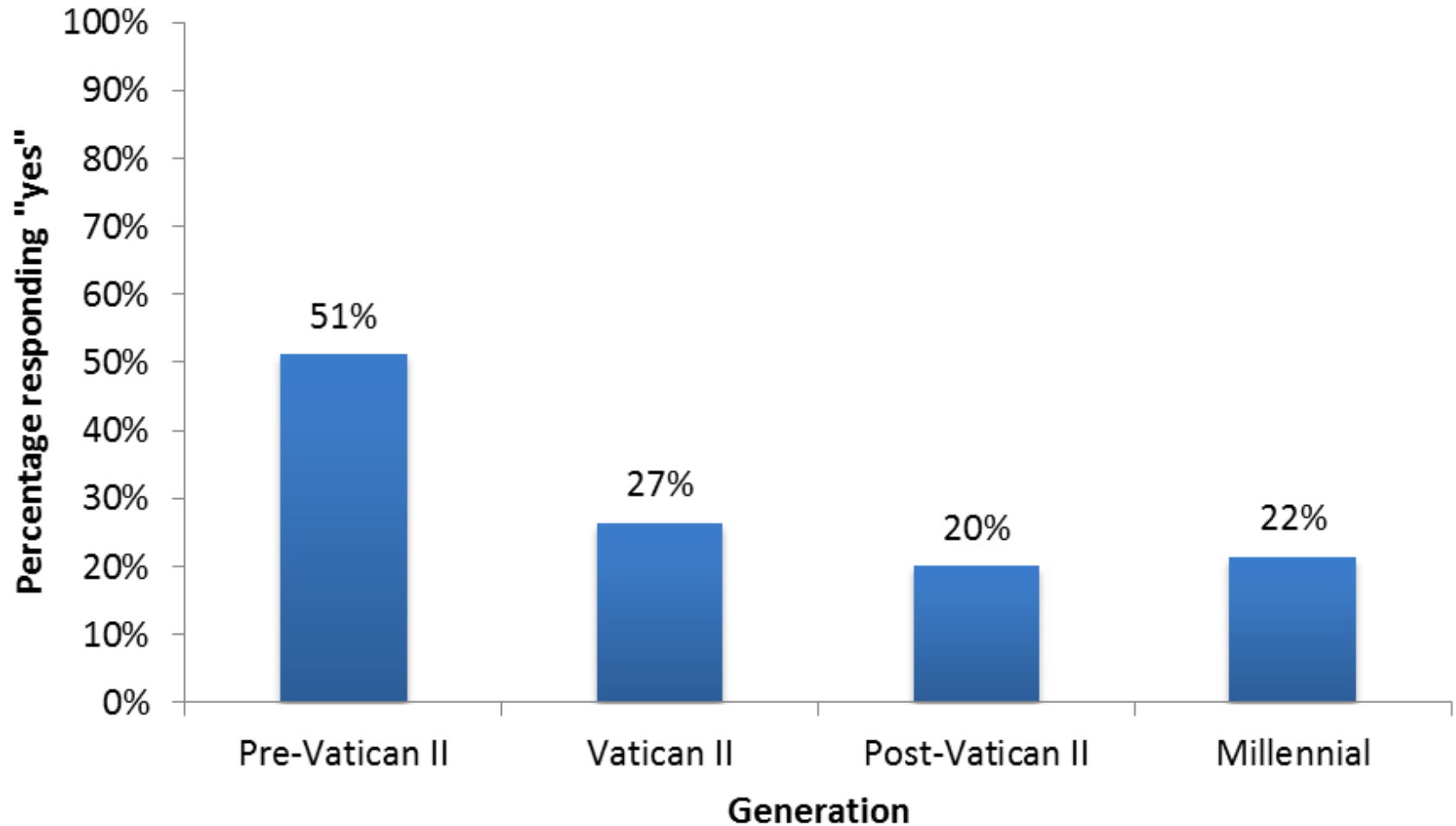
How often do you read the weekly bulletin from your parish? U.S. Mass attending Catholics responding as such:

Frequency of reading:



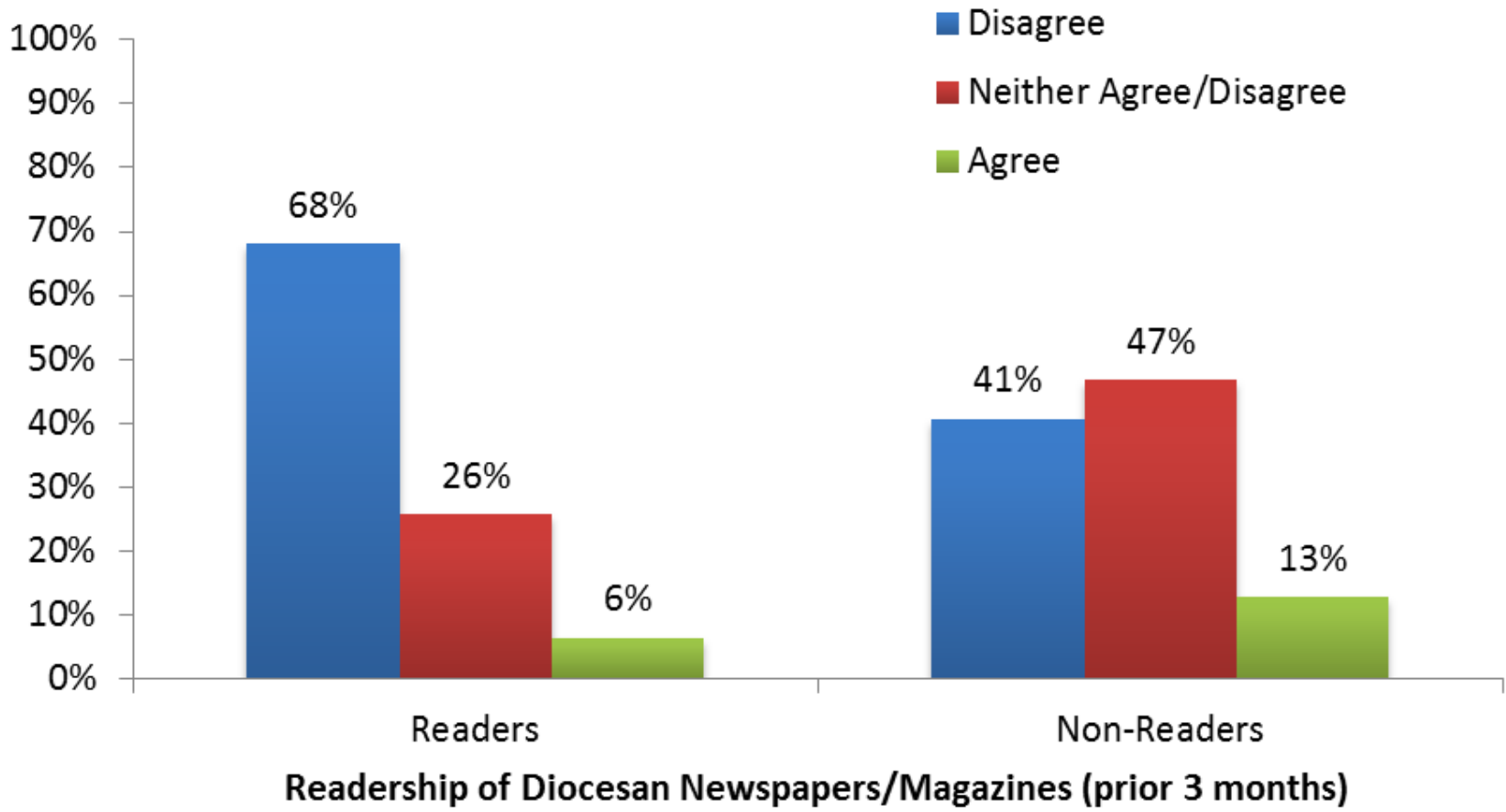
Source: *Catholic Media Use in U.S., 2011*

In the last three months have you read a print copy of your diocesan newspaper or magazine (i.e., on paper rather than online)?



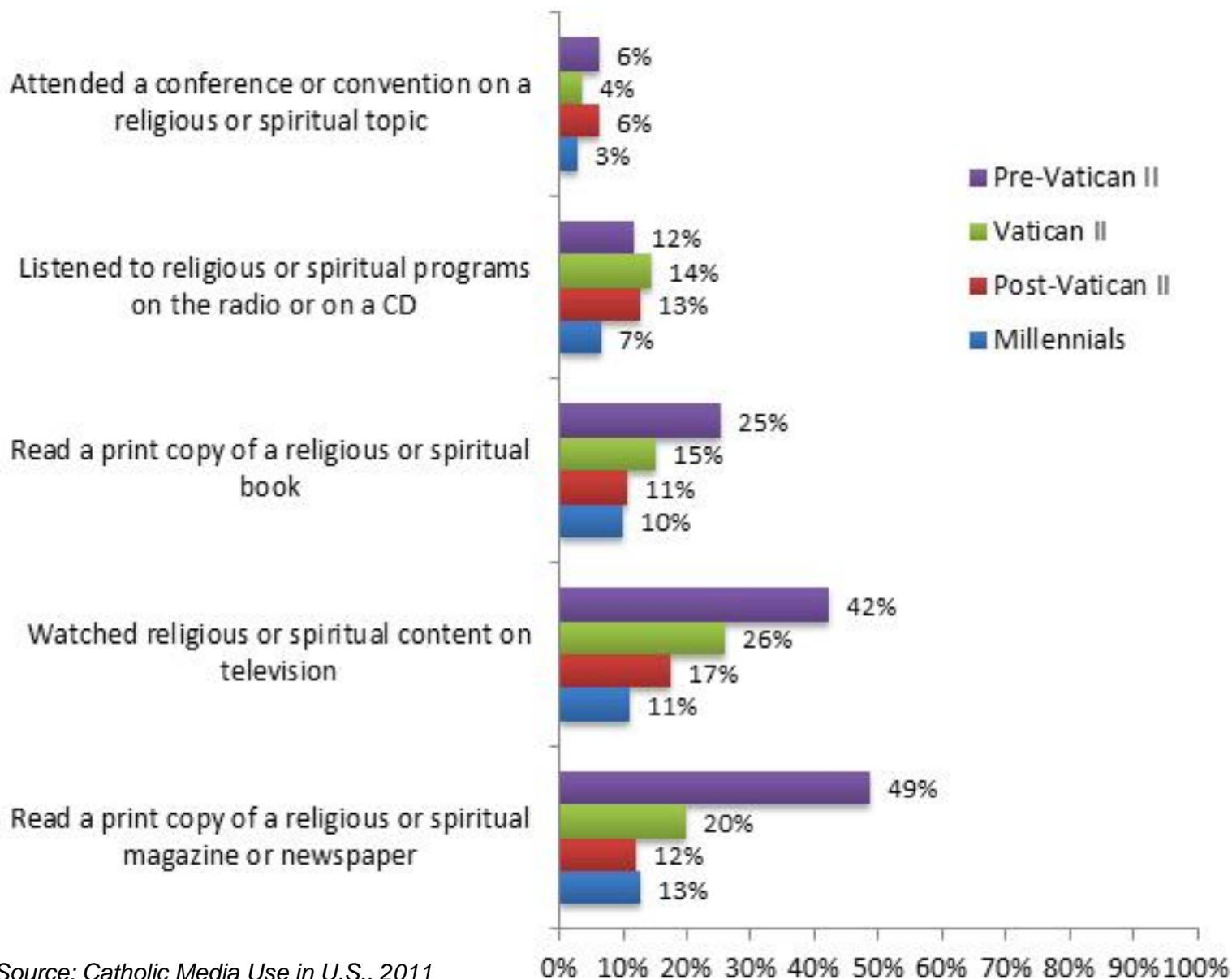
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I would prefer to get my diocesan news online rather than in a print publication



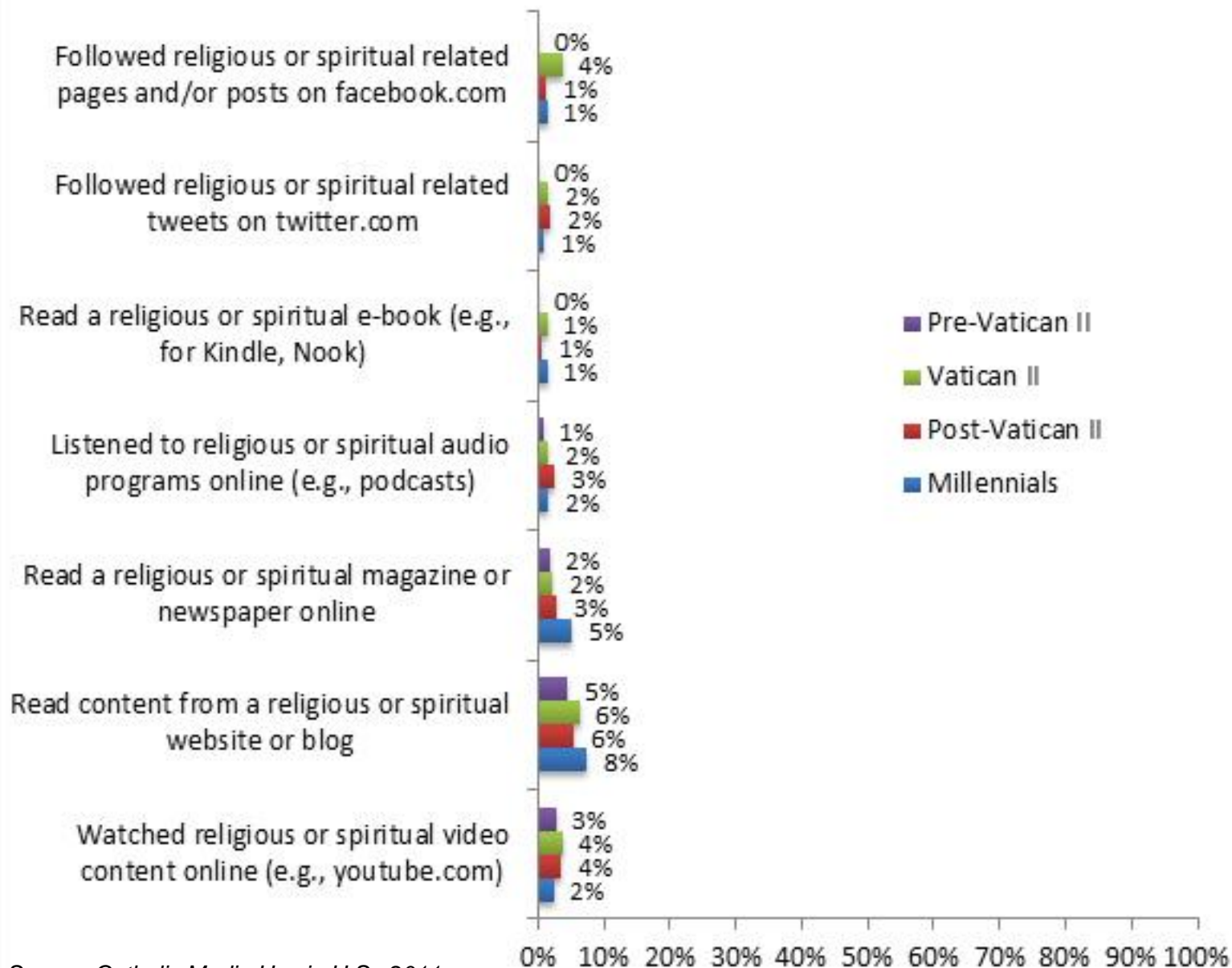
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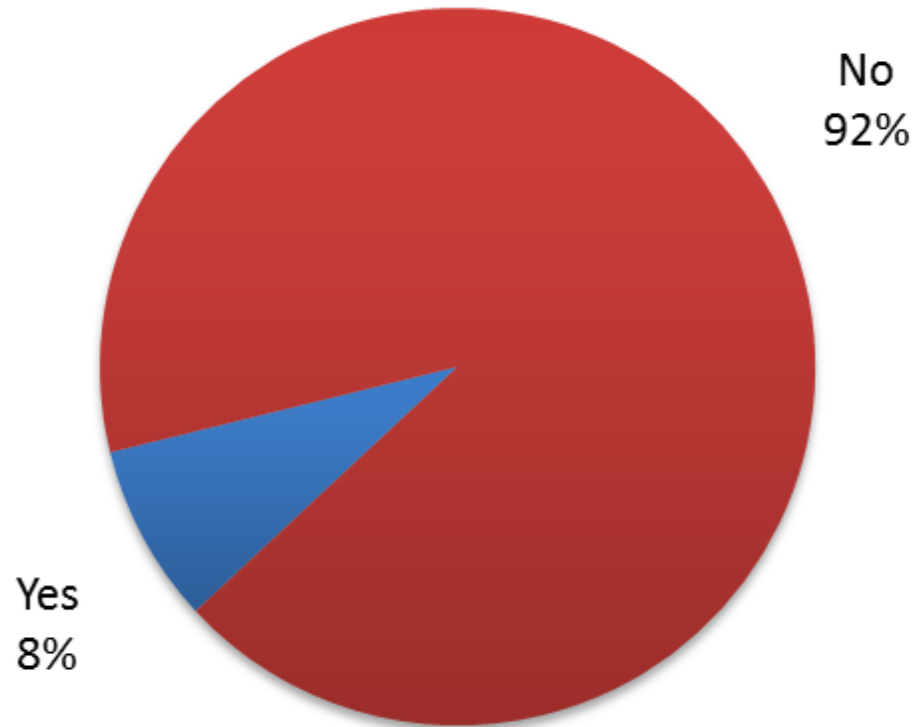
Have you visited any of the sites listed below online in the last three months?

Percentage responding “Yes”

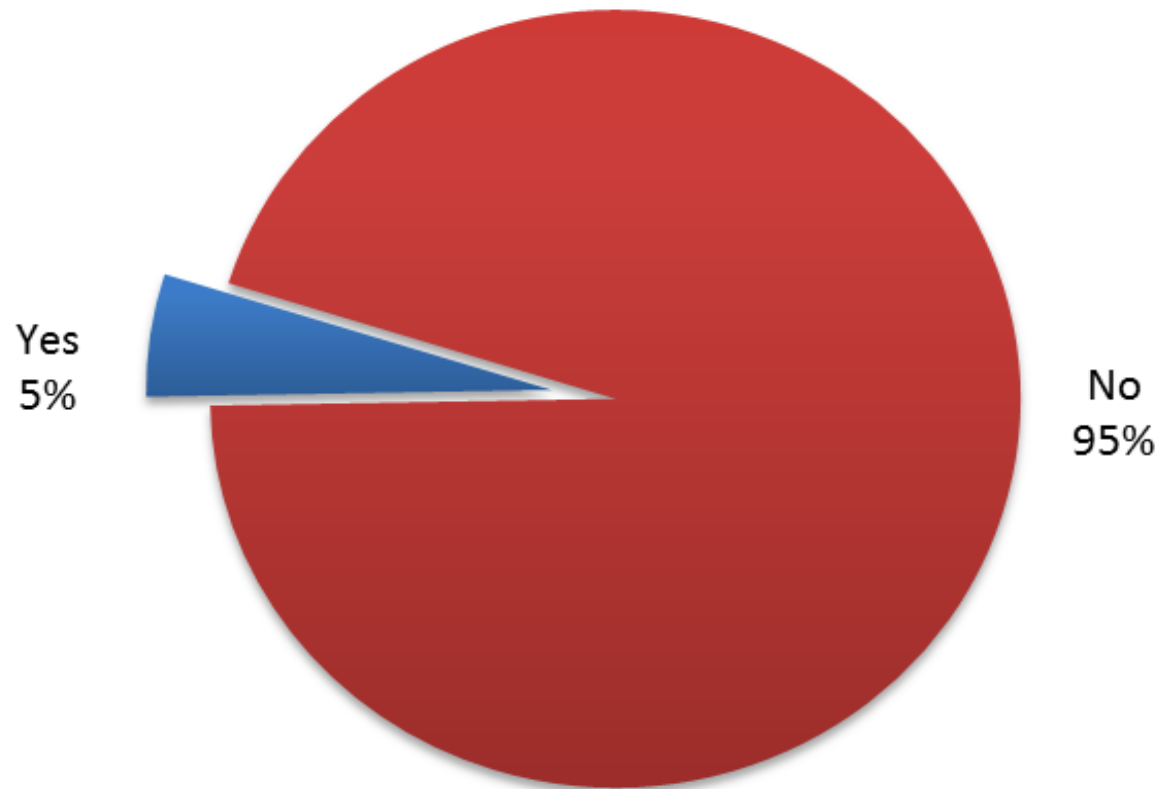
	<i>2011</i>	<i>2005</i>
A website of a Catholic parish	14%	5%
A website of a Catholic school	6	3
A website of a Catholic diocese	5	3
The Vatican website	3	2
A website of a Catholic charity or social service agency	2	2
The website for the U.S. Bishops Conference (usccb.org)	2	1
None of these	81	--

Source: *Catholic Media Use in U.S., 2011*

Do you use any applications (i.e., apps) related to the Catholic Church or Catholicism on your cellphone or other mobile, e-reading, or gaming devices? [Among respondents who regularly use these devices]



Do you read or follow any blogs on the Catholic Church, faith, or spirituality?



Source: Catholic New Media Use in U.S., 2012

Website: CARA.Georgetown.edu

Facebook: [CARA Parish Surveys](#)

Twitter: [@CARACatholic](#)
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