

National Survey

Universe: Catholic Adults Fielded: September 3-12, 2022 Sample Size: 800 Margin of Error: +/- 3.4%

1. IN WHICH LANGUAGE WOULD YOU PREFER TO TAKE THIS SURVEY?

Total	800
ENGLISH	89.6
SPANISH	10.4

2. DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE CATHOLIC?

Total	800
YES	100.0

3. WHAT IS YOUR AGE? ARE YOU BETWEEN...

Total	800
18-29	16.0
30-40	17.2
41-55	20.2
56-65	20.1
OVER 65	26.4
Mean	50.16

4. GENDER:

Total	800
MALE	46.0
FEMALE	54.0

5. STATE - REGION:

Total	800
NEW ENGLAND	7.0
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	18.0
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	14.0
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	6.0
SOUTH ATLANTIC	14.0
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	3.0
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	12.0
MOUNTAIN	7.0
PACIFIC	19.0

STATE - AREA:

Total	800
NORTHEAST	25.0
MIDWEST	20.0
SOUTH	29.0
WEST	26.0

6. ARE YOU FROM A HISPANIC, OR SPANISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND?

Total	800
YES	35.4
NO	64.6

7. IN YOUR HOME, DO YOU ...?

TotalAnswering	283
BILINGUAL	86.7
Speak Spanish	39.0
Always	12.9
Mostly	26.1
English/Spanish Equal	47.7
SPEAK ENGLISH	13.3
Mostly	11.0
Always	2.2
Net Diff.	73.4

8. WHAT IS YOUR RACE?

Total	800
WHITE	56.9
NON-WHITE	43.1
Hispanic/Latino	35.4
African-American/Black	4.1
Asian-American	3.0
Other	0.6

9. WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN YOUR LIFE, HOW IMPORTANT WOULD YOU SAY YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH IS TO YOUR PERSONALLY?

Total	800
IMPORTANT	88.3
Very	48.5
Somewhat	39.8
NOT IMPORTANT	11.7
Somewhat	9.1
Not at All	2.6
Net Diff.	76.6
Mean	3.34

10. HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND MASS?

Total	800
REGULARLY	38.0
Daily, Almost Everyday	4.6
More than Once a Week	8.9
Once a Week	24.5
SOMETIMES	13.3
Several Times a Month	8.8
Once a Month	4.5
RARELY/NEVER	48.7
Several Times a Year	14.9
Rarely	23.1
Never	10.6

11. WHILE OBVIOUSLY THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS TO PROMOTE THE WORD OF GOD AND JESUS CHRIST, WHICH DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE THE NEXT MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITIES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

1. PROMOTING FAMILY VALUES AND MORALITY

- 2. TRAINING MORE PRIESTS, NUNS, AND DEACONS
- 3. FIGHTING FOR THE UNBORN AND PROMOTING ADOPTION SERVICES
- 4. DEALING WITH POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS
- **5. PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**
- 6. BUILDING MORE CHURCHES
- 7. STANDING UP FOR CATHOLIC VALUES
- 8. PROVIDING QUALITY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS
- 9. DEALING WITH CLIMATE CHANGE
- **10. STOPPING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
- **11. PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES**
- **12. FIGHTING BIAS AGAINST CATHOLICS**
- **13. PROMOTING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND FREEDOM**

Total	800
PROMOTE FAMILY VALUES	46.8
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	34.3
CATHOLIC VALUES	28.9
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY	24.4
CATHOLIC EDUCATION	16.2
UNBORN/ADOPTION SERVICES	15.9
STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING	13.6
HEALTHCARE SERVICES	12.8
SERVICES TO IMMIGRANTS	11.4
TRAINING PRIESTS/NUNS	10.1
DEAL WITH CLIMATE CHANGE	8.0
BIAS AGAINST CATHOLICS	6.7
BUILD MORE CHURCHES	3.1

12. THINKING OF POPE FRANCIS, DO YOU THINK POPE FRANCIS HAS MADE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BETTER, WORSE, OR DO YOU THINK THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS REMAINED THE SAME?

Total	800
BETTER	42.9
WORSE	10.0
REMAINED THE SAME	38.8
DON'T KNOW	8.3
Net Diff.	33.0

13. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

JOE BIDEN IS A DEVOUT CATHOLIC.

Total	800
AGREE	40.2
Strongly	19.4
Somewhat	20.7
DISAGREE	32.2
Somewhat	12.9
Strongly	19.3
DON'T KNOW	27.7
Net Diff.	8.0
Mean	2.56

14. AGREE/DISAGREE: NANCY PELOSI IS A DEVOUT CATHOLIC.

Total	800
AGREE	29.2
Strongly	11.4
Somewhat	17.7
DISAGREE	32.4
Somewhat	11.3
Strongly	21.1
DON'T KNOW	38.4
Net Diff.	-3.3
Mean	2.32

15. AGREE/DISAGREE: GENERALLY SPEAKING THE NEWS MEDIA IS BIASED AGAINST THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND PEOPLE OF FAITH.

Total	800
AGREE	56.9
Strongly	23.5
Somewhat	33.5
DISAGREE	31.3
Somewhat	20.8
Strongly	10.4
DON'T KNOW	11.8
Net Diff.	25.7
Mean	2.79

16. AGREE/DISAGREE: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS AN IMPORTANT VOICE OF MORALITY IN AMERICA.

Total	800
AGREE	75.4
Strongly	30.3
Somewhat	45.1
DISAGREE	17.8
Somewhat	12.4
Strongly	5.4
DON'T KNOW	6.9
Net Diff.	57.6
Mean	3.08

17. AGREE/DISAGREE: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SPEAK OUT MORE ON MORAL ISSUES IN AMERICA.

Total	800
AGREE	74.1
Strongly	33.5
Somewhat	40.6
DISAGREE	18.6
Somewhat	13.5
Strongly	5.1
DON'T KNOW	7.3
Net Diff.	55.5
Mean	3.11

18. AGREE/DISAGREE: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SHOULD CONTINUE TO TEACH THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO SEXES, MALE AND FEMALE, AND SHOULD NOT CHANGE ITS TEACHING.

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Total	800
AGREE	59.3
Strongly	36.5
Somewhat	22.7
DISAGREE	32.2
Somewhat	19.2
Strongly	13.0
DON'T KNOW	8.5
Net Diff.	27.1
Mean	2.90

19. AGREE/DISAGREE: THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT FORCE CATHOLIC DOCTORS AND CATHOLIC HOSPITALS TO PERFORM ABORTIONS OR SEX-TRANSITION SERVICES AGAINST THEIR WILL.

Total	800
AGREE	71.6
Strongly	46.3
Somewhat	25.4
DISAGREE	18.5
Somewhat	11.4
Strongly	7.1
DON'T KNOW	9.9
Net Diff.	53.1
Mean	3.23

20. AGREE/DISAGREE: WHILE IT IS MORALLY WRONG FOR SMALL BUSINESSMEN TO REFUSE SERVICES TO GAYS, THEY HAVE A RELIGIOUS RIGHT NOT TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT FORCE THEM TO APPROVE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGES.

Total	800
AGREE	47.2
Strongly	22.1
Somewhat	25.1
DISAGREE	41.7
Somewhat	21.0
Strongly	20.7
DON'T KNOW	11.1
Net Diff.	5.5
Mean	2.55

21. AGREE/DISAGREE: WHILE THE SEXUAL ABUSE SCANDAL IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS HORRIBLE, THE CHURCH HAS LEARNED FROM ITS MISTAKES AND IS NOW DOING EVERYTHING IT CAN TO HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE.

Total	800
AGREE	59.4
Strongly	22.2
Somewhat	37.2
DISAGREE	28.8
Somewhat	18.2
Strongly	10.6
DON'T KNOW	11.8
Net Diff.	30.6
Mean	2.81

22. AGREE/DISAGREE: IT IS GETTING HARDER TO PRACTICE YOUR FAITH AND EXPRESS YOUR FAITH PUBLICLY IN AMERICA.

Total	800
AGREE	62.1
Strongly	27.7
Somewhat	34.5
DISAGREE	31.2
Somewhat	19.8
Strongly	11.4
DON'T KNOW	6.7
Net Diff.	30.9
Mean	2.84

AGREE/DISAGREE - AGREE:

Total	800
VOICE OF MORALITY	75.4
CHURCH SPEAK OUT MORE	74.1
NOT FORCE ABORTIONS	71.6
HARDER PRACTICE FAITH	62.1
SEXUAL ABUSE SCANDAL	59.4
THERE ARE ONLY TWO SEXES	59.3
MEDIA BIAS AGAINST CATH.	56.9
BUSINESS PROVIDE SERVICE	47.2
BIDEN DEVOUT CATHOLIC	40.2
PELOSI DEVOUT CATHOLIC	29.2

AGREE/DISAGREE - DISAGREE:

Total	800
BUSINESS PROVIDE SERVICE	41.7
PELOSI DEVOUT CATHOLIC	32.4
THERE ARE ONLY TWO SEXES	32.2
BIDEN DEVOUT CATHOLIC	32.2
MEDIA BIAS AGAINST CATH.	31.3
HARDER PRACTICE FAITH	31.2
SEXUAL ABUSE SCANDAL	28.8
CHURCH SPEAK OUT MORE	18.6
NOT FORCE ABORTIONS	18.5
VOICE OF MORALITY	17.8

AGREE/DISAGREE - SUMMARY MEANS:

Total	800
THERE ARE ONLY TWO SEXES	3.23
HARDER PRACTICE FAITH	3.21
VOICE OF MORALITY	3.11
MEDIA BIAS AGAINST CATH.	3.08
CHURCH SPEAK OUT MORE	2.90
SEXUAL ABUSE SCANDAL	2.84
BUSINESS PROVIDE SERVICE	2.81
PELOSI DEVOUT CATHOLIC	2.79
AMERICAN FAMILY TAXES	2.56
NOT FORCE ABORTIONS	2.55
BIDEN DEVOUT CATHOLIC	2.32

23. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WHICH COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OPINION?

1. A RELIGION SHOULD CHANGE ITS BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES TO CONFORM TO THE MODERN DAY OPINIONS OF ITS MEMBERS. OR,

2. A RELIGION SHOULD STICK TO ITS FOUNDING PRINCIPLES AND BELIEFS.

Total	800
CHANGE ITS BELIEFS	32.9
STICK TO PRINCIPLES	55.6
DON'T KNOW	11.5
Net Diff.	-22.8

24. WHY DO YOU THINK THAT WHEN A RELIGION TAILORS ITS TEACHINGS TO WHAT IS POPULAR, FOR EXAMPLE TAKING A POSITIVE VIEW OF GAY MARRIAGE, THAT THEY ARE LOSING MEMBERS FASTER THAN THOSE RELIGIONS THAT KEEP TO TRADITIONAL MORAL TEACHINGS? WOULD YOU SAY IT IS BECAUSE...?

1. THEY HAVE LOST THEIR BEARINGS, MOVING TOO FAR AWAY FROM BIBLICAL TEACHINGS.

- 2. THERE IS NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT A RELIGION THAT ADOPTS THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY.
- 3. THEY HAVEN'T GONE FAR ENOUGH IN DEPARTING FROM TRADITIONAL MORAL TEACHINGS.

4. THE CHANGES THEY MADE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE MANY YEARS AGO.

Total	800
LOST THEIR BEARINGS	30.0
NOTHING SPECIAL	18.6
GONE FAR ENOUGH	10.5
SHOULD'VE DONE YEARS AGO	24.6
DON'T KNOW	16.4

25. SINCE THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL, OR VATICAN II, 60-YEARS AGO, WOULD YOU SAY THAT THE CHURCH HAS MADE TOO MANY CHANGES AND GONE TOO FAST, TOO FEW CHANGES AND GONE TOO SLOW, OR HAS IT MADE JUST ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF CHANGES AT THE RIGHT TIME?

Total	800
TOO MANY/TOO FAST	20.3
TOO FEW/TOO SLOW	37.4
JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT	27.8
DON'T KNOW	14.5
Net Diff.	-17.2

26. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR OPINION REGARDING THE CHURCH AND ITS POSITION ON ISSUES?

1. I AGREE WITH MOST EVERY POSITION THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TAKES ON ISSUES AND THE CHURCH SHOULD REMAIN TRUE TO ITS PRINCIPLES AND NOT CHANGE ITS POSITIONS.

2. I DIFFER WITH THE CHURCH'S POSITIONS ON SOME ISSUES, BUT THE CHURCH SHOULDN'T CHANGE ITS BELIEFS OR POSITIONS, JUST BECAUSE OF PUBLIC OPINION.

3. I DIFFER WITH THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON SOME ISSUES AND THE CHURCH SHOULD MODERNIZE ITS BELIEFS BY CHANGING ITS POSITIONS TO REFLECT CURRENT PUBLIC OPINION.

4. I DISAGREE WITH MOST EVERY POSITION THE CHURCH TAKES ON ISSUES AND THE CHURCH SHOULD ABSOLUTELY CHANGE ITS POSITIONS TO REFLECT MODERN DAY BELIEFS.

Total	800
PRINCIPLES	66.1
Most Every Position	28.2
Differ Some Issues	37.9
MODERNIZE	27.4
Differ Some Issues	23.1
Most Every Position	4.3
DON'T KNOW	6.5
Net Diff.	38.6
Mean	2.96

27. IF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DID NOT CHANGE ITS POSITIONS AS MANY HAVE SUGGESTED, HOW WOULD THAT AFFECT YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH?

Total	800
MORE COMMITTED TO CHURCH	29.4
Definitely	15.6
Probably	13.8
AS COMMITTED AS BEFORE	41.4
LESS COMMITTED TO CHURCH	20.9
Probably	14.0
Definitely	6.9
DON'T KNOW	8.3
Net Diff.	8.5
Mean	3.19

28. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS REGARDING ABORTION COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR OPINION?

1. I AM PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO ABORTION AND BELIEVE IT IS WRONG FOR ANYONE TO HAVE ONE.

2. I AM PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO ABORTION, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IN A FEW INSTANCES IT IS A CHOICE BEST LEFT UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL.

3. I AM PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO ABORTION, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IN MOST INSTANCES IT IS A CHOICE BEST LEFT UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL.

4. I PERSONALLY FAVOR ABORTION AND BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT CHOOSES TO HAVE ONE.

Total	800
PRO-LIFE PERSONALLY	73.2
PRO-CHOICE PERSONALLY	22.8
PRO-LIFE LAWS	52.8
PRO-CHOICE LAWS	43.3
Wrong to Have One	17.7
Few Choice Instances	35.1
Most Choice Instances	20.5
Favor Abortion	22.8
Don't Know	4.0
Net Diff.	9.5
Mean	2.78

29. DO YOU BELIEVE THE OPINIONS OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SURVEYS BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE SAME WAY THAT THE OPINIONS OF REGULAR CHURCH GOING CATHOLICS ARE CONSIDERED?

Total	800
YES	74.6
NO	25.4
Net Diff.	49.2

30. THINKING ABOUT A POLITICAL PARTY, WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A ...?

Total	800
REPUBLICAN	27.3
DEMOCRATIC	39.0
INDEPENDENT/OTHER	33.7
Independent	28.7
Other	5.0

31. IF YOU WERE TO LABEL YOURSELF, WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE A LIBERAL, A MODERATE OR A CONSERVATIVE IN YOUR POLITICAL BELIEFS?

Total	800
LIBERAL	29.9
Very	10.9
Somewhat	19.0
MODERATE	35.7
CONSERVATIVE	34.4
Somewhat	20.6
Very	13.8
Net Diff.	4.5
Mean	3.07

32. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT MARITAL STATUS?

Total	800
SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED	29.0
MARRIED	49.9
SEPARATED/DIVORCED	14.9
Separated	1.6
Divorced	13.3
WIDOWED	6.1

33. WHAT IS THE LAST GRADE OF FORMAL EDUCATION YOU HAVE COMPLETED?

Total	800
LESS THAN COLLEGE	57.9
Less than High School	2.8
High School Graduate	20.2
Some College/Trade	22.8
Associates/2-yr Degree	12.1
COLLEGE/POST GRADUATE	42.1
Bachelors/4-yr Degree	28.3
Post Graduate Degree	13.8
Net Diff.	-15.8