

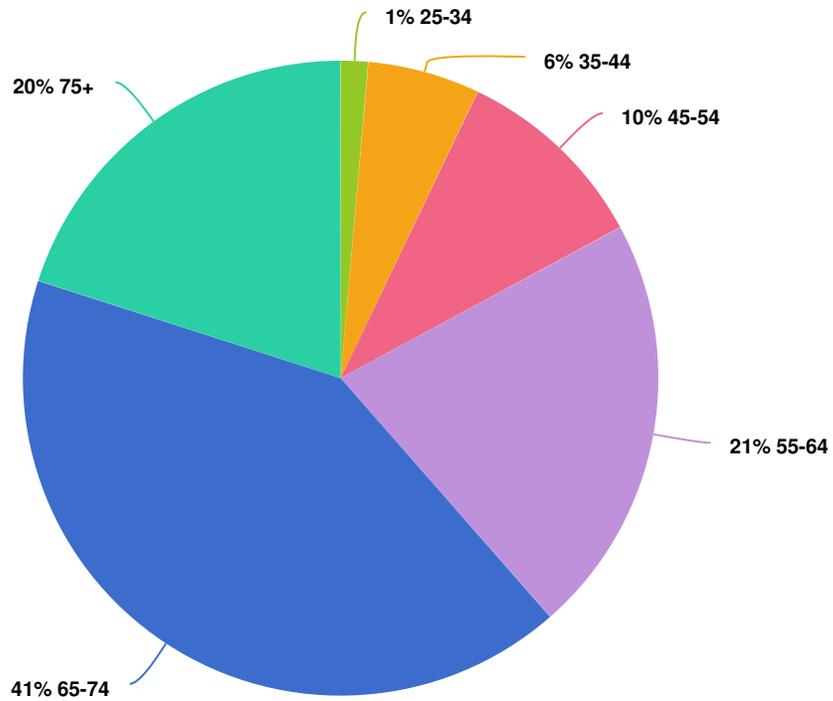
Report for Synod on Synodality

Response Counts



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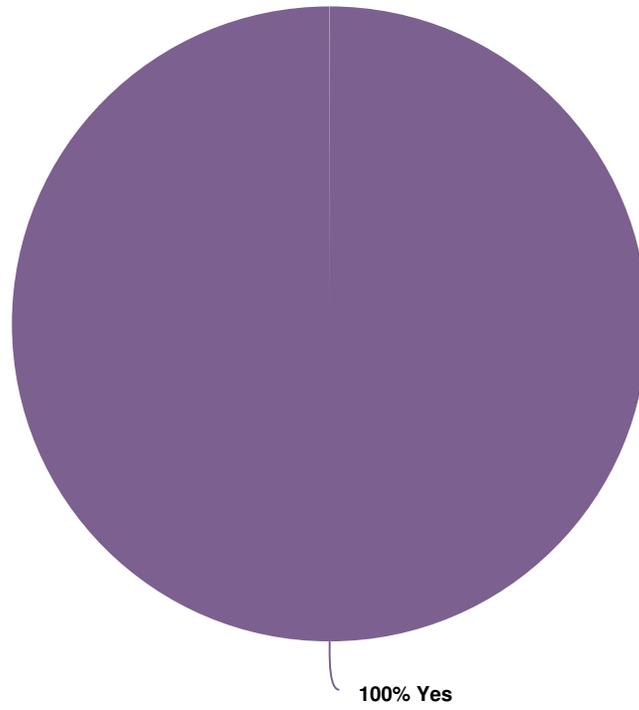
1. To which of the following age categories do you belong?



Value	Percent	Responses
25-34	1.4%	1
35-44	5.7%	4
45-54	10.0%	7
55-64	21.4%	15
65-74	41.4%	29
75+	20.0%	14

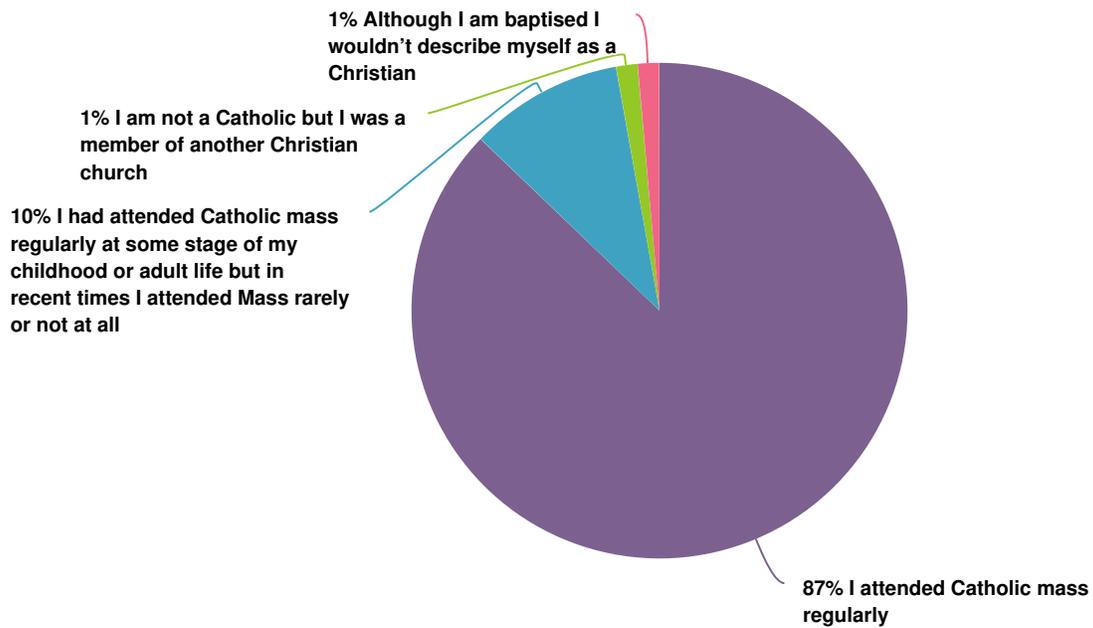
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2. Have you been baptised?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		100.0%	70
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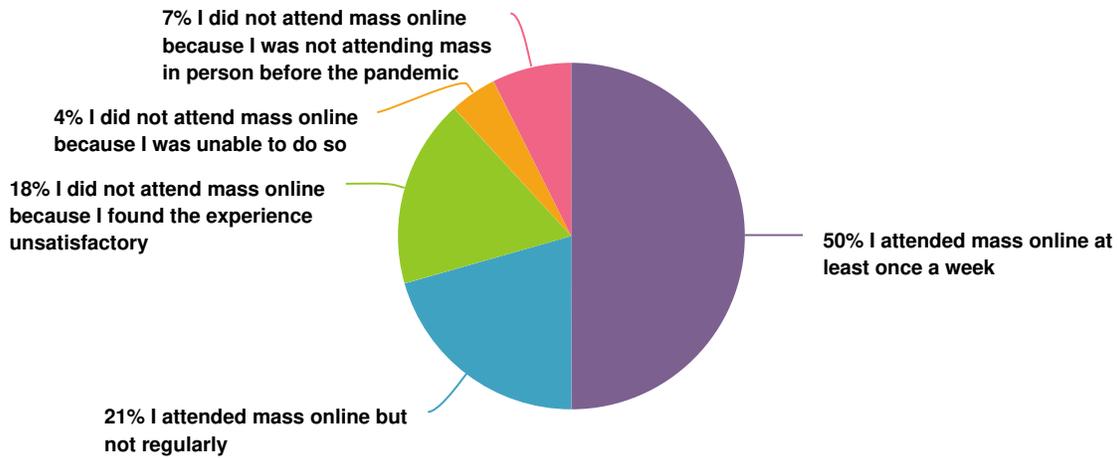
3. Which of the following statements best describes your position BEFORE the COVID pandemic?



Value	Percent	Responses
I attended Catholic mass regularly	87.1%	61
I had attended Catholic mass regularly at some stage of my childhood or adult life but in recent times I attended Mass rarely or not at all	10.0%	7
I am not a Catholic but I was a member of another Christian church	1.4%	1
Although I am baptised I wouldn't describe myself as a Christian	1.4%	1

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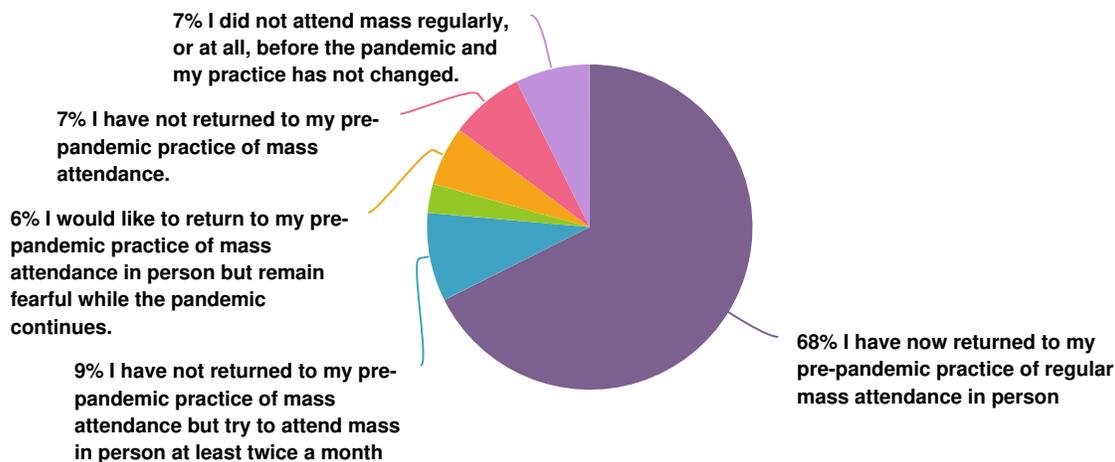
4. Which of the following statements best describes your situation when churches were closed during the pandemic?



Value	Percent	Responses
I attended mass online at least once a week	50.0%	34
I attended mass online but not regularly	20.6%	14
I did not attend mass online because I found the experience unsatisfactory	17.6%	12
I did not attend mass online because I was unable to do so	4.4%	3
I did not attend mass online because I was not attending mass in person before the pandemic	7.4%	5

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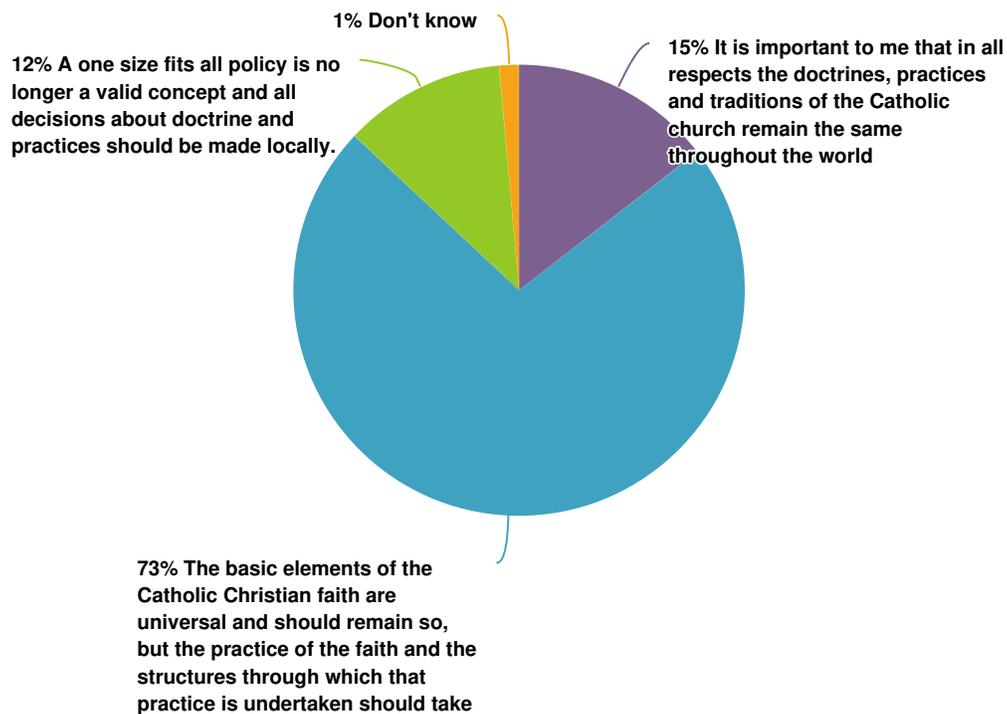
5. Which of the following statements best describes your current status now it is possible to return to mass in person?



Value	Percent	Responses
I have now returned to my pre-pandemic practice of regular mass attendance in person	67.6%	46
I have not returned to my pre-pandemic practice of mass attendance but try to attend mass in person at least twice a month	8.8%	6
I have not returned to my pre-pandemic practice of mass attendance but try to attend mass at least once a month either in person or online.	2.9%	2
I would like to return to my pre-pandemic practice of mass attendance in person but remain fearful while the pandemic continues.	5.9%	4
I have not returned to my pre-pandemic practice of mass attendance.	7.4%	5
I did not attend mass regularly, or at all, before the pandemic and my practice has not changed.	7.4%	5

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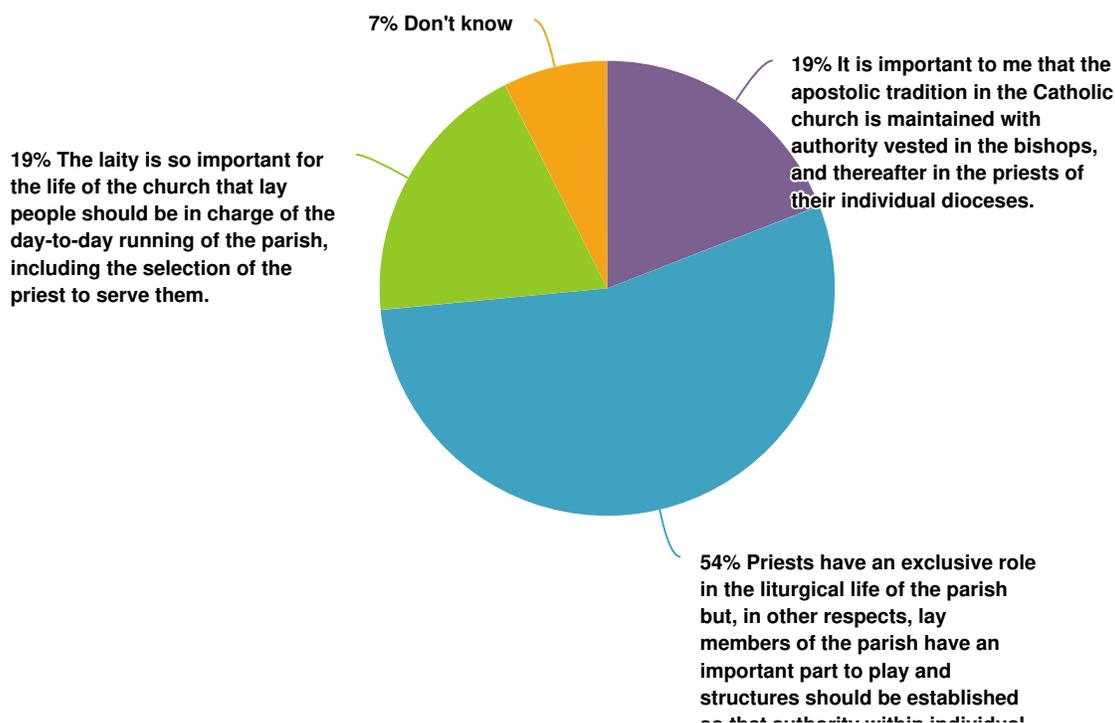
6. Which of the following statements best describes how you view the position of the Catholic Church as a world wide organisation?



Value	Percent	Responses
It is important to me that in all respects the doctrines, practices and traditions of the Catholic church remain the same throughout the world	14.5%	10
The basic elements of the Catholic Christian faith are universal and should remain so, but the practice of the faith and the structures through which that practice is undertaken should take into account the different circumstances and challenges that we face where we live.	72.5%	50
A one size fits all policy is no longer a valid concept and all decisions about doctrine and practices should be made locally.	11.6%	8
Don't know	1.4%	1

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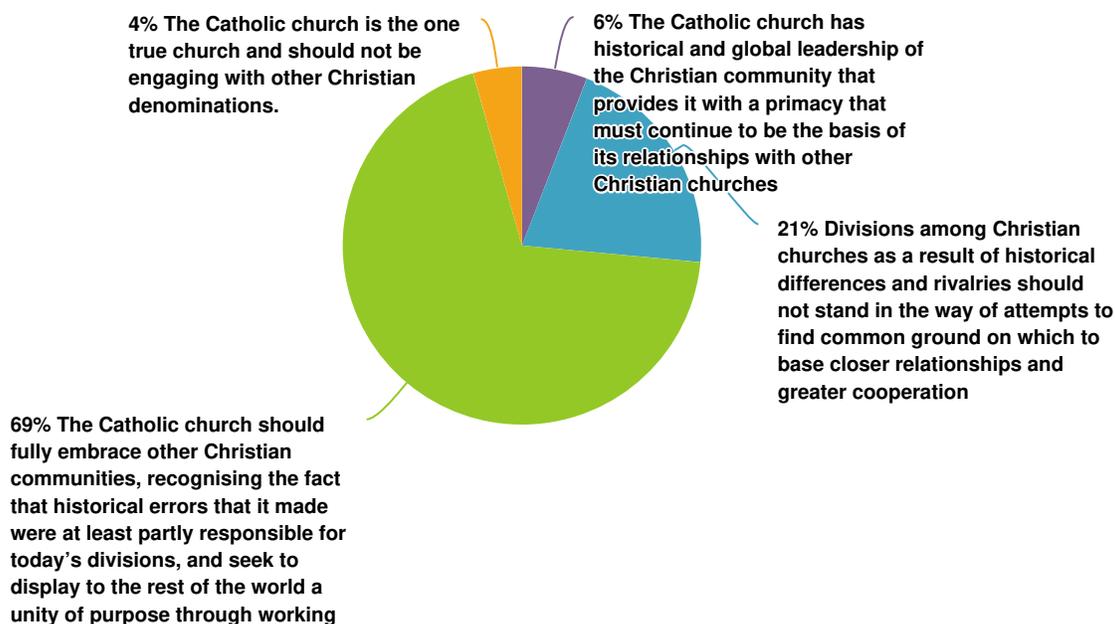
7. Which of the following statements best describes how you think the Catholic church should operate in your area?



Value	Percent	Responses
It is important to me that the apostolic tradition in the Catholic church is maintained with authority vested in the bishops, and thereafter in the priests of their individual dioceses.	19.1%	13
Priests have an exclusive role in the liturgical life of the parish but, in other respects, lay members of the parish have an important part to play and structures should be established so that authority within individual parishes is shared among the priest and the laity	54.4%	37
The laity is so important for the life of the church that lay people should be in charge of the day-to-day running of the parish, including the selection of the priest to serve them.	19.1%	13
Don't know	7.4%	5

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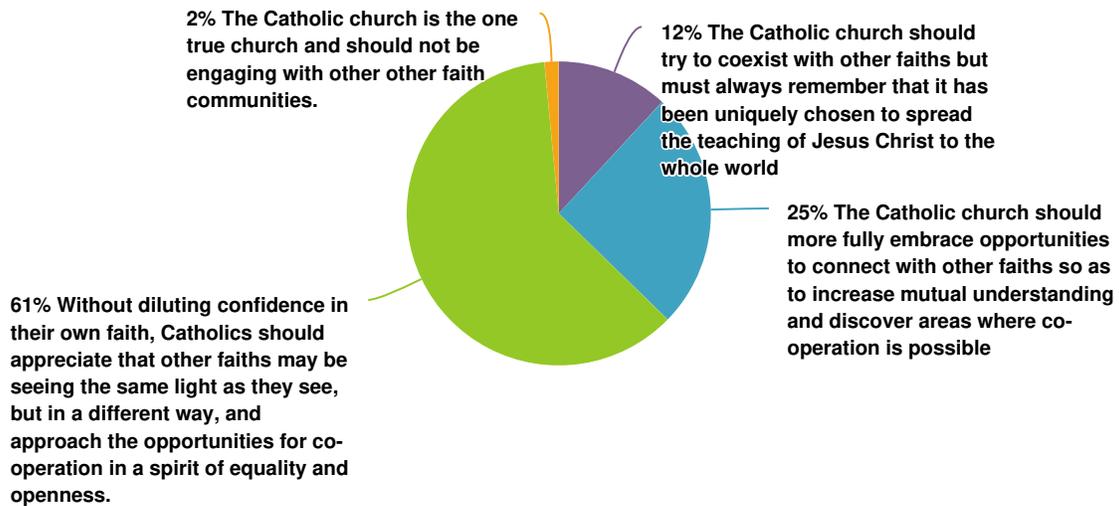
8. Which of the following statements best describes how you think the Catholic church should work with other Christian communities?



Value	Percent	Responses
The Catholic church has historical and global leadership of the Christian community that provides it with a primacy that must continue to be the basis of its relationships with other Christian churches	5.9%	4
Divisions among Christian churches as a result of historical differences and rivalries should not stand in the way of attempts to find common ground on which to base closer relationships and greater cooperation	20.6%	14
The Catholic church should fully embrace other Christian communities, recognising the fact that historical errors that it made were at least partly responsible for today's divisions, and seek to display to the rest of the world a unity of purpose through working together, sharing resources and resolving doctrinal differences.	69.1%	47
The Catholic church is the one true church and should not be engaging with other Christian denominations.	4.4%	3

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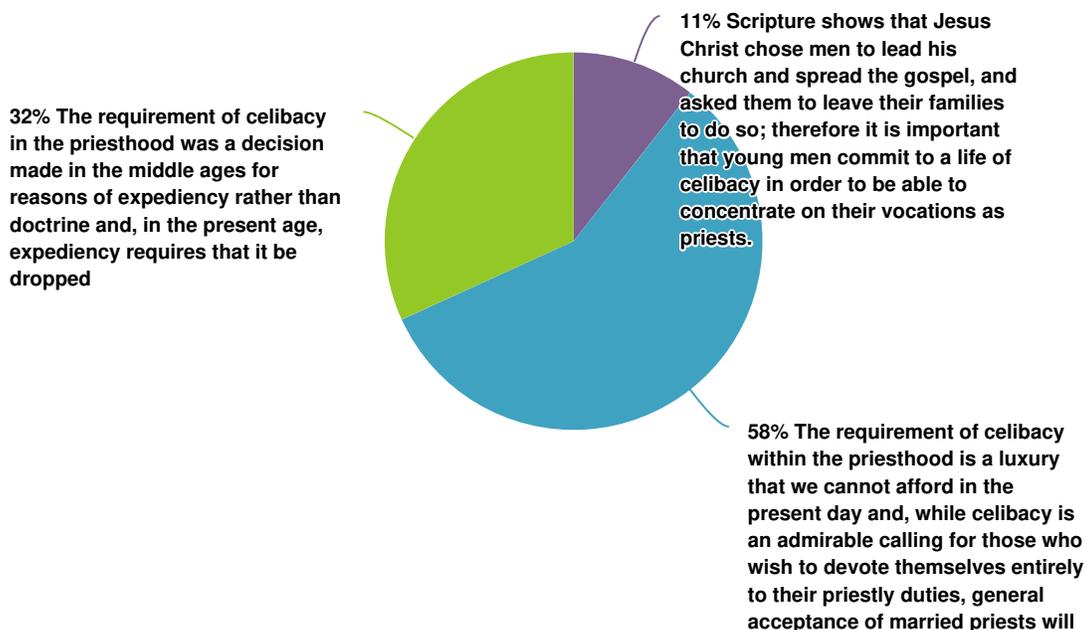
9. Which of the following statements best describe how you think the Catholic church should work with other faith communities?



Value	Percent	Responses
The Catholic church should try to coexist with other faiths but must always remember that it has been uniquely chosen to spread the teaching of Jesus Christ to the whole world	11.9%	8
The Catholic church should more fully embrace opportunities to connect with other faiths so as to increase mutual understanding and discover areas where co-operation is possible	25.4%	17
Without diluting confidence in their own faith, Catholics should appreciate that other faiths may be seeing the same light as they see, but in a different way, and approach the opportunities for co-operation in a spirit of equality and openness.	61.2%	41
The Catholic church is the one true church and should not be engaging with other other faith communities.	1.5%	1

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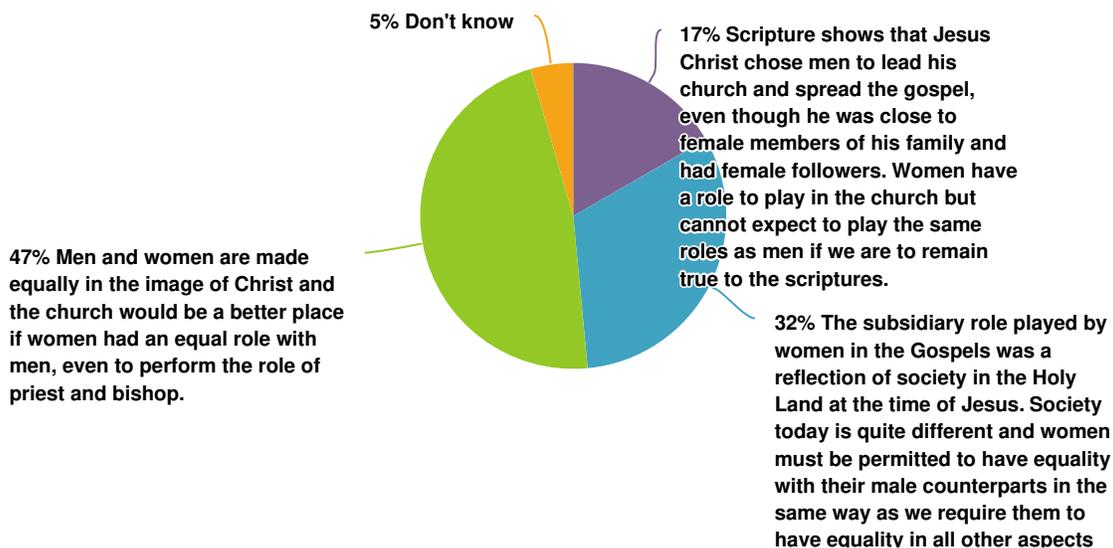
10. In relation to the matter of celibacy in the priesthood, which of the following statements is closest to your view?



Value	Percent	Responses
Scripture shows that Jesus Christ chose men to lead his church and spread the gospel, and asked them to leave their families to do so; therefore it is important that young men commit to a life of celibacy in order to be able to concentrate on their vocations as priests.	10.6%	7
The requirement of celibacy within the priesthood is a luxury that we cannot afford in the present day and, while celibacy is an admirable calling for those who wish to devote themselves entirely to their priestly duties, general acceptance of married priests will increase the numbers of priests available as well as providing priests whose personal experience might assist them in administering to their parishioners	57.6%	38
The requirement of celibacy in the priesthood was a decision made in the middle ages for reasons of expediency rather than doctrine and, in the present age, expediency requires that it be dropped	31.8%	21

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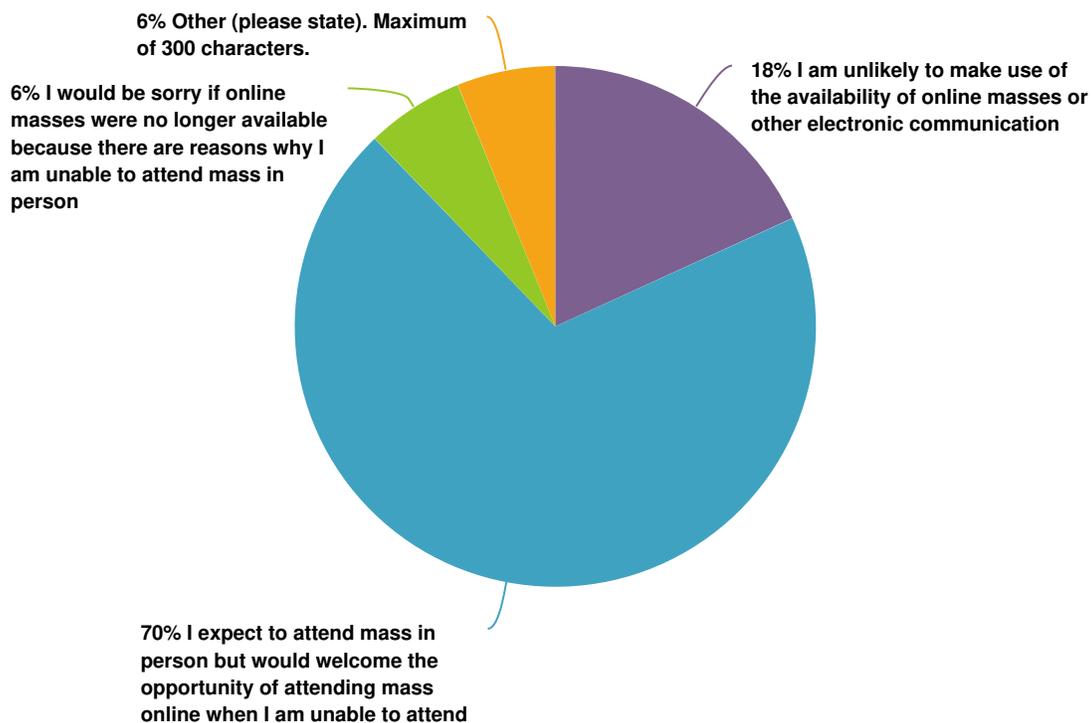
11. In relation to the role of women in the Catholic church, which of the following statements is closest to your view?



Value	Percent	Responses
Scripture shows that Jesus Christ chose men to lead his church and spread the gospel, even though he was close to female members of his family and had female followers. Women have a role to play in the church but cannot expect to play the same roles as men if we are to remain true to the scriptures.	16.7%	11
The subsidiary role played by women in the Gospels was a reflection of society in the Holy Land at the time of Jesus. Society today is quite different and women must be permitted to have equality with their male counterparts in the same way as we require them to have equality in all other aspects of our lives.	31.8%	21
Men and women are made equally in the image of Christ and the church would be a better place if women had an equal role with men, even to perform the role of priest and bishop.	47.0%	31
Don't know	4.5%	3

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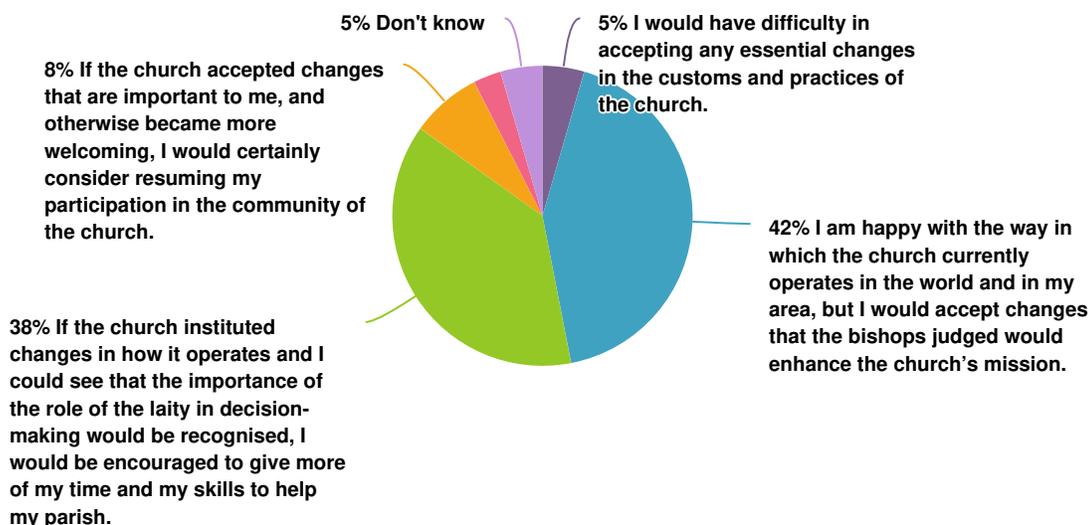
12. In relation to the role of technological communication in the Catholic church once the pandemic is over, which of the following statements is closest to your view?



Value	Percent	Responses
I am unlikely to make use of the availability of online masses or other electronic communication	18.2%	12
I expect to attend mass in person but would welcome the opportunity of attending mass online when I am unable to attend in person	69.7%	46
I would be sorry if online masses were no longer available because there are reasons why I am unable to attend mass in person	6.1%	4
Other (please state). Maximum of 300 characters.	6.1%	4

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13. Which of the following statements best describes your position?



Value	Percent	Responses
I would have difficulty in accepting any essential changes in the customs and practices of the church.	4.5%	3
I am happy with the way in which the church currently operates in the world and in my area, but I would accept changes that the bishops judged would enhance the church's mission.	42.4%	28
If the church instituted changes in how it operates and I could see that the importance of the role of the laity in decision-making would be recognised, I would be encouraged to give more of my time and my skills to help my parish.	37.9%	25
If the church accepted changes that are important to me, and otherwise became more welcoming, I would certainly consider resuming my participation in the community of the church.	7.6%	5
I am not a Catholic but, if the church demonstrated its commitment to improve its relationship with other Christian churches and other faiths, I would feel better-disposed to cooperate in furthering our mutual objectives in our local area, and in the world.	3.0%	2
Don't know	4.5%	3

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