

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
2015 SURVEY OF U.S. CATHOLICS AND FAMILY LIFE  
FINAL TOPLINE  
MAY 5-JUNE 7, 2015  
N=5,122**

**THIS TOPLINE DOES NOT INCLUDE RESULTS FOR ALL QUESTIONS IN THE SURVEY. SOME QUESTIONS WERE PREVIOUSLY RELEASED AND OTHERS ARE HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE. FOR FULL DETAILS OR QUESTION WORDING AND ORDER, SEE THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE.**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.B12 Thinking about the circumstances that children grow up in these days... Overall, what is your opinion about children being raised by **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? Is this acceptable and as good as any other arrangement for raising children, OR is it acceptable but NOT as good as some other arrangements, OR is it not an acceptable arrangement for raising children? How about children being raised by **[INSERT NEXT]**? Is this acceptable and as good as any other arrangement for raising children, OR is it acceptable but NOT as good as some other arrangements, OR is it not an acceptable arrangement for raising children? How about children being raised by **[INSERT NEXT]**? **[READ IF NECESSARY: Is this acceptable and as good as any other arrangement for raising children, OR is it acceptable but NOT as good as some other arrangements, OR is it not an acceptable arrangement for raising children?]**

	Acceptable and as good as any other <u>arrangement</u>	Acceptable but NOT as good as some other <u>arrangements</u>	Not an acceptable arrangement for raising <u>children</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) This arrangement is the best/better <u>than others</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 5-Jun 7, 2015						
a. Divorced parents	33	51	9	4	*	2
b. A gay or lesbian couple	43	21	31	2	*	4
c. A single parent	38	50	7	4	*	2
d. Parents who are living together but not married	49	33	14	2	*	2
e. A mother and father who are married to each other	81	3	1	2	11	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.B15 Next, thinking specifically just about adults... Overall, what is your opinion about **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? Is this acceptable and as good as any other way of life, OR is it acceptable but NOT as good as some other ways of life, OR is it not an acceptable way of life? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ IF NECESSARY: Is this acceptable and as good as any other way of life, OR is it acceptable but NOT as good as some other ways of life, OR is it not an acceptable way of life?]**

	Acceptable and as good as any other way <u>of life</u>	Acceptable but NOT as good as some other <u>ways of life</u>	Not an acceptable way of life	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) This way of life is the best/better <u>than others</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 5-Jun 7, 2015						
a. A man and a woman in a romantic relationship living together without being married	55	26	17	1	*	2
b. A same-sex couple in a romantic relationship living together	47	18	30	1	*	4
c. A husband and wife who choose not to have children	76	15	5	2	*	3

**ASK ALL:**

**MARITAL** Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married? **[IF R SAYS "SINGLE," PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE]**

**ASK IF NOT MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (IN MARITAL):**

**LWP1** And are you currently living with a romantic partner, or not?

**NOTE: REFER TO SUMMARY TABLES AT THE END OF TOPLINE FOR RESULTS OF MARITAL AND LWP1**

**ASK ALL:**

**HISP** Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban?

**ASK ALL:**

**RACE** Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply. White, Black or African American, Asian or Asian American or some other race. **[RECORD UP TO FOUR IN ORDER MENTIONED BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL] [IF R VOLS MIXED BIRACIAL, PROBE ONCE: What race or races is that?]**

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84	NET non-Hispanic
64	White, non-Hispanic
12	Black, non-Hispanic
8	Other, non-Hispanic
15	Hispanic
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

**[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: And would you say that's atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]**

**ASK IF "SOMETHING ELSE" OR NO ANSWER (IN RELIG):**

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not? **[IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g. Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO" CODE 2)]**

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34	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.)
20	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
1	Hindu
3	Atheist (do not believe in God)
4	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
2	Something else ( <b>SPECIFY: _____</b> )
16	Nothing in particular
13	Christian ( <b>VOL.</b> )
*	Unitarian (Universalist) ( <b>VOL.</b> )
1	Jehovah's Witness ( <b>VOL.</b> )
1	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

**ASK IF CHRISTIAN (IN RELIG) [N=3,619]:**

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

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48	Yes, would
47	No, would not
4	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )
*	<i>Undesignated<sup>1</sup></i>

<sup>1</sup> For some questions asked of a subset of eligible respondents and filtered on previous questions subject to backcoding, the term "undesignated" is used to denote those respondents who did not receive the question even though they should have received it.

**ASK ALL:**

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

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13	More than once a week
22	Once a week
14	Once or twice a month
19	A few times a year
17	Seldom
14	Never
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.F2 How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

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55	Very important
22	Somewhat important
11	Not too important
12	Not at all important
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.F5 People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, seldom, or never?

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37	Several times a day
20	Once a day
11	A few times a week
3	Once a week
5	A few times a month
11	Seldom
12	Never
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF PRAYS AT LEAST SELDOM (IN QF5):**

Q.F6 When you pray, do you mainly say prayers that you have memorized, **[IF CHRISTIAN, ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, "NOTHING IN PARTICULAR" OR "SOMETHING ELSE" (IN RELIG) READ: such as the Lord's Prayer or the Our Father,]** or do you mainly have a personal conversation with God?

**BASED ON TOTAL**

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87	NET Prays at least seldom
9	Mainly memorized prayers
64	Mainly personal conversation with God
2	Other/neither <b>(VOL.)</b>
12	Both <b>(VOL.)</b>
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
13	Never prays/No answer in QF5

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

Q.H3 Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any? Were you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

**[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: and would you say that was atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]**

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42	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.)
30	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
*	Buddhist
1	Hindu
*	Atheist (do not believe in God)
*	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
1	Something else <b>(SPECIFY: _____)</b>
9	Nothing in particular
9	Christian <b>(VOL.)</b>
*	Unitarian (Universalist) <b>(VOL.)</b>
1	Jehovah's Witness <b>(VOL.)</b>
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (IN MARITAL OR LWP1) [N=3,079]:**

Q.H6 And what is your **[IF MARRIED: spouse's; IF LIVING WITH A PARTNER: partner's]** present religion, if any? Are they Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

**[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: and would you say they are atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]**

May 5-Jun 7

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37	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.)
23	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
1	Hindu
3	Atheist (do not believe in God)
3	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
1	Something else ( <b>SPECIFY: _____</b> )
13	Nothing in particular
11	Christian ( <b>VOL.</b> )
*	Unitarian (Universalist) ( <b>VOL.</b> )
1	Jehovah's Witness ( <b>VOL.</b> )
2	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

**READ IF NOT CURRENTLY CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG):**

We are interested in people who might have a Catholic background or a connection to Catholicism, even if they do not currently consider Catholicism their religion. How about you...? **[GO TO Q.J1]**

**ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG):**

Q.J1 Do you currently consider yourself Catholic or partially Catholic in any way, or not?

**BASED ON TOTAL**

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9	Yes
71	No
1	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )
20	<i>Currently Catholic by religion</i>

**ASK IF R CONSIDERS SELF CATHOLIC BUT NOT BY RELIGION (IN QJ1) [N=425]:**

Q.J2 In your own words, could you please tell me in what way you consider yourself Catholic?

**NOTE: RESULTS DO NOT SUM TO 100% OR TO SUBTOTALS INDICATED BECAUSE MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE PERMITTED.**

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<b>43</b>	<b>NET Catholic background</b>
38	Raised Catholic/had Catholic parent(s)
4	Have/had Catholic grandparent(s)
1	Was Catholic at some point/converted in the past
*	Other Catholic background, not further specified
<b>24</b>	<b>NET Catholic affinity</b>
8	General Christian beliefs or practices (e.g. believes in God/Jesus, reads the Bible)
8	Beliefs, views, values, morals aligned with Catholic Church/Catholic teaching
7	Catholicism as part of Christianity/similar to other religions/respondent's religion rooted in Catholicism
1	Likes/admires/respects Catholic Church or pope
*	Likes liturgy/worship/other aspects of service
<b>12</b>	<b>NET Catholic-specific beliefs or practices</b>
5	Received/places importance on sacraments (e.g. received communion, married in Church)
4	Attends/attended Catholic church
2	Believes in/prays to saints, Mary, holy spirit, Trinity
1	Celebrations/holidays with Catholic elements; sometimes participate in Catholic practices
<b>9</b>	<b>NET connections to Catholic institutions</b>
9	Attended Catholic schools/received Catholic education
*	Works/worked for Catholic organization/institution
<b>9</b>	<b>NET Catholic friends/family (aside from parents or grandparents)</b>
6	Has/had Catholic spouse
3	Other relatives (aside from parents, grandparents)/friends are Catholic
<b>8</b>	<b>NET Other</b>
1	Catholic Church/God helps people; turns to Church in times of need
1	In the process of converting to Catholicism
1	Likes/agrees with/believes some elements of Catholicism but dislikes/disagrees with others
4	Other responses/unclear
<b>5</b>	<b>Don't know/Refused</b>

**ASK IF ATTENDS WORSHIP SERVICES AT LEAST SELDOM (IN ATTEND) AND NOT CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG):**

Q.J5 Aside from weddings and funerals, do you ever attend Mass at a CATHOLIC CHURCH, or not?  
**[INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ATTENDED MASS AT A CATHOLIC CHURCH ONCE BEFORE OR THEY USED TO ATTEND, CLARIFY THAT WE ARE ASKING WHETHER THEY CURRENTLY EVER ATTEND]**

**ASK IF NOT CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG) BUT ATTENDS CATHOLIC CHURCH (IN QJ5):**

Q.J6 And aside from weddings and funerals, about how often would you say you attend Mass at a Catholic church? More than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or less often?

**BASED ON TOTAL<sup>2</sup>**

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29	NET Ever attends Catholic Mass
2	More than once a week
6	Once a week
5	Once or twice a month
10	A few times a year
7	Less often
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
70	NET Never attends Catholic Mass
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF NOT CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG) AND NOT RAISED CATHOLIC (IN QH3):**

Q.J9 Growing up, did you have a Catholic parent, or not?

**BASED ON TOTAL**

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6	Yes
61	No
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
32	<i>Not asked</i> <sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Results based on total. For Catholics, results are based on responses given in ATTEND. For all others, results are based on responses given in ATTEND, QJ5 and/or QJ6.

<sup>3</sup> Respondents in the "Not asked" category did not receive QJ9 because they already established they have some connection to Catholicism. This includes respondents who identified their current religion as Catholic (in RELIG) or said they were raised Catholic (in QH3).



**PROGRAMMING NOTE:**

Many of the following questions were asked of “Catholic connected” respondents. This includes respondents who are currently Catholic by religion (in RELIG), those who consider themselves Catholic or partially Catholic in some way (in QJ1), those who were raised Catholic (in QH3), those who have a Catholic parent (in QJ9), those who have a Catholic spouse or partner (in QH6), and those who attend Catholic Mass at least occasionally (in QJ5).

Throughout the report and topline, results are presented for three key subgroups of the broader “Catholic connected” category:

- Catholics: When asked (in RELIG), “What is your present religion, if any” they respond that they are Catholic; 20% of respondents in the survey are Catholic.
- Cultural Catholics: These respondents say (in RELIG) that they belong to a faith other than Catholicism (such as Protestantism) or are religiously unaffiliated (atheist, agnostic or “nothing in particular”) but consider themselves Catholic or partially Catholic in some other way (in QJ1). Cultural Catholics account for 9% of U.S. adults.
- Ex-Catholics: Ex-Catholics are those who say they were raised in the Catholic Church (in QH3), but no longer consider themselves Catholic in any way, either by religion (in RELIG) or aside from religion (in QJ1). 9% of U.S. adults are Ex-Catholics.

	Sample size
Catholic	1,016
Cultural Catholic	425
Ex-Catholic	413

**ASK IF CATHOLIC CONNECTED:**

Q.J31 Do you think the Catholic Church should or should not **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? And do you think the Catholic Church should or should not **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

	<u>Yes, should</u>	No, should <u>not</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
May 5-Jun 7, 2015			
a. Allow priests to get married			
Catholic	62	33	5
Cultural Catholic	83	12	5
Ex-Catholic	79	14	8
b. Allow women to become priests			
Catholic	59	35	6
Cultural Catholic	77	19	5
Ex-Catholic	66	24	10
c. Allow Catholics to use birth control			
Catholic	76	19	5
Cultural Catholic	84	10	5
Ex-Catholic	81	10	9
d. Recognize the marriages of gay and lesbian couples			
Catholic	46	46	8
Cultural Catholic	62	33	5
Ex-Catholic	51	40	8
e. Allow divorced Catholics who remarry without getting an annulment to receive communion			
Catholic	62	31	7
Cultural Catholic	74	19	7
Ex-Catholic	67	20	13
f. Allow Catholics who are living with a romantic partner without being married to receive communion			
Catholic	61	34	5
Cultural Catholic	73	20	7
Ex-Catholic	61	28	11

**BASED ON CATHOLIC (IN RELIG):**

Q.J31 Do you think the Catholic Church should or should not **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? And do you think the Catholic Church should or should not **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

**TRENDS PRESENTED FOR CATHOLICS ONLY; PREVIOUS SURVEYS DID NOT ASK THESE QUESTIONS OF CULTURAL CATHOLICS OR EX-CATHOLICS**

	Yes, <u>should</u>	No, should <u>not</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
a. Allow priests to get married			
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	62	33	5
Feb 14-23, 2014	72	26	3
Mar 13-17, 2013	64	30	6
b. Allow women to become priests			
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	59	35	6
Feb 14-23, 2014	68	28	4
Mar 13-17, 2013	59	35	6
c. Allow Catholics to use birth control			
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	76	19	5
Feb 14-23, 2014	77	17	6
Mar 13-17, 2013	76	18	7
d. Recognize the marriages of gay and lesbian couples			
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	46	46	8
Feb 14-23, 2014	50	43	7
e. Allow divorced Catholics who remarry without getting an annulment to receive communion			
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	62	31	7
f. Allow Catholics who are living with a romantic partner without being married to receive communion			
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	61	34	5

**ASK IF CATHOLIC CONNECTED:**

Q.J32 Regardless of what you'd like to see, how likely do you think each of the following is to happen in the next 35 years or so, that is by the year 2050. (First,) How likely do you think it is that **[INSERT IN SAME ORDER AS Q.J31]**? Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in about the next 35 years or so? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY:** Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in the next 35 years or so?]

	-----Will happen-----			-----Will not happen-----			<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Def- initely</u>	<u>Probably</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Def- initely</u>	<u>Probably</u>	
May 5-Jun 7, 2015							
a. the Catholic Church will allow priests to marry							
Catholic	46	8	38	52	16	36	3
Cultural Catholic	54	13	41	42	10	32	4
Ex-Catholic	43	9	34	50	10	40	7
b. the Catholic Church will ordain women as priests							
Catholic	41	6	35	56	16	40	3
Cultural Catholic	53	10	43	44	11	33	4
Ex-Catholic	40	10	30	54	13	41	6
c. the Catholic Church will change its position on family planning to allow birth control							
Catholic	59	8	51	37	10	27	4
Cultural Catholic	67	16	51	29	5	23	5
Ex-Catholic	63	13	50	30	2	27	7
d. the Catholic Church will recognize the marriages of gay and lesbian couples							
Catholic	36	6	30	62	21	41	3
Cultural Catholic	41	9	32	56	19	37	3
Ex-Catholic	39	10	29	57	17	40	4
e. the Catholic Church will allow divorced Catholics who have remarried without getting an annulment to receive communion							
Catholic	54	9	46	42	11	31	4
Cultural Catholic	65	11	53	30	7	24	5
Ex-Catholic	60	12	48	33	7	26	7
f. the Catholic Church will allow Catholics who are living with a romantic partner without being married to receive communion							
Catholic	56	11	45	41	10	31	3
Cultural Catholic	63	12	50	33	4	28	5
Ex-Catholic	60	10	51	33	7	26	6

**BASED ON CATHOLIC (IN RELIG):**

Q.J32 Regardless of what you'd like to see, how likely do you think each of the following is to happen in the next 35 years or so, that is by the year 2050. (First,) How likely do you think it is that **[INSERT IN SAME ORDER AS Q.J31]**? Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in about the next 35 years or so? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY:** Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in the next 35 years or so?]

**TRENDS PRESENTED FOR CATHOLICS ONLY; PREVIOUS SURVEYS DID NOT ASK THESE QUESTIONS OF CULTURAL CATHOLICS OR EX-CATHOLICS**

	-----Will happen-----			-----Will not happen-----			<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
	Total	<i>Def- initely</i>	<i>Probably</i>	Total	<i>Def- initely</i>	<i>Probably</i>	
a. the Catholic Church will allow priests to marry							
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	46	8	38	52	16	36	3
Feb 14-23, 2014	51	8	43	47	13	35	2
Mar 13-17, 2013 <sup>4</sup>	39	7	32	57	18	39	4
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>							
May, 1999 <sup>5</sup>	43	6	36	54	22	33	3
b. the Catholic Church will ordain women as priests							
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	41	6	35	56	16	40	3
Feb 14-23, 2014	42	6	36	56	16	40	3
Mar 13-17, 2013	37	6	31	60	17	44	3
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>							
May, 1999	45	6	39	54	15	39	1
c. the Catholic Church will change its position on family planning to allow birth control							
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	59	8	51	37	10	27	4
Feb 14-23, 2014	56	10	46	40	8	32	4
Mar 13-17, 2013	53	8	46	44	10	34	3
d. the Catholic Church will recognize the marriages of gay and lesbian couples							
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	36	6	30	62	21	41	3
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	6	30	63	23	39	1
e. the Catholic Church will allow divorced Catholics who have remarried without getting an annulment to receive communion							
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	54	9	46	42	11	31	4
f. the Catholic Church will allow Catholics who are living with a romantic partner without being married to receive communion							
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	56	11	45	41	10	31	3

<sup>4</sup> In March 2013, question asked whether this would happen in "the next 40 years."

<sup>5</sup> In May 1999 survey, the question began, "Now I'm going to read you a list of things that may or may not happen in the next 50 years. Please tell me how likely you think it is that each will happen."

**ASK IF CATHOLIC OR CULTURAL CATHOLIC:**

On another subject...

Q.K1 To you personally, is being Catholic **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE: mainly a matter of religion [OR] mainly a matter of ancestry [OR] mainly a matter of culture]**?

**TO BE COMPLETED BY INTERVIEWER IF R VOLUNTEERS TWO RESPONSES IN Q.K1:**

Q.K1a **[DO NOT READ TO RESPONDENT; INDICATE WHICH TWO RESPONSES THE RESPONDENT NAMED]**

May 5-Jun 7 2015	<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>
Mainly a matter of religion [OR]	38	27
Mainly a matter of ancestry [OR]	28	37
Mainly a matter of culture [OR]	21	25
All of these <b>(VOL.)</b>	6	3
Two of these <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	3
Religion and ancestry <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	*
Religion and culture <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	2
Ancestry and culture <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1
Other/none of these <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	2
Do not think of myself as Catholic <b>(VOL.)</b>	0	2
Don't know/refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	2

**ASK IF CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG) AND ATTENDS SERVICES AT LEAST SELDOM (IN ATTEND), OR NOT CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG) BUT ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (IN QJ5):**

Q.K5 About how often do you go to confession with a Catholic priest, if at all? Would you say at least once a month, several times a year, once a year, less than once a year, or never?

May 5-Jun 7, 2015	<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Ex-Catholic</u>
Attends Catholic Mass at least occasionally	95	47	17
<i>Goes to confession...</i>			
At least once a month	7	1	0
Several times a year	14	1	1
Once a year	21	4	1
Less than once a year	23	9	1
Never	28	33	14
Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	0	*
<i>Undesignated</i>	*	0	0
Does not attend Catholic Mass/not asked <sup>6</sup>	5	53	83

<sup>6</sup> Respondents in the "not asked" category did not receive this question because they already established that they do not attend Catholic Mass (in ATTEND or in QJ5).

**ASK IF CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG) AND ATTENDS SERVICES AT LEAST SELDOM (IN ATTEND), OR NOT CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG) BUT ATTENDS CATHOLIC MASS (IN QJ5):**

Q.K12 When you attend Catholic Mass, how often do you receive communion? Every time, most of the time, some of the time, or never?

May 5-Jun 7, 2015	<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Ex-Catholic</u>
Attends Catholic Mass at least occasionally	95	47	17
<i>Receives communion...</i>			
Every time	43	15	4
Most of the time	13	3	1
Some of the time, or	21	9	3
Never	17	21	8
Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	*	*
<i>Undesignated</i>	*	0	0
Does not attend Catholic Mass/not asked <sup>7</sup>	5	53	83

**ASK IF CATHOLIC CONNECTED:**

Q.K15 This year, did you happen to give something up or do something extra for Lent, or not?

May 5-Jun 7 2015	<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Ex-Catholic</u>
Yes	47	33	12
No	52	64	86
Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	2	2

**ASK IF CATHOLIC CONNECTED:**

Q.K30 If you were seriously ill, would it be important to you to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick from a Catholic priest, or not?

May 5-Jun 7 2015	<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Ex-Catholic</u>
Yes	84	41	9
No	15	57	89
Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	2	2

**ASK IF CATHOLIC CONNECTED:**

Q.K32 Do you ever participate in Catholic activities because it is important to your family or close friends, even if you don't personally believe in them, or not?

May 5-Jun 7 2015	<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Cultural Catholic</u>	<u>Ex-Catholic</u>
Yes	56	63	46
No	42	36	54
Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	1	*

<sup>7</sup> Respondents in the "not asked" category did not receive this question because they already established that they do not attend Catholic Mass (in ATTEND or in QJ5).

**ASK IF CATHOLIC OR CULTURAL CATHOLIC:**

Q.N3 Please tell me how important each of the following is to what being Catholic means TO YOU PERSONALLY. First **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Is that essential, OR important but NOT essential, OR not an important part of what being Catholic means TO YOU PERSONALLY? Next, **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**. **[READ FOR SECOND AND THIRD ITEMS, THEN AS NECESSARY:** Is that essential, OR important but NOT essential, OR not an important part of what being Catholic means TO YOU PERSONALLY? **[INTERVIEWER NOTES: IF RESPONDENT SAYS "important," PROBE TO CLARIFY WHETHER THAT'S ESSENTIAL, IMPORTANT BUT NOT ESSENTIAL, OR NOT IMPORTANT; NOTE ALSO THAT THE QUESTION IS ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CATHOLIC, NOT JUST WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THE RESPONDENT – EMPHASIZE AS NECESSARY THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN "what being Catholic means TO YOU PERSONALLY."]**

	Essential part of what being Catholic means to you <u>personally</u>	Important but not <u>essential</u>	Not an important part of what being Catholic means to you <u>personally</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref.</u>
May 5-Jun 7, 2015				
a. Receiving the sacraments				
Catholic	54	35	9	2
Cultural Catholic	32	36	28	4
b. Belief in Jesus' actual resurrection from the dead				
Catholic	67	26	5	2
Cultural Catholic	57	25	15	3
c. Working to help the poor and needy				
Catholic	62	35	2	1
Cultural Catholic	59	31	7	2
d. Being part of a Catholic parish				
Catholic	42	39	17	2
Cultural Catholic	15	38	45	3
e. Opposing abortion				
Catholic	33	34	28	6
Cultural Catholic	24	23	47	6
f. Being open to having children				
Catholic	41	41	16	2
Cultural Catholic	30	36	31	4
g. Working to address climate change				
Catholic	29	38	29	4
Cultural Catholic	31	32	35	2
h. Devotion to Mary as the virgin mother of God				
Catholic	54	34	10	2
Cultural Catholic	33	31	31	4
i. Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ				
Catholic	68	26	4	2
Cultural Catholic	60	26	12	3



**QN3 continued**

	Essential part of what being Catholic means to you <u>personally</u>	Important but not <u>essential</u>	Not an important part of what being Catholic means to you <u>personally</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref.</u>
j. Celebrating feast days or festivals that are part of your national or ethnic heritage				
Catholic	34	46	18	2
Cultural Catholic	25	42	30	3

**ASK IF CATHOLIC OR CULTURAL CATHOLIC:**

Q.N3w And just in your own words, is there anything I haven't mentioned that is an essential part of what being Catholic means TO YOU PERSONALLY? [RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. IF RESPONDENT SAYS "no," DO NOT PROBE FURTHER; IF RESPONDENT SAYS "yes" AND DOES NOT ELABORATE, PROBE ONCE WITH "could you tell me what that is?"; IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION RECORD UP TO THREE RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS]

**NOTE: RESULTS DO NOT SUM TO 100% OR TO SUBTOTALS INDICATED BECAUSE MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE PERMITTED.**

	Catholic	Cultural Catholic
<b>NET General Christian beliefs (not specific to Catholicism)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>
Belief in Jesus/God	5	2
Having faith	1	0
Following the Bible	*	*
Believing in salvation or the afterlife	*	*
<b>NET Lived religion/being a good person</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
Following the golden rule/kindness/empathy	3	4
Doing the right thing/being a good person/leaving the world a better place	2	2
Tolerance/understand/respecting others	2	1
Helping others in need/less fortunate	*	1
Be the best person you can be/be true to yourself	*	0
<b>NET Traditionally Catholic beliefs/practices</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Catholic beliefs/practices, e.g. believing in transubstantiation/Mary/liturgy	1	*
Receiving sacraments/importance of sacraments	1	*
Catholic Church is the original church/important to follow original/traditional Catholic doctrine	1	*
Following church leadership (e.g. priests, bishops, pope)	*	0
<b>NET Following a Catholic lifestyle/promoting Catholic faith/doctrine/values within family/community</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Participating in the Catholic community/feeling of community that comes with being Catholic	1	*
Importance of family/raising children in Catholic faith	1	*
Importance of Catholic education	*	*
<b>NET Civic involvement/social justice/political issues</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>
Social justice issues	*	1
Religious issues tied to politics	*	*
Civic involvement	*	0
<b>NET Other</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
Following Catholic faith but not necessarily attending Mass/following church doctrine	1	*
Other	2	*
<b>Unclear</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**ASK IF CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG):**

Q.N12 Some people tell us **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Others say **[INSERT OTHER ITEM]**. Which of these comes closest to your view?

**BASED ON CATHOLICS**

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70	That no matter what, they could never leave the Catholic Church
26	That they could imagine leaving the Catholic Church someday
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
*	<i>Undesignated</i>

**ASK IF CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG) AND RAISED CATHOLIC (IN QH3):**

Q.N14 Would you say there was ever a time in your life when you didn't consider yourself Catholic?

**BASED ON CATHOLICS**

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91	NET raised Catholic
73	Lifelong Catholic
17	Once left Catholic church
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
*	<i>Undesignated</i>
9	Not raised Catholic

**ASK IF RAISED CATHOLIC (IN QH3) AND NOT CURRENTLY CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG):**  
 Q.N20 You mentioned that you were raised Catholic, but do not currently identify your religion as Catholic.  
 Just in your own words, what is the main reason that you are no longer Catholic?

	Cultural Catholic, raised Catholic	Ex- Catholic
<b>NET Religious institutions/practices/people</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>
Previous religion too strict/restrictive/too much guilt/fear/too many rules	8	2
Found religion they liked better; wanted/looking for something different/more welcoming	7	4
Unhappy in/with previous religion/church; didn't like it/disagreed with it/something missing	6	6
Because of priest sex abuse/how church handled sex abuse/scandals	5	3
Disagree over political or social issues; politics in general	5	3
Hypocrisy/corruption/deception/lies/contradictions	3	7
Saints worship/Mary/idolatry	3	2
Disagree with policies (i.e. women priests, priests marrying, divorce, baptism, etc.)	3	3
Previous religion boring/current religion more lively/exciting	3	*
Church was unwelcoming/judgmental/exclusionary	2	1
Don't need organized religion (in general/to be religious/to be a good person)	2	1
Didn't like practices/Mass/worship services, general	2	2
Dissatisfied with leadership/too bureaucratic	1	1
Church is too traditional/outdated/out of touch/close minded	1	2
Only care about money/misuse of money	1	2
Bad experience	*	2
Don't like organized religion; negative view of religion	*	2
Don't help people; don't help the poor	0	1
Don't like/need priests/mediators to talk to God; don't like/agree with concept of confession	0	2
Religious institutions/practices/people, other	*	1
<b>NET Personal spirituality</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>
Stopped believing/practicing/don't believe; started questioning/lost faith/don't/no longer believe in God	5	12
Religion doesn't make sense to me/is irrelevant to me/doesn't speak to me/interest me	4	2
Found Jesus/learned about Jesus/was born again/learned about or desired personal relationship with God/Jesus	2	4
Grew up/started thinking for oneself/only in religion b/c of parents/family/went to Catholic school	2	6
My personal preference/my own point of view/beliefs	2	1
Started reading/studying Bible	2	3
Don't really follow it; not committed	1	1
God called/spoke to them/touched them/experienced God/closer to God	1	0
Religion is man-made; don't believe in/have faith in men	*	*
Personal spirituality, other	1	*
<b>NET Religious beliefs/teachings</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
More focus on Bible/word of God/truth in current religion	1	1
Other issues with beliefs/teachings/scriptural interpretation in general	7	5
<b>NET Family/relationships</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
I was divorced/excommunicated/couldn't get an annulment/someone in family was divorced	3	1

**QN20 continued**

	Cultural Catholic, raised <u>Catholic</u>	Ex- Catholic <u>Catholic</u>
Because of family/family member	1	1
Because of a marriage/spouse/partner	1	2
Family/relationships, other	2	1
<b>NET New circumstances</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Moved/location/convenience	1	1
New circumstances, other	0	*
<b>NET Other reasons</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>
Just stopped going/practicing/don't attend anymore/drifted away/not religious	9	6
All/many religions have some value/truth/no single religion is right	4	2
No particular reason; just changed/things change; I am [religion]	3	1
No time/scheduling conflict	3	0
Because of education/science	2	2
Didn't leave/change/don't see it as a change	1	0
Never really practiced in the first place; didn't have religion	0	1
Other	3	7
<b>Unclear</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sample size</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>413</b>

**ASK IF RAISED CATHOLIC (IN QH3) AND NOT CURRENTLY CATHOLIC BY RELIGION (IN RELIG):**

Q.N21 Would you say you could see yourself returning to the Catholic Church, or is this not something you see yourself doing?

	Cultural Catholic, raised <u>Catholic</u>	Ex- Catholic <u>Catholic</u>
May 5-Jun 7 2015		
Could see themselves returning to Catholic Church	43	8
Not something they see themselves doing	52	89
Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	4	3
Sample size	189	413

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject,

Q.P25 Do you believe in the concept of sin, that is that there are actions or deeds that can be offensive to God, or not?

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78	Yes, believe in sin
19	No, do not believe in sin
3	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

**ASK IF BELIEVES IN SIN:**

Q.P27 Do you personally think it is a sin to **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, or is this not a sin? And do you personally think it is a sin to **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or is this not a sin? How about to **[INSERT NEXT]**? **[READ IF NECESSARY: Do you personally think it is a sin to [INSERT ITEM], or is this not a sin?]**

**BASED ON TOTAL**

	Yes, is a <u>sin</u>	No, is not a <u>sin</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Depends</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref.</u>	Does not believe <u>in sin</u>
a. engage in homosexual behavior May 5-Jun 7, 2015	45	29	1	4	22
b. live with a romantic partner without being married May 5-Jun 7, 2015	36	40	1	1	22
c. use contraceptives May 5-Jun 7, 2015	10	63	2	4	22
d. get a divorce May 5-Jun 7, 2015	19	51	7	2	22
e. have an abortion May 5-Jun 7, 2015	48	22	6	3	22
<b>NO ITEM f</b>					
g. use electricity, gasoline, and other forms of energy without concern for your impact on the environment May 5-Jun 7, 2015	19	56	2	3	22
h. drink alcohol May 5-Jun 7, 2015	15	58	4	1	22
i. live in a house that is much larger than your family needs May 5-Jun 7, 2015	11	64	2	2	22
j. spend money on luxuries without also giving to the poor May 5-Jun 7, 2015	35	38	2	3	22
<b>ASK ITEM k IF CATHOLIC CONNECTED</b>					
k. get remarried after a divorce without first getting an annulment May 5-Jun 7, 2015					
Catholic	35	49	2	3	11
Cultural Catholic	23	55	1	3	19
Ex-Catholic	22	43	2	1	32

**NOTE: QUESTIONS ON MARITAL STATUS, MARITAL HISTORY AND COHABITATION HISTORY ARE GROUPED TOGETHER HERE FOR CLARITY OF PRESENTATION. HOWEVER, DURING INTERVIEWS, THESE QUESTIONS WERE INTERSPERSED THROUGHOUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND WERE NOT ASKED IN THIS ORDER. SEE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR EXACT QUESTION PLACEMENT.**

**ASK ALL:**

MARITAL Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married? **[IF R SAYS "SINGLE," PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE]**

**ASK IF NOT MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (IN MARITAL):**

LWP1 And are you currently living with a romantic partner, or not?

**ASK IF LIVING WITH PARTNER (IN MARITAL):**

Q.T2 Have you ever been married?

**ASK IF EVER MARRIED (IN MARITAL OR QT2) AND NOT CURRENTLY DIVORCED (IN MARITAL):**

Q.T4 Have you ever been divorced?

**ASK ALL NOT LIVING WITH A PARTNER (IN MARITAL OR LWP1):**

LWP2 Have you ever lived together with a romantic partner without being married, or not?

**ASK IF EVER LIVED WITH A PARTNER & MARRIED (IN LWP2 AND MARITAL):**

LWP3 And was that your current spouse or someone else?

**SUMMARY TABLES, COHABITATION HISTORY: BASED ON TOTAL**

May 5-Jun 7

2015

51	Ever lived with a partner
12	Currently living with a partner
39	Not currently living with a partner
*	Don't know if currently living with a partner
49	Never lived with a partner
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

May 5-Jun 7

2015

47	NET Currently married
25	Never lived with a partner
22	Ever lived with a partner
15	Lived with current spouse before married
4	Lived with someone else
3	Both <b>(VOL.)</b>
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
52	NET Not married
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**SUMMARY TABLE, MARITAL HISTORY: BASED ON TOTAL**

May 5-Jun 7

2015

30	Ever been divorced
13	Currently remarried
18	Not currently remarried
69	Never been divorced
34	Currently married
34	Not currently married
1	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

**ASK IF CATHOLIC CONNECTED AND DIVORCED OR PREVIOUSLY DIVORCED (IN MARITAL OR QT4):**

Q.T6 Did you or your former spouse seek to have your marriage annulled by the Catholic Church, or not?  
**[INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY HAVE BEEN DIVORCED MORE THAN ONCE, CLARIFY THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN WHETHER AN ANNULMENT WAS SOUGHT AT ANY TIME OR NOT]**

**BASED ON CATHOLICS WHO HAVE EVER DIVORCED [N=247]**

May 5-Jun 7

2015

26	Yes, sought an annulment
74	No, did not seek an annulment
1	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

**ASK IF CATHOLIC CONNECTED AND DID NOT SEEK AN ANNULMENT (IN QT6):**

Q.T7 Just in your own words, what is the main reason you did not seek an annulment from the Catholic Church?

**BASED ON CATHOLICS WHO HAVE BEEN DIVORCED AND DID NOT SEEK AN ANNULMENT [N=170]**

**NOTE: RESULTS DO NOT SUM TO 100% OR TO SUBTOTALS INDICATED BECAUSE MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE PERMITTED.**

	<u>Catholic</u>
<b>NET Didn't see it as necessary/didn't want to</b>	<b>43</b>
Did not believe annulment was necessary; not important	28
No plan to remarry	5
Did not want to end marriage/deny it existed	4
No particular reason/just didn't/didn't want to	3
Ex-spouse died after divorce	2
None of the Catholic Church's business/didn't care what Church said	1
Did not know they were supposed to	1
<b>NET Not Catholic/not married in Catholic Church</b>	<b>27</b>
Not married in Catholic Church; marriage wasn't recognized by Church	21
Respondent/spouse not Catholic; not practicing at the time	6
<b>NET Process is too expensive/complicated</b>	<b>10</b>
Process is too expensive; shouldn't have to pay	7
Process is too complicated/takes too long	4
<b>NET Other reasons</b>	<b>12</b>
Did not think annulment would be granted	5
Other	7
<b>Don't know/Refused</b>	<b>9</b>



**ASK IF MARRIED (IN MARITAL) AND CATHOLIC CONNECTED**

Q.U2 Were you and your spouse married in the Catholic Church, or not? **[INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY HAVE BEEN MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE, CLARIFY THAT WE ARE ASKING ABOUT THEIR CURRENT MARRIAGE]**

**ASK IF NO OR DON'T KNOW (IN QU2):**

Q.U3 Was your marriage later blessed, or convalidated, by the Catholic Church, or not?

**BASED ON MARRIED AND CATHOLIC CONNECTED:**

May 5-Jun 7 2015	<u>Catholic</u>	Cultural <u>Catholic</u>	Ex- <u>Catholic</u>
Yes, married in Catholic Church	68	26	15
No, not married in Catholic Church <sup>8</sup>	32	74	85
Yes, marriage later convalidated	6	4	3
No, marriage not later convalidated	25	68	82
Don't know Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	2	*
Sample size	546	215	226

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<sup>8</sup> Includes those who responded "don't know" or did not answer in QU2.