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Executive Summary

The St. Albert the Great Newman Center's Parish Life Survey was designed by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University. The questions were derived from CARA's database of nationally tested questions. The parish distributed the questionnaire to those attending its liturgies over one weekend in April 2015. In all, there were 1,001 valid responses, with two respondents under age 16 not included in the analysis.

Major findings can be summarized as follows:

Respondent Demographics

- Slightly more than four in ten St. Albert respondents identify themselves as permanent parishioners, a quarter identify as New Mexico State University students, almost one in ten is a visitor to the Newman Center, and the other quarter are comprised of NMSU alumni, university staff, or faculty members.
- The average age of St. Albert respondents overall is 49 years old. The average age of student respondents is 24 and the average age of all other respondents is 55. Altogether, half of all respondents are age 51 or younger.
- Nearly nine in ten students have never married, with one in ten currently married or remarried. Among other respondents, about seven in ten are married, one in seven is single, one in ten is divorced or separated, and fewer than one in 20 is widowed. About a quarter report having at least one child or stepchild under age 18 living with them.
- Three-quarters of respondents live in a ZIP code from Las Cruces. About one in ten identify a ZIP code from Mesilla or Mesilla Park.
- More than half report being self-employed or employed at least part time. A quarter identify as retired or semi-retired.

Religious Characteristics of Respondents

- On average, respondents have attended the Newman Center for eight years, with half having attended four years or less. More than eight in ten students have attended for five years or less, compared to about four in ten other respondents.

- Slightly more than six in ten attend Mass at least once a week and another three in ten attend almost every week. Four in ten report going to Confession/Reconciliation at least once a year, with students especially likely to attend at least once a year.

Assessment of Parish Life

- Almost all respondents give St. Albert the Great Newman Center overall (99 percent) and campus ministry (98 percent) a positive evaluation, with about three-quarters rating each as “excellent.”
- More than nine in ten agree at least “somewhat” that their parish community is important in their lives, with nearly two in three “strongly” agreeing that it is. Almost nine in ten at least “somewhat” agree that they feel included in parish life, with more than half agreeing “strongly” that they do.
- Weekend Masses in general and the liturgical decorations and environment receive a positive evaluation from almost all respondents. Three-quarters rate these aspects of worship as “excellent.”
- More than three-quarters report being attracted to the parish “very much” by the following: its open and welcoming spirit, the quality of the liturgy, and the sense of belonging they feel there.
- Young adult ministry, visitation to the sick and homebound, and more outreach to parish youth are especially likely to receive high priority from respondents. At least seven in ten give each “very much” priority.
- More than half of respondents report having at least “some” personal difficulty coping with stress, dealing with financial problems, and loneliness. First-year students are particularly likely to report having “very much” difficulty coping with stress.
- When asked to write in what needs or programs the parish should most focus on in the next one to three years, respondents are particularly likely to cite needs related to facilities and more outreach and ministry to the children and youth of St. Albert.
- Nearly nine in ten agree at least “somewhat” that they want to be more involved in parish life. Almost half “strongly” agree that they would, with student respondents particularly likely to say they would.

Leadership

- Almost all respondents give a positive evaluation to the leadership provided by the pastor, the campus minister, and the parish pastoral council. More three in four give the pastor’s leadership and campus minister an “excellent” rating, with six in ten giving the council as high a rating.

- Two in three “strongly” agree they feel comfortable talking with the pastor. Non-students are particularly likely to “strongly” agree that they feel comfortable doing so.
- Almost half rate efforts to manage parish finances and to inform them about parish finances as “excellent.” Students are especially likely to rate these efforts as “excellent.”
- Six in ten give an “excellent” rating to parish office services, with three in four rating the friendliness of the parish office staff as “excellent.”
- Half “strongly” agree they trust in the leadership of the Bishop, with three in ten agreeing as strongly that the Bishop is aware of their parish’s concerns. Non-student respondents and those involved with at least two ministries or activities are *less* likely to “strongly” agree with these statements.

Formation

- Parish efforts to foster spiritual growth, to nurture one’s relationship with Jesus Christ, and to help parishioners practice gospel values in their daily lives receive an “excellent” rating from roughly six in ten respondents.
- Slightly more than half rate as “excellent” the Director of Religious Education, children’s religious education programs, and faith formation for adults. Those most involved in parish ministries and activities are *less* likely to give an “excellent” rating to the children’s religious education program and faith formation for adults.
- Nearly six in ten place “very much” priority on adult faith formation. About four in ten identify the Newman Center’s religious education for children and youth and its faith formation for adults as “very much” attracting them to the Newman Center.
- Almost six in ten “very much” agree that they would find homilies on personal prayer and spirituality helpful. Four in ten report being “very” likely to spend time learning more about their faith and a third are as likely to attend a class on Catholic principles.

Stewardship

- More than eight in ten agree at least “somewhat” that they understand the concept of stewardship, with four in ten agreeing “strongly” that they do. Non-students are nearly twice as likely as students to “strongly” agree that they understand the concept.
- Parish efforts to invite participation in ministries receive a positive rating from nine in ten respondents, with about half rating these efforts as “excellent.” Students are especially likely to give the Newman Center an “excellent” rating in this area.
- Eight in ten indicate they are at least “somewhat” likely to volunteer their time and talent. Nearly half say they are “very” likely to engage in these behaviors in the future.

- One-third of respondents overall say they are involved with at least one ministry or activity at the Newman Center. In a separate question, however, more than eight in ten say they have no involvement in campus ministry outside of Mass attendance.
- One-third also “strongly” agrees that they would volunteer more if they knew parish needs. Student respondents, who are slightly less likely to be involved with ministries or activities at the Newman Center, are more likely to “strongly” agree they would volunteer more if they knew parish needs. The three reasons they give most frequently for not becoming more active in campus ministry are scheduling conflicts, not being aware of the activities, and not knowing anyone.
- Slightly fewer than half agree at least “somewhat” that they are interested in giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer. Two in ten “strongly” agree they are.

Evangelization and Parish Outreach

- Concerning the worship life of St. Albert, almost all respondents give a positive evaluation to the hospitality or sense of welcome. Eight in ten give it an “excellent” rating.
- On average, responding parishioners have invited someone to attend a parish worship service or activity twice in the past year. Half say they are at least “somewhat” likely to invite someone to a campus ministry activity in the future.
- Three-quarters rate parish outreach to college-age youth as “excellent.” Nearly six in ten give as high a rating to outreach to young adults and about half give an “excellent” rating to parish outreach to children and teens. The more involved with parish ministries or activities they are, however, the *less* likely they are to give an “excellent” evaluation to outreach to young adults and teens.
- Two-thirds give an “excellent” rating to opportunities to worship in one’s native language.

Social Justice

- Eight in ten say they are at least “somewhat” likely to give service on behalf of the poor in the future. Four in ten say they are “very” likely to do so.
- More than half rate parish outreach to those sick or homebound as “excellent.”
- Concerning parish contributions to social justice efforts, respondents were asked to choose their top priority from among four options. More than six in ten list charities such as homeless shelters and food banks as their top priority. Two in ten say groups that advocate for the poor. About one in ten each give top priority to addressing global issues

through organizations like Catholic Relief Services or adopting a parish in a developing country or in a disadvantaged area of the United States.

Parish Communications

- Parish efforts to communicate with parishioners receive a positive evaluation from more than nine in ten respondents, with almost six in ten rating it as “excellent.”
- About six in ten give an “excellent” evaluation to the parish website as a source of information. Students are particularly likely to rate it as “excellent.”
- Six in ten student respondents agree “strongly” that social media (Facebook, Twitter) is an effective way of sharing parish news with them. Three in ten other respondents agree as strongly that this is an effective way of sharing parish news.

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Introduction

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Interpreting This Report

Most of the questions in this survey use four point response scales ("not at all," "only a little," "somewhat," "very much"; or "poor," "fair," "good," "excellent"). These scales allow half of the responses to be interpreted as relatively more "negative" ("poor" and "fair," for example) and half as relatively more "positive" ("good" and "excellent," for example). In parts of the analysis in this report, these responses are combined to allow for clearer comparisons. However, sometimes examining the most positive response distinguishes important contrasts in level of support.

In addition, readers may also wish to compare the difference between the two extreme responses, say "poor" and "excellent," to compare the level of intensity with which opposing opinions are held. These comparisons and others may be drawn by referring to the actual percentage responses given in Appendix I. That appendix shows the percentage responses for each item, calculated out of 100 percent, as well as the percentage of all respondents that did not respond to each question, separately calculated out of 100 percent for clarity of comparison.

In addition to summarizing the responses to most questions for respondents as a whole, the report also compares the responses of those from selected subgroups. The first section of the report describes the characteristics of the respondents as well as the subgroups that are used in the analyses that follow. Throughout the report, the tables and charts that compare differences between and among these various subgroups are presented following the responses for parishioners as a whole in each section.

The margin of error for *differences between subgroups*, such as the differences among those of different generations or those with different levels of involvement, depends on the size of the subgroups being compared. Unless otherwise noted, all subgroup differences described in

the graphs of this report are statistically significant: that is, they pass standard tests of statistical inference and can be considered to be “real” differences. In some instances, differences between or among subgroups that are not statistically significant are also noted. These differences should be treated as merely suggestive of real differences that may exist between the subgroups under consideration.

CARA regularly conducts parish surveys through its Parish Life Surveys. Parish Life Surveys are a series of dynamic survey instruments for pastoral planning, including survey data collection, analyses of key stakeholders and demographic groups, and user-friendly reports and products. From the aggregate data collected through the Parish Life Survey services over the past 15 years, CARA has a database of characteristics of parish life gathered from more than 800 parishes nationwide. While this database is not a random sample of parishes, and therefore not necessarily representative of all parishes nationwide, it is the most comprehensive source of data of its kind and covers a broad range of topics important to vibrant parish life.

In this report, where possible, results from St. Albert’s current Parish Life Survey are compared to the aggregate responses from the Parish Life Survey National Database of Parish Life to put the parish results into a larger national context. Additionally, where available, comparisons are made to findings from CARA’s nationally representative surveys of adult self-identified Catholics conducted since 2000.

In addition to the quantitative data analyzed in this report, one open-ended question on the survey collected qualitative data. For these data, respondents were prompted with one question and given an open box for written comments, rather than select from a set of response options. These comments are analyzed along with the quantitative data as well as in separate sections throughout this report. While these responses are not suitable for statistical analyses, they do add depth to the data that is not attainable through closed-ended questions only.

The results of this survey fairly represent the characteristics and attitudes of people ages 16 and older who attend Mass at St. Albert Newman Center. It cannot be used to make inferences about populations outside of Mass attendees at the parish; it is not representative of those who do not attend Mass or those who are only involved in parish functions excluding Mass.

Section I: Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

This section of the report includes demographic and other descriptive data for respondents to this survey. These data may be helpful in considering who responded to the survey, which populations are represented in the data, and characteristics of a typical weekend at the parish.

Status and Parish Affiliation

In-pew respondents at St. Albert Newman Center mainly consist of students at nearby New Mexico State University (NMSU), permanent parishioners, others with a university affiliation, and visitors.

St. Albert Newman Center Affiliation	
<i>Percentage responding</i>	
NMSU Student	24%
<i>First-year student</i>	6%
<i>Sophomore</i>	4
<i>Junior</i>	4
<i>Senior or 5th year</i>	7
<i>Graduate student</i>	4
Others/Non-Students	68%
<i>Permanent parishioner</i>	43%
<i>NMSU alumni</i>	19
<i>Faculty</i>	3
<i>University staff</i>	3
<i>Administrator</i>	1
Visitor/no affiliation	8%

Non-students make up about two-thirds of in-pew respondents, students account for about a quarter, and those with no affiliation make up the other one in ten.

- Permanent parishioners make up the plurality of respondents to the survey, with more than four in ten identifying with that term. One in five identify as NMSU alumni. Seven percent have a direct affiliation with NMSU.
- Students are relatively evenly distributed, going from first-year student to graduate students.

For the remainder of this report, students (24 percent) and others (68 percent) are compared. Those with no affiliation to the Newman Center are excluded from those categories.

Age

The primary populations St. Albert Newman Center serves are permanent parishioners (43 percent), college students (25 percent), and NMSU alumni (19 percent), making it atypical from most places conducting Parish Life Surveys. The average age of St. Albert Newman Center respondents in 2015 is 49 years old, with a median age of 51 (in other words, half of respondents are 51 or under, and half are 51 or over). This is only slightly higher than the median age of 49 among all self-identified Catholics nationally.¹

	Age of Respondents			Parishes Nationally
	<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	St. Albert Newman Center			
	All	Students	Others	
17 and younger	1%	2%	<1%	<1%
18-29	22	83	7	7
30-39	9	5	11	8
40-49	10	3	14	24
50-59	19	3	23	27
60-69	13	1	18	17
70-79	13	0	17	11
80 and above	13	4	11	6
Mean	49	24	55	54
Median	51	22	55	53

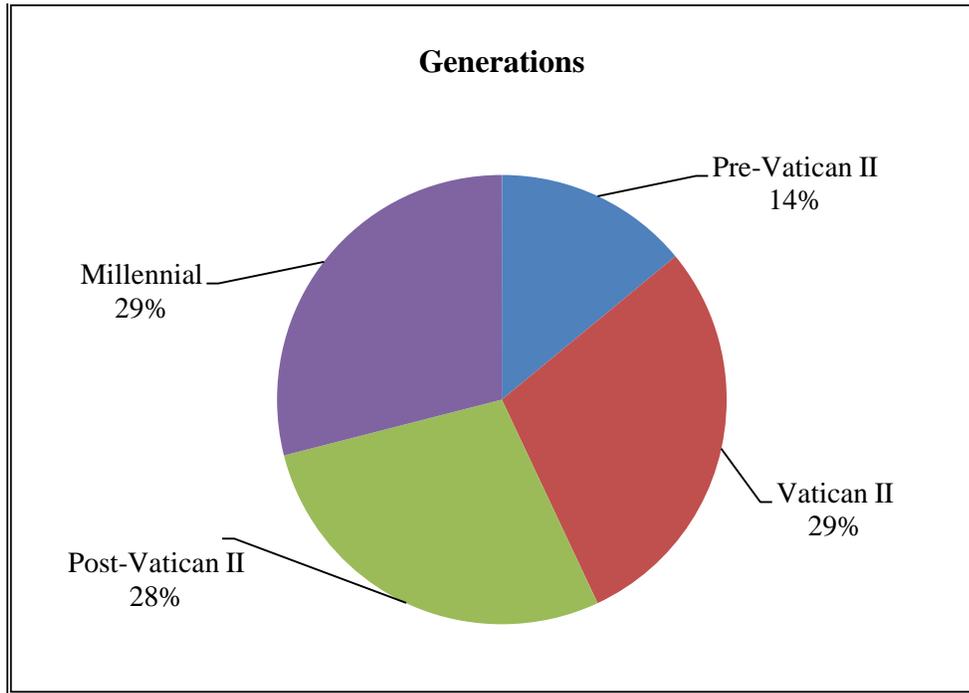
Valid respondents surveyed in 2015 were born between 1902 and 1999 and range in age from 16 to more than 100 years old (1 respondent).

- Among St. Albert respondents overall, about four in ten (42 percent) are under 50, a third (32 percent) are in their 50s and 60s, and a quarter (26 percent) are over age 70.
- More than eight in ten student respondents (85 percent) are under age 30. Their average age is 24.
- Nearly half (46 percent) of non-student respondents are age 60 or older, with an average age of 55.

¹ Source: Mark M. Gray, and Mary L. Gautier. 2012. *Catholic New Media Use in the United States, 2012*.

Generation

Important differences between groups in parishes are typically found among those who belong to different generations. CARA divides Catholics into four generations, reflective of the age categories used by many other Catholic researchers. More than half of St. Albert respondents (57 percent) are in the youngest two generations.



The table below shows how student respondents compare to others at the Newman Center, as well as how the Newman Center compares to parishes and Catholics nationally.

Generations					
<i>Percentage by group</i>					
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes	Adult Catholics
	All	Students	Others	Nationally	Nationally²
Pre-Vatican II	14%	0%	16%	35%	10%
Vatican II	29	2	36	42	35
Post-Vatican II	28	8	37	}23 ³	35
Millennial	29	90	11		20

Source: Gray, Mark M., and Mary L. Gautier. 2012. *Catholic New Media Use in the United States, 2012*.

³ Note: Only since 2007 has there been a sufficient number of adult Millennial Catholics for CARA to include that group in its analyses of parish surveys.

- *The “Pre-Vatican II Generation,” ages 73 and over in 2015.* The Pre-Vatican II Generation was born in 1942 or earlier. Its members came of age before the Second Vatican Council. Members of the Pre-Vatican II Generation make up 14 percent of the respondents overall and just over one in ten of the non-student respondents. The average percentages of those who attend Catholic parishes where CARA parish surveys have been conducted over the past 15 year is 35 percent, and one in ten adult Catholics nationally belongs to that generation.
- *The “Vatican II Generation,” ages 55-72 in 2015.* These are the “Baby Boomers” who were born between 1943 and 1960, a time of great demographic and economic growth. They came of age during the time of the Second Vatican Council and their formative years likely spanned that time of profound changes in the Church. Members of the Vatican II Generation at St. Albert Newman Center overall represent three in ten respondents (29 percent), which is less than the proportion of adult Catholics nationally (35 percent) and at parishes nationally (42 percent).
- *The “Post-Vatican II Generation,” ages 34-54 in 2015.* Born between 1961 and 1981, this generation, sometimes called “Generation X” or “Baby Busters” by demographers, has no lived experience of the pre-Vatican II Church. Three in ten (28 percent) St. Albert respondents overall are members of this generation. It is lower than the proportion of adult Catholics nationally (35 percent).
- *The “Millennial Generation,” ages 18-33 in 2015.* This generation, born in 1982 or later (up to 1996 among adults), has come of age primarily under the papacies of John Paul II and Benedict XVI. Because some still live with their parents, their religious practice is often closely related to that of their families of origin. While 29 percent of respondents overall belong to the Millennial Generation, nine in ten of those identifying as students belong to this generation.

Gender and Marital Status

More than half of students and others identify as female. This is similar to the percentage of self-identified Catholics nationally (52 percent), but somewhat less than the average percentage reported at parishes CARA has worked with in the past (62 percent).

Gender					
<i>Percentage responding</i>					
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally	Adult Catholics Nationally⁴
	All	Students	Others		
Female	55%	53%	55%	62%	52%
Male	45	47	45	38	48

Almost three-fifth (58 percent) of respondents are currently married or remarried. More than seven in ten non-student respondents report being married, compared to one in ten students. By comparison, more than six in ten self-identified Catholics are married as are almost three-quarters of those responding at parishes nationally.

Marital Status					
<i>Percentage responding</i>					
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally	Adult Catholics Nationally⁵
	All	Students	Others		
Married or remarried	58%	10%	72%	73%	62%
Single, never married	29	87	15	12	24
Divorced or separated	9	3	9	7	9
Widowed	4	1	3	8	5

- Nearly nine in ten students have never married, compared to just over one in ten non-students. Among adult Catholics nationally, a quarter have never married.
- Less than one in 20 students is divorced, compared to one in ten non-students.
- About one in 20 St. Albert respondents overall have been widowed.

Source: Mark M. Gray and Mary L. Gautier. 2012. *Catholic New Media Use in the United States, 2012*.
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Children in the Household

About one in four respondents (24 percent) has at least one child (including stepchildren) age 17 or younger living with them. Altogether, respondents report 269 children or stepchildren living with them age 12 and younger and 202 living with them ages 13 to 17. Among those with at least one child, almost one in six (15 percent) has a child age 12 or younger and 13 percent have a child ages 13 to 17 living with them. The majority (63 percent) of those who have at least one child under age 18 living with them have more than one.

Number of Children, Stepchildren, or Grandchildren Living with You⁶

Percentage with children

No children	76%
At least one child	24

Among those with at least one child:

Age 12 or younger	15%
Ages 13 to 17	13

Among those with at least one child:

One child	37%
Two children	41
Three children	16
Four or more children	6

⁶ No questions concerning the number of children living with respondents were asked on the 2008 survey.

Residency

Some 84 percent say they live in the area year round. Sixty-five percent of students say they live in the area year round, compared to 93 percent of other respondents.

ZIP Code

The majority of respondents (84 percent) report a Las Cruces ZIP code. One in ten lives in Mesilla or Mesilla Park.

Top Respondent Residential ZIP Codes

ZIP Code	Number Responding	Percentage Responding	City Center
88011	346	37%	Las Cruces, NM
88001	162	17	Las Cruces, NM
88005	134	14	Las Cruces, NM
88012	84	9	Las Cruces, NM
88007	59	6	Mesilla, NM
88047	17	2	Mesilla Park, NM
88044	10	1	La Mesa, NM
88021	9	1	Anthony, NM
88046	8	1	Mesilla, NM

In addition, four respondents report a ZIP code of 87111. Three each report ZIP codes of 87122, 87532, 88003, and 88052.

Remaining ZIP codes are presented in Appendix II. Seven percent left the question blank.

Level of Education

Three in ten have a bachelor's degree and three in ten have a graduate degree. Another three in ten have attended some college or have an associate's degree. Not surprisingly, almost six in ten of those identifying as students say have some college or an associate degree.

<i>What best describes your highest level of education?</i>					
<i>Percentage responding</i>					
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally	Adult Catholics Nationally⁷
	All	Students	Others		
Some high school or less	2%	1%	1%	}33%	}48%
High school diploma	9	10	4		
Some college	20	48	12	}27	}26
Associate's degree	9	10	7		
Bachelor's degree	31	21	36	22	18
Graduate degree	29	9	39	17	8

Employment Status

More than half report being employed, either full time (39 percent), part time (8 percent), or as self-employed (5 percent). Sixty-two percent of non-students identify in one of these three categories.

Employment Status			
<i>Percent responding</i>			
	All	Student	Others
Employed full time	39%	9%	51%
Retired	24	1	28
Student	14	64	<1
Employed part time	8	19	5
Self-employed	5	1	6
Homemaker	4	0	3
Unemployed	3	6	2
Semi-retired	2	1	3
Volunteer	1	0	1
Other	1	1	1

Source: Mark M. Gray and Mary L. Gautier. 2012. *Catholic New Media Use in the United States, 2012*.

- A quarter are retired (24 percent) or semi-retired (2 percent). Three in ten non-student respondents are retired (28 percent) or semi-retired (3 percent).
- Overall, 14 percent identify as students. Among those identifying as students on another part of the questionnaire, almost two in three here say they are students (64 percent), two in ten say they are employed part time (19 percent), one in ten is employed full time (9 percent), and one in 20 identifies as unemployed (6 percent).
- Less than one in 20 is unemployed (3 percent) or is a volunteer (1 percent).
- One in 20 is a homemaker (4 percent).
- Four respondents list an “other” employment status. Three non-students wrote in “Disabled,” as did one student.

Level of Household Income

Half of those identifying as students report having no income and another quarter have household incomes of less than \$25,000. One in ten students reports between \$25,000 and \$49,999 and about another one in ten reports \$50,000 or more.

<i>Which category best represents your total annual household income, including all those living with you?</i>			
<i>Percent responding</i>			
	All	Students	Others
Student, no income	12%	49%	1%
Less than \$25,000	13	27	7
\$25,00-\$49,999	19	11	20
\$50,000-\$74,999	19	5	22
\$75,000-\$99,999	15	4	19
\$100,000 or above	23	4	31

Among non-students, almost half report household incomes between \$25,000 and \$74,999 and half report \$75,000 or more.

Section II: Religious Characteristics of Respondents

This part of the report describes several characteristics of respondents that relate to their religious attributes and parish-related behaviors.

Relationship to the Parish

Of all respondents, 83 percent report that St. Albert the Great Newman Center is their primary place of worship. Some 78 percent of students report St. Albert as their primary place of worship, compared to 94 percent of other respondents.

Years at the Parish

Mass attenders were asked to write in the number of years they have attended the parish. On average, respondents have attended the parish for 7.6 years. The median is four years, meaning that half of respondents have attended for four years or less and half have attended for four years or more.

Years at Parish*			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	All	Students	Others
1 year or less	20%	37%	12%
2-5 years	33	46	29
6-10 years	18	8	22
11-15 years	10	5	12
16-20 years	10	4	12
21-25 years	4	0	5
26-30 years	3	1	5
31-35 years	1	0	2
36-40 years	1	0	1
41-50 years	<1	0	<1
Average	7.6	3.4	10.2
Median	4	2	8
Minimum	1	1	1
Maximum	50	28	8
<p>* Those who do not regularly attend the parish were asked to write in "0." Those who have attended for less a year were instructed to write "1."</p>			

- Responding students have attended the parish for an average of three years, with half having attended two years or less and half having attended two years or more.

- Other respondents have attended for an average of 10 years, with half having attended for eight years or less and half having attended eight years or more.

Frequency of Mass Attendance

More than six in ten respondents (62 percent) report attending Mass at least once a week. An additional three in ten attend almost every week and one in 20 attends once or twice a month. About 2 percent attend less frequently than that. Students and non-student respondents display similar Mass attendance patterns.

<i>About how often do you currently attend Mass?</i>					
<i>Percentage responding</i>					
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes	Adult
	All	Students	Others	Nationally	Catholics
					Nationally
Never or rarely	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	32%
A few times a year	2	2	1	2	24
Once/twice a month	6	9	4	6	10
Almost every week	30	28	30	21	11
Every week	53	51	53	57	20
More than once a week	9	10	11	14	3

- Compared to the average of parishes CARA has conducted surveys at in the past (71 percent), St. Albert respondents are less likely to attend Mass at least once a week (62 percent).
- St. Albert respondents (62 percent) are considerably more likely to attend Mass at least once a week than self-identified Catholic adults nationally are (23 percent).

Differences by Level of Involvement

The more involved with parish ministries or activities respondents are, the more likely they are to attend Mass at least once a week. Some 55 percent of those not involved with any ministries or activities attend that frequently, compared to 75 percent of those involved with one ministry or activity and 82 percent of those involved with two or more.

Frequency of Confession or Reconciliation

Four in ten respondents (40 percent) report going to Confession/Reconciliation at least once a year. On the other end of the scale, four in ten report going never or rarely. Slightly more than half of students (54 percent) report going at least once a year, compared to four in ten (39 percent) of other respondents. St. Albert respondents are similar to those at other parishes at which CARA has conducted surveys in regards to going to Confession/Reconciliation at least once a year (40 percent compared to 44 percent).

<i>How frequently do you go to Confession/Reconciliation?</i>				
<i>Percentage responding</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally
	All	Students	Others	
Never or rarely	39%	27%	41%	35%
Less than once a year	20	20	21	21
Once or twice a year	26	30	28	31
Every few months or more	14	24	11	13

*Due to the different response categories provided, direct comparisons could not be made to adults Catholics nationally, where 45 percent “never” go to Confession/Reconciliation, 30 percent go “less than once a year,” 12 percent go “once a year,” 12 percent go “several times a year,” and 2 percent attend “once a month or more.”

Differences by Level of Involvement

The more involved with parish ministries or activities respondents are, the more likely they are to go to Confession/Reconciliation at least once a year. Some 37 percent of those not involved with any ministries or activities attend that frequently, compared to 43 percent of those involved with one ministry or activity and 57 percent of those involved with two or more.

Participation in Newman Center Religious Education Programs

One in six (17 percent) of respondents have attended adult religious education programs in the past five years at the Newman Center. About one in ten students (11 percent) has attended these programs, compared to 30 percent of other respondents.

Twenty-five percent have children who have attended religious education classes in the past five years. Nineteen percent of students report having children who have attended, identical to the 19 percent of others who report the same.

Ministry and Activity Participation

Two in three (68 percent) report not being involved in any ministries or activities at the Newman Center. This is greater than the average proportion reported by parishes CARA has worked with in the past (50 percent).

Number of Ministries or Activities Involved With				
<i>Percentage responding</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes
	All	<i>Students</i>	<i>Others</i>	Nationally
None	68%	71%	62%	50%
One	18	17	21	23
Two	9	7	11	22
Three or more	5	6	6	3

- Eighteen percent of St. Albert respondents are involved in one ministry or activity, 9 percent are involved with two, and 5 percent are involved in three or more.
- Students (29 percent) are slightly less likely than other respondents (38 percent) to be involved with at least one ministry or activity.

In the remainder of this report comparison is made between two groups of respondents according to their involvement in parish activities:

- Those not involved in any parish ministries or activities (620 respondents or 68 percent)
- Those involved in at least one parish ministry or activity (292 respondents or 32 percent)

Overall Level of Activity in Campus Ministry

Respondents were also asked about their overall level of activity in campus ministry at present. Some 44 percent say they have no involvement, with students (21 percent) less than half as likely as other respondents (49 percent) to describe their activity in those terms.

<i>What is your overall level of activity in campus ministry now?</i>			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	All	Students	Others
No involvement	44%	21%	49%
Attend Mass occasionally	7	16	4
Attend Mass regularly but have little other involvement	30	40	29
Attend Mass regularly and am involved in a few programs	11	10	13
Attend Mass regularly and am very active	4	9	4
Other	3	4	3

- Students are more likely than other respondents to say they attend Mass occasionally (16 percent compared to 4 percent).
- Students are more likely than other respondents to say they attend Mass regularly but have little other involvement (40 percent compared to 29 percent).

Impediments to Becoming More Active with Campus Ministry

Respondents indicated the factors that keep them from becoming more active with campus ministry, having been invited to check all of the factors that apply. The most common impediment is scheduling conflicts, followed by not being aware of the activities.

<i>What factors keep you from becoming more active with campus ministry?</i>			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	All	Students	Others
Scheduling conflicts	45%	62%	45%
I am not aware of the activities	27	43	22
I don't know anyone	17	30	12
The activities don't meet my needs	11	7	15

- Students are more likely than other respondents to say the following keep them from becoming more active with campus ministry: scheduling conflicts, not being aware of the activities, and not knowing anyone.
- Other respondents are more likely than students to cite the activities not meeting their needs as a reason for not becoming more involved.

Section III: Evaluation of Parish Life

Overall, the results of the St. Albert the Great Parish survey are very positive. Ten particular areas were addressed in the survey instrument. These areas are featured in this section of the report, though readers are advised to consult the response frequencies in Appendix I of this document for response rates and other pertinent information about these data. These areas of parish life addressed are:

- Evaluation of Aspects of Parish Life
- Evaluation of Areas of Worship
- Evaluation of Parish Efforts
- Evaluation of Parish Outreach
- Personal Difficulties
- Priority for Parish Needs
- Needed Ministries and Programs
- Attraction to the Parish
- Likelihood of Future Behaviors
- Attitudes about Parish Life and the Bishop

Aspects of Parish Life

With one exception (faith formation for adults), more than nine in ten give a positive evaluation (“good” or “excellent”) to each of the aspects of parish life listed in the table below. Students and other respondents give similar positive evaluations to each of the aspects of parish life measured.⁸

<i>Please evaluate these aspects of parish life</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Good” or “Excellent”</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes
	All	Students	Others	Nationally
St. Albert the Great Newman Center overall	99%	99%	99%	89%
Leadership provided by the pastor	98	99	98	88
Campus ministry	98	96	99	–
Friendliness of office staff	97	99	96	92
Campus minister	97	96	98	–
Parish office services	95	96	93	88
Parish pastoral council	94	100	95	84
Children’s religious education programs	91	95	89	83
Parish website as a source of information	91	95	90	–
Director of Religious Education	91	93	89	89
Faith formation for adults	86	92	84	71

St. Albert the Great Newman Center is more likely than the average parishes nationally conducting CARA surveys in the past to give a “good” or “excellent” evaluation to the following aspects of parish life:

- Faith formation for adults (86 percent compared to 71 percent)
- St. Albert the Great Newman Center overall (99 percent compared to 89 percent)
- Leadership provided by the pastor (98 percent compared to 88 percent)
- Parish pastoral council (94 percent compared to 84 percent)

⁸ As was noted in the Introduction, only differences of at least 10 percentage points are treated as real differences.

“Excellent” Ratings

More than seven in ten give an “excellent” rating to St. Albert the Great Newman Center overall (72 percent). This is higher than the percentage giving their parish overall an “excellent” rating among parishes that have conducted CARA surveys in the past (47 percent).

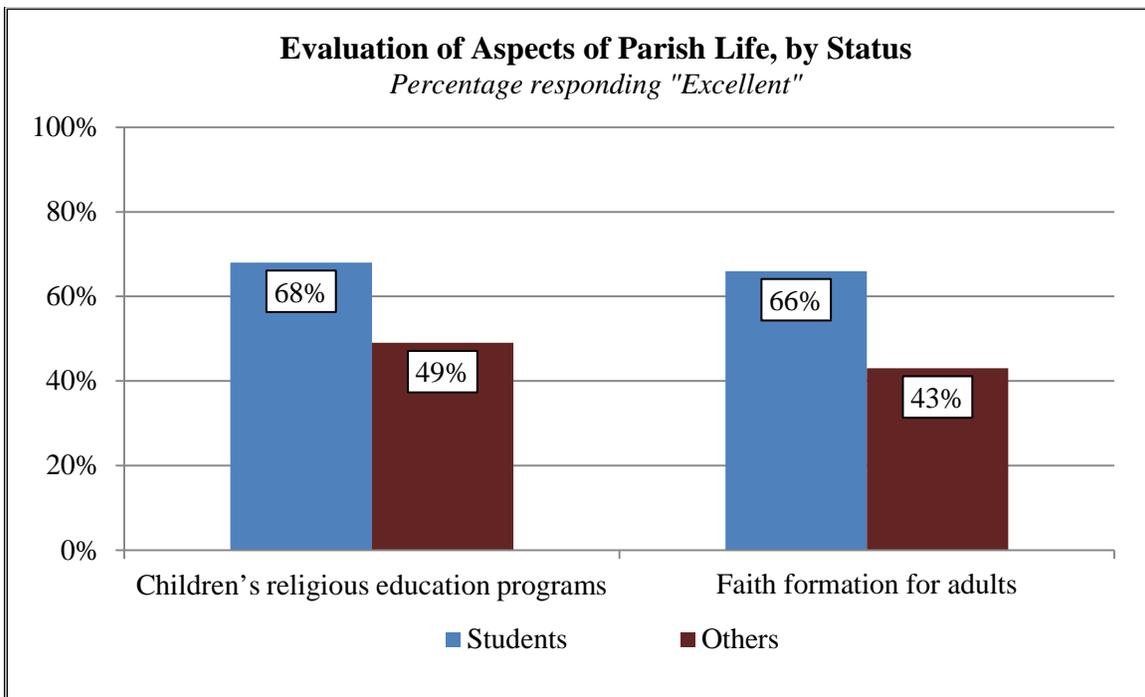
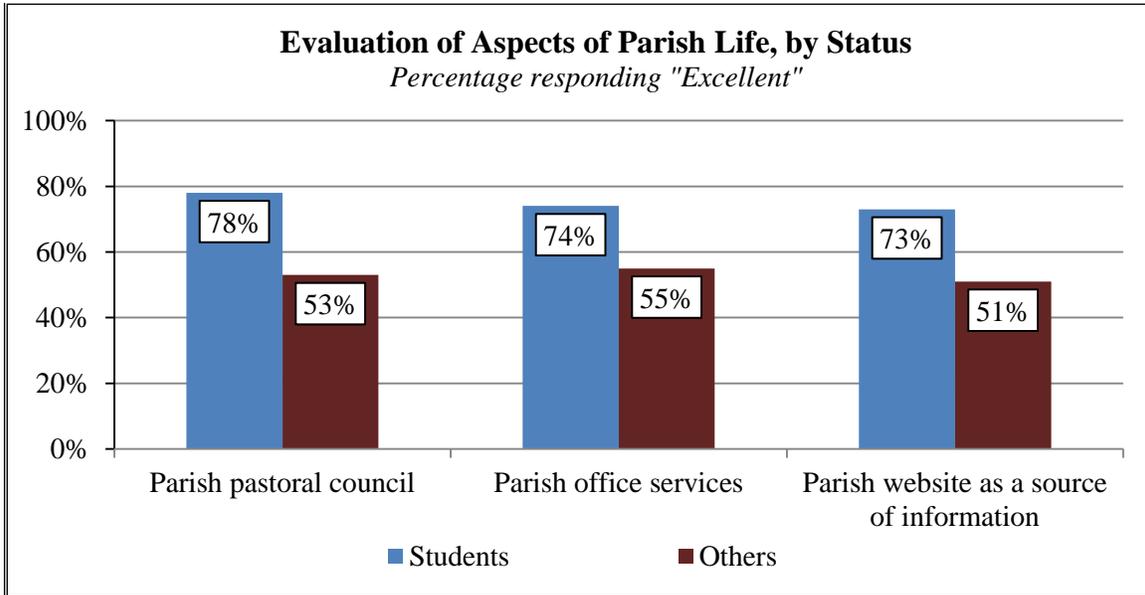
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally
	All	Students	Others	
Leadership provided by the pastor	83%	85%	84%	55%
Friendliness of office staff	75	83	72	51
Campus ministry	75	79	77	–
Campus minister	74	82	75	–
St. Albert the Great Newman Center overall	72	79	70	47
Parish pastoral council	59	78	53	36
Parish office services	59	74	55	45
Parish website as a source of information	58	73	51	–
Director of Religious Education	56	66	54	47
Children’s religious education programs	54	68	49	39
Faith formation for adults	51	66	43	27

The leadership provided by the pastor is particularly likely to receive a high rating, with more than four in five respondents giving it an “excellent” rating.

- About three in four give an “excellent” rating to the friendliness of the office staff, campus ministry, and the campus minister.
- Just under six in ten rate as “excellent” the parish pastoral council, parish office services, and parish website as a source of information.
- The Director of Religious Education receives an “excellent” rating from nearly six in ten respondents. Just over half give as high an evaluation to children’s religious education programs and faith formation for adults.
- St. Albert respondents are more likely than those at parishes nationally to rate the following as “excellent”:
 - St. Albert the Great Newman Center overall (72 percent compared to 47 percent)
 - Faith formation for adults (51 percent compared to 27 percent)
 - Parish pastoral council (59 percent compared to 36 percent)
 - Parish office services (59 percent compared to 45 percent)
 - Children’s religious education programs (54 percent compared to 39 percent)

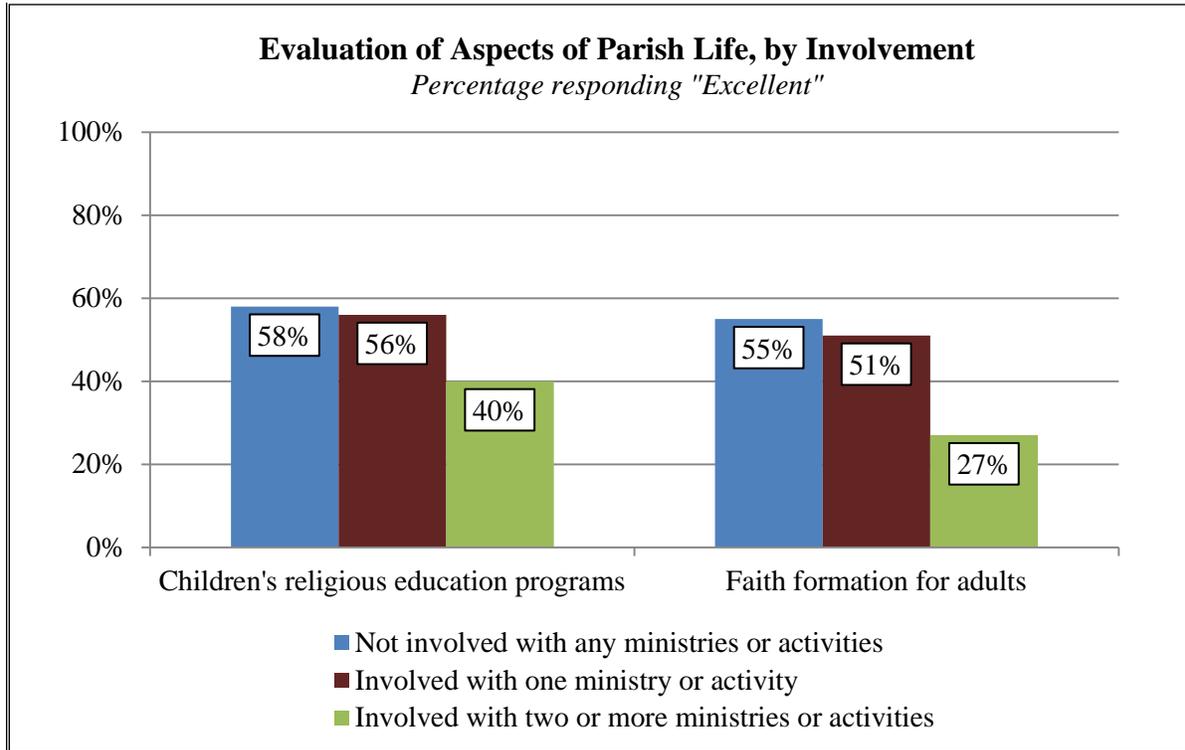
Differences by Status

Students are 19 to 25 percentage points more likely than non-students to give an “excellent” evaluation to the aspects of parish life shown in the graphs below.



Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with at least two ministries or activities at the Newman Center are relatively *less* likely to give an “excellent” rating to the children’s religious education programs and faith formation for adults.



Past Participation in Religious Education Programs

Those whose children have attended religious education classes at the Newman Center in the past five years (48 percent) are slightly *less* likely than others (57 percent) to give an “excellent” rating to children’s religious education programs.

Respondents who have attended adult religious education classes at the Newman Center in the past five years (78 percent) are slightly *less* likely than others (88 percent) to rate as “good” or “excellent” faith formation for adults.

Areas of Worship

Nearly all respondents give a positive evaluation to the weekend Masses in general, hospitality or sense of welcome, and liturgical decorations and environment. Just under nine in ten rate opportunities to worship in their native language positively. Students and other respondents are similar in these evaluations.

<i>Please evaluate these areas of worship in general</i>				
<i>Percentage responding "Good" or "Excellent"</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes
	All	Students	Others	Nationally
Weekend Masses in general	99%	100%	99%	93%
Hospitality or sense of welcome	97	97	97	85
Liturgical decorations and environment	97	97	98	88
Opportunities to worship in your native language	88	88	87	84

St. Albert Newman Center respondents (97 percent) are more likely than those responding at parishes nationally (85 percent) to rate the hospitality or sense of welcome as "good" or "excellent."

“Excellent” Ratings

About eight in ten give an “excellent” rating to the hospitality or sense of welcome and to weekend Masses in general. Seven in ten or slightly fewer give as high a rating to the liturgical decorations and environment and to opportunities to worship in their native language.

<i>Please evaluate these areas of worship in general</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Excellent”</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally
	All	Students	Others	
Hospitality or sense of welcome	80%	86%	79%	49%
Weekend Masses in general	78	80	78	59
Liturgical decorations and environment	70	78	68	48
Opportunities to worship in your native language	68	76	65	51

St. Albert respondents are more likely than those at parishes nationally to give an “excellent” rating to the following areas of worship in general:

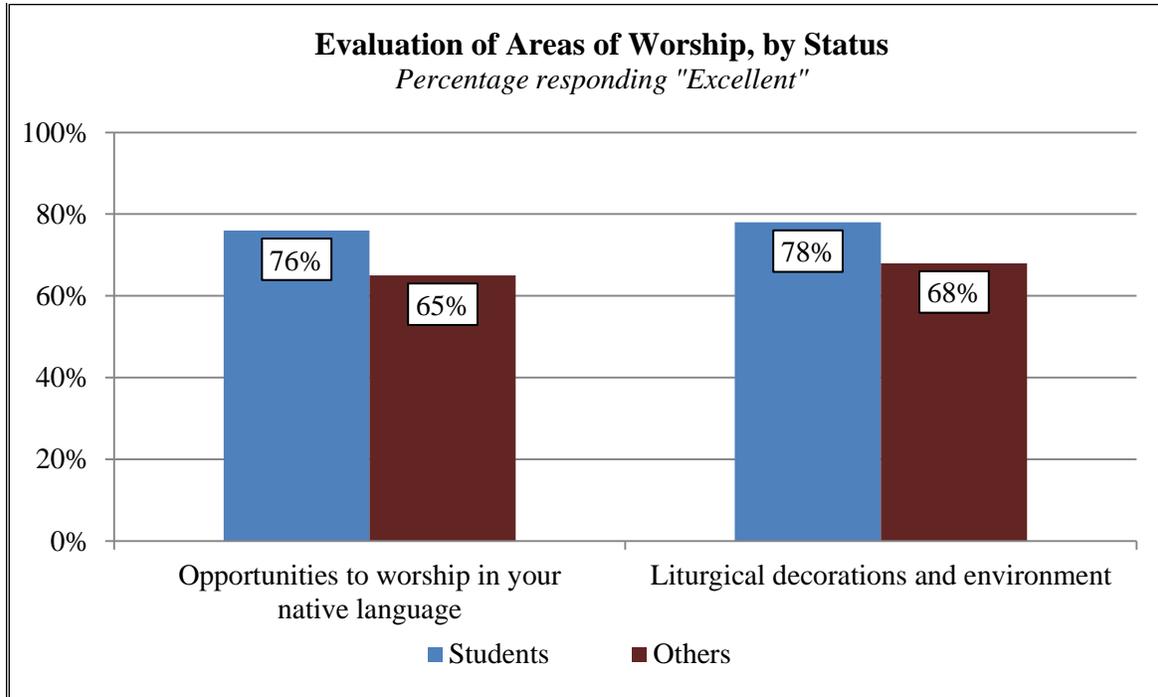
- Hospitality or sense of welcome (80 percent compared to 49 percent)
- Liturgical decorations and environment (70 percent compared to 48 percent)
- Weekend Masses in general (78 percent compared to 59 percent)
- Opportunities to worship in your native language (68 percent compared to 51 percent)

Differences by Frequency of Mass Attendance

There are *no* significant differences in evaluations of areas of worship between those who attend Mass at least once a week and other respondents.

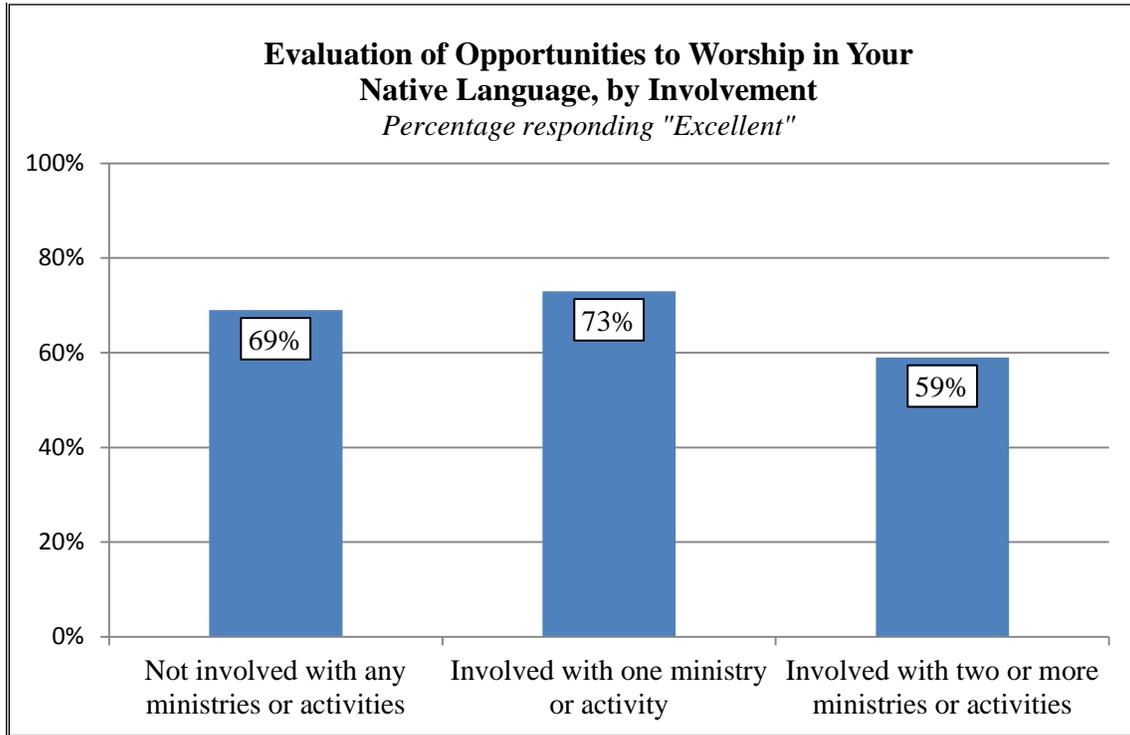
Differences by Status

Students are more likely than other respondents to give an “excellent” rating to the two areas of worship presented in the table below.



Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with at least two ministries or activities at the Newman Center are *less* likely than others to give an “excellent” rating to opportunities to worship in one’s native language.



Evaluation of Parish Efforts

Parish efforts related to spiritual growth and practicing one’s faith in one’s daily life are especially likely to receive positive evaluations. While efforts related to parish finances are relatively less likely to receive a positive evaluation, they still receive a “good” or “excellent” rating from nearly nine in ten respondents, however.

<i>Please evaluate parish efforts to:</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Good” or “Excellent”</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes
	All	Students	Others	Nationally
Nurture your relationship with Jesus Christ	95%	99%	94%	89%
Foster spiritual growth	93	98	90	81
Help you practice gospel values in your daily life	93	96	93	86
Meet people’s spiritual needs	93	95	93	83
Communicate with parishioners	92	94	92	80
Invite you to participate in parish ministries	89	93	86	82
Manage parish finances	87	93	83	85
Offer a Catholic view on current issues	86	92	82	80
Inform you about parish finances	86	91	82	–

Students are 10 percentage points more likely than other respondents to rate as “good” or “excellent” parish efforts to:

- Manage parish finances (93 percent compared to 83 percent)
- Offer a Catholic view on current issues (92 percent compared to 82 percent)

St. Albert the Great respondents are 10 to 12 percentage points more likely than the average of those responding at parishes nationally to give a positive evaluation to parish efforts to:

- Foster spiritual growth (93 percent compared to 81 percent)
- Communicate with parishioners (92 percent compared to 80 percent)
- Meet people’s spiritual needs (93 percent compared to 83 percent)

“Excellent” Ratings

Similar to the evaluations in the table above, parish efforts related to spiritual growth are particularly likely to receive high ratings, with efforts related to parish finances relatively less likely to receive such high ratings.

	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally
	All	Students	Others	
Nurture your relationship with Jesus Christ	65%	74%	61%	47%
Foster spiritual growth	62	75	58	35
Meet people’s spiritual needs	59	72	55	40
Help you practice gospel values in your daily life	56	72	52	37
Communicate with parishioners	56	70	51	37
Invite you to participate in parish ministries	52	69	46	39
Manage parish finances	48	59	43	40
Inform you about parish finances	48	58	42	–
Offer a Catholic view on current issues	45	63	35	33

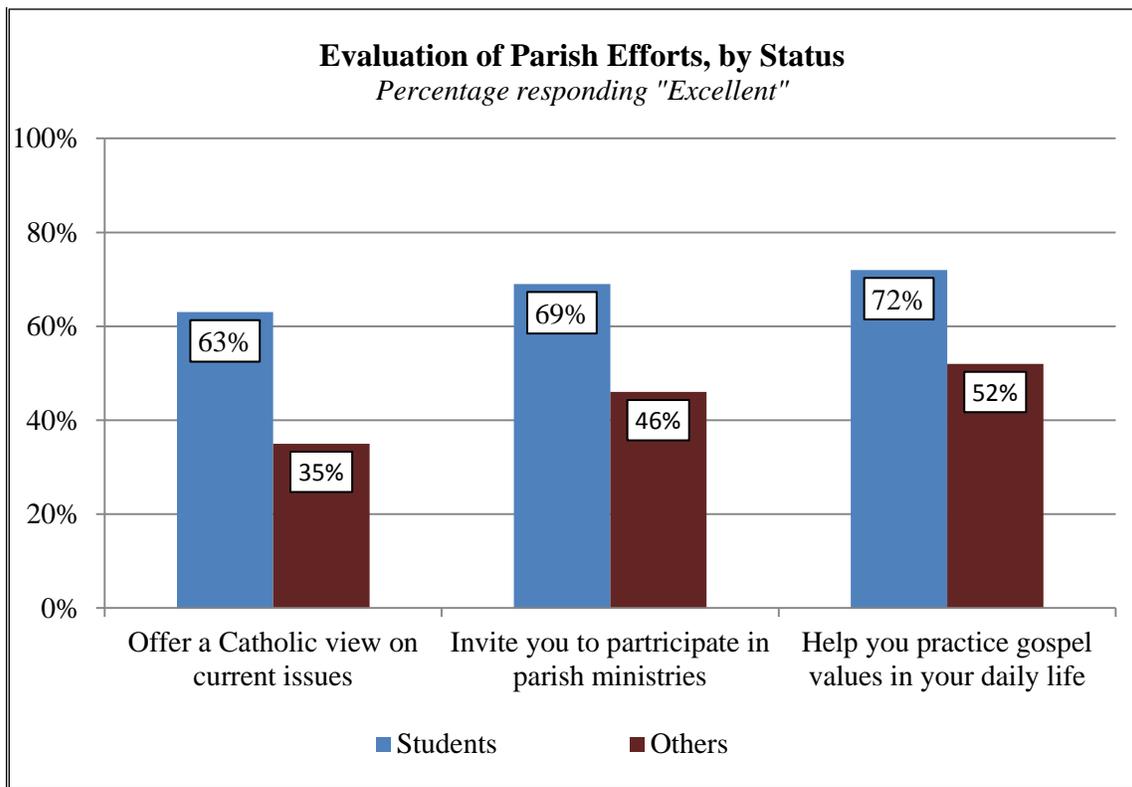
More than six in ten St. Albert respondents overall give an “excellent” rating to parish efforts to nurture a relationship with Jesus Christ and to foster spiritual growth. Nearly six in ten rate as “excellent” efforts to meet people’s spiritual needs, help them practice gospel values in their daily lives, and communicate with parishioners.

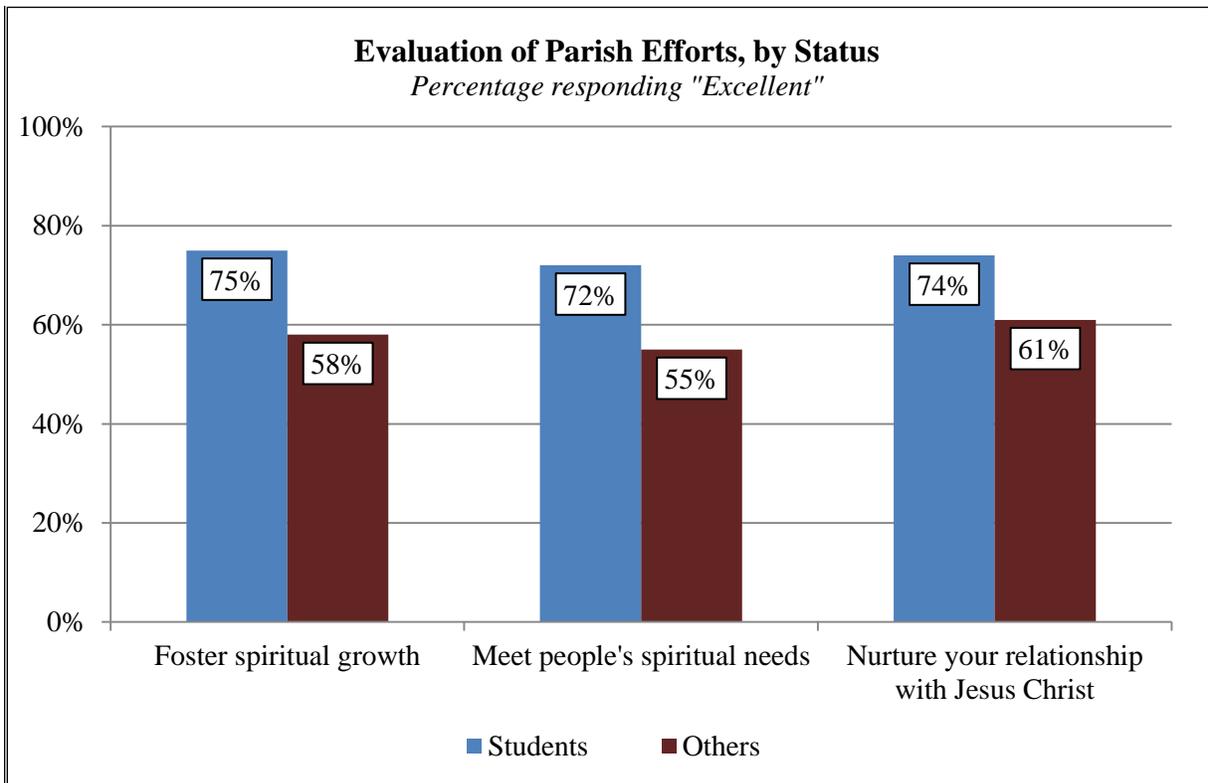
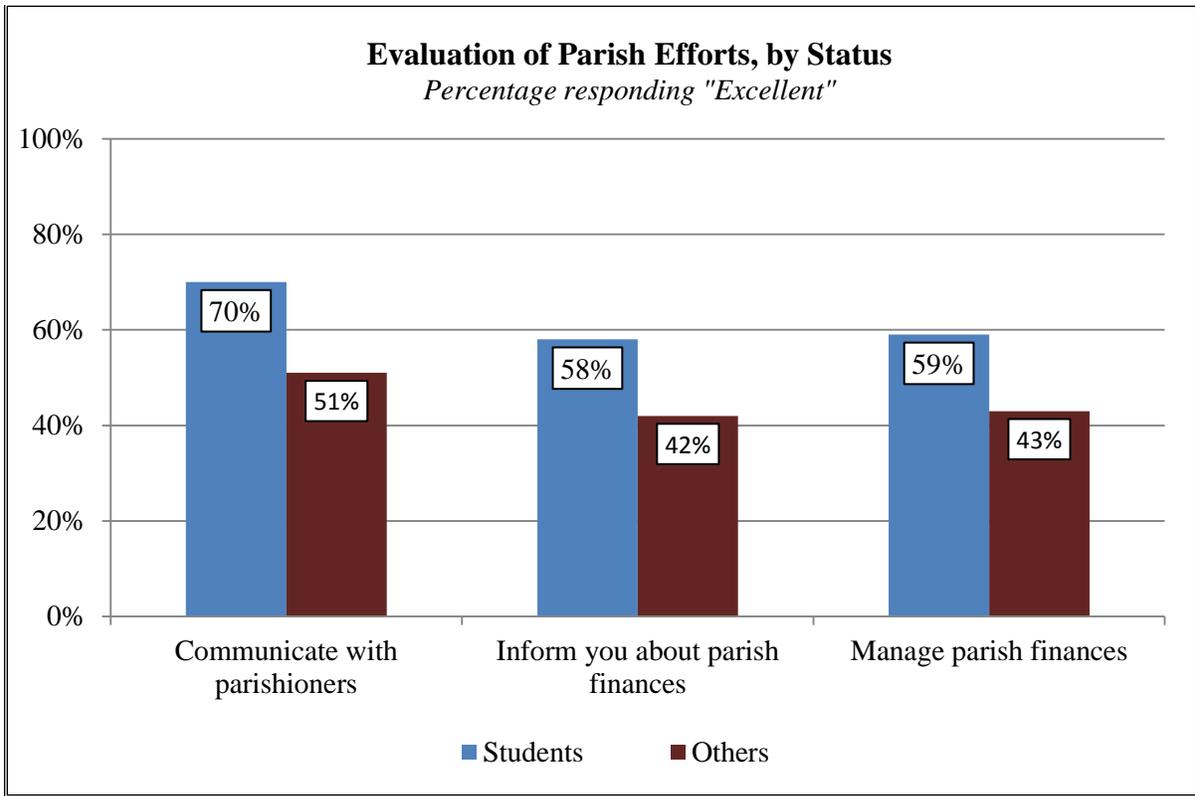
- About half of respondents give an “excellent” evaluation to efforts to invite participation in parish ministries, manage parish finances, inform parishioners about parish finances, and offer a Catholic view on current issues.
- Student respondents are between 13 and 28 percentage points more likely than others to give an “excellent” evaluation to each of the parish efforts listed in the table above.
- St. Albert the Great respondents are 12 to 27 percentage points more likely than the average of those responding at parishes nationally to give a positive evaluation to parish efforts to:
 - Foster spiritual growth (62 percent compared to 35 percent)
 - Meet people’s spiritual needs (59 percent compared to 40 percent)
 - Communicate with parishioners (56 percent compared to 37 percent)

- Help you practice gospel values in your daily life (56 percent compared to 37 percent)
- Nurture your relationship with Jesus Christ (65 percent compared to 47 percent)
- Invite you to participate in parish ministries (52 percent compared to 39 percent)
- Offer a Catholic view on current issues (45 percent compared to 33 percent)

Differences by Status

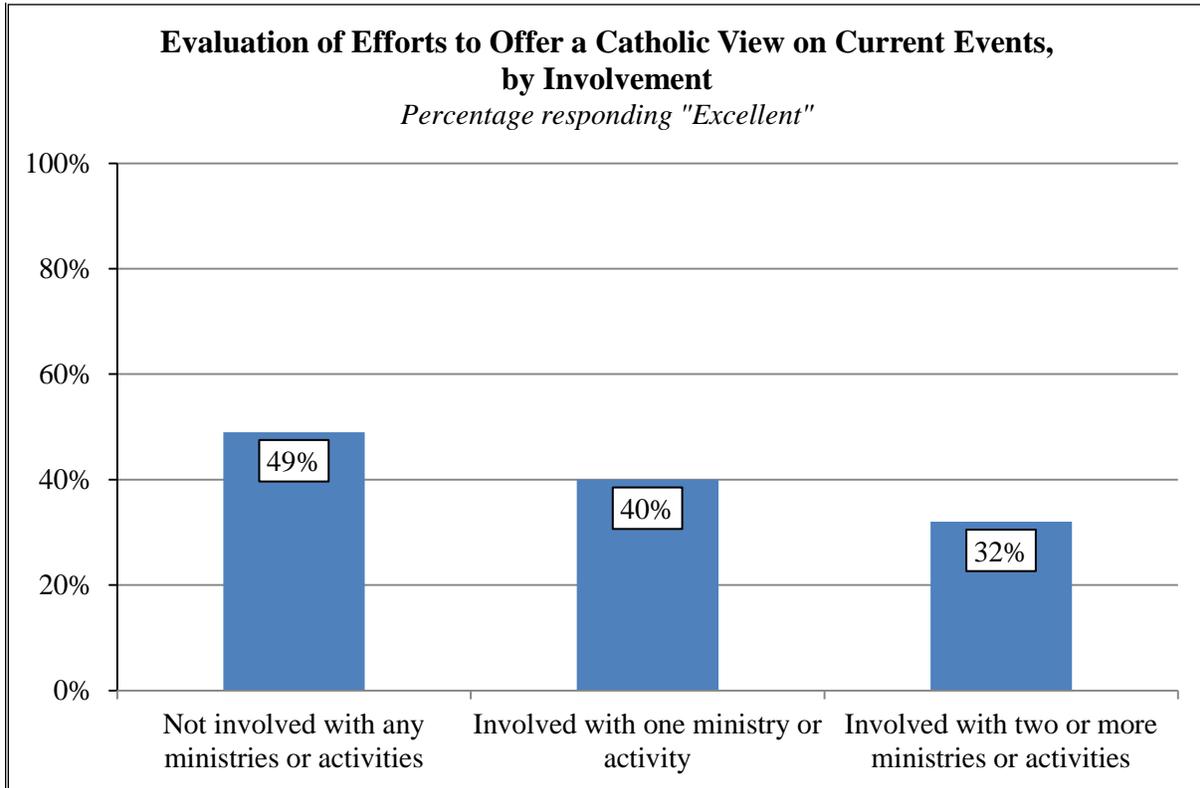
As was noted above, responding students are between 13 and 28 percentage points more likely to give an “excellent” evaluation to each of the parish efforts evaluated.





Differences by Level of Involvement

The more involved with ministries or activities respondents are at the Newman Center, the *less* likely they are to give an “excellent” rating to efforts to offer a Catholic view on current events.



Evaluation of Parish Outreach

More than eight in ten respondents at St. Albert Newman Center give a positive evaluation to the parish outreach given to all of the groups in the table below. The evaluations of student and non-student respondents are similar.

<i>Please evaluate parish outreach to the following groups:</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Good” or “Excellent”</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes
	All	Students	Others	Nationally
College-age youth	96%	95%	98%	69%
Those sick or homebound	90	93	90	80
Children (ages 4 to 12)	88	90	87	77
Young adults (ages 18 to 35)	86	88	84	67
Teens (ages 13 to 17)	83	89	80	73

Nearly all respondents give a “good” or “excellent” evaluation to parish outreach to college-age youth. Almost nine in ten give a positive evaluation to outreach to young adults.

- Nine in ten rate outreach to those sick or homebound as “good” or “excellent.”
- Slightly fewer than nine in ten give a positive evaluation to Newman Center outreach to children. Just over eight in ten give a positive rating to outreach to teens.

“Excellent” Ratings

Approximately half to three-quarters of respondents give an “excellent” rating to parish outreach to college-age youth. Just under six in ten give as high a rating to outreach to young adults.

<i>Please evaluate parish outreach to the following groups:</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Excellent”</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally
	All	Students	Others	
College-age youth	74%	78%	74%	29%
Young adults (ages 18 to 35)	56	67	50	27
Those sick or homebound	54	65	49	38
Children (ages 4 to 12)	52	62	48	33
Teens (ages 13 to 17)	47	60	39	30

Parish outreach to those sick or homebound receives an “excellent” rating from just over half of respondents.

- Outreach to children and teens receives an “excellent” rating from about half of respondents.
- Students are 14 to 21 percentage points more likely than others to give an “excellent” rating to outreach to each of the groups listed above except college-age youth.
- St. Albert respondents are 45 percentage points more likely to give an “excellent” rating to outreach to college-age youth. In addition, they are 16 to 29 percentage points more likely to give an “excellent” rating to outreach to the following groups:
 - Young adults (56 percent compared to 27 percent)
 - Teens (47 percent compared to 30 percent)
 - Those sick or homebound (54 percent compared to 38 percent)

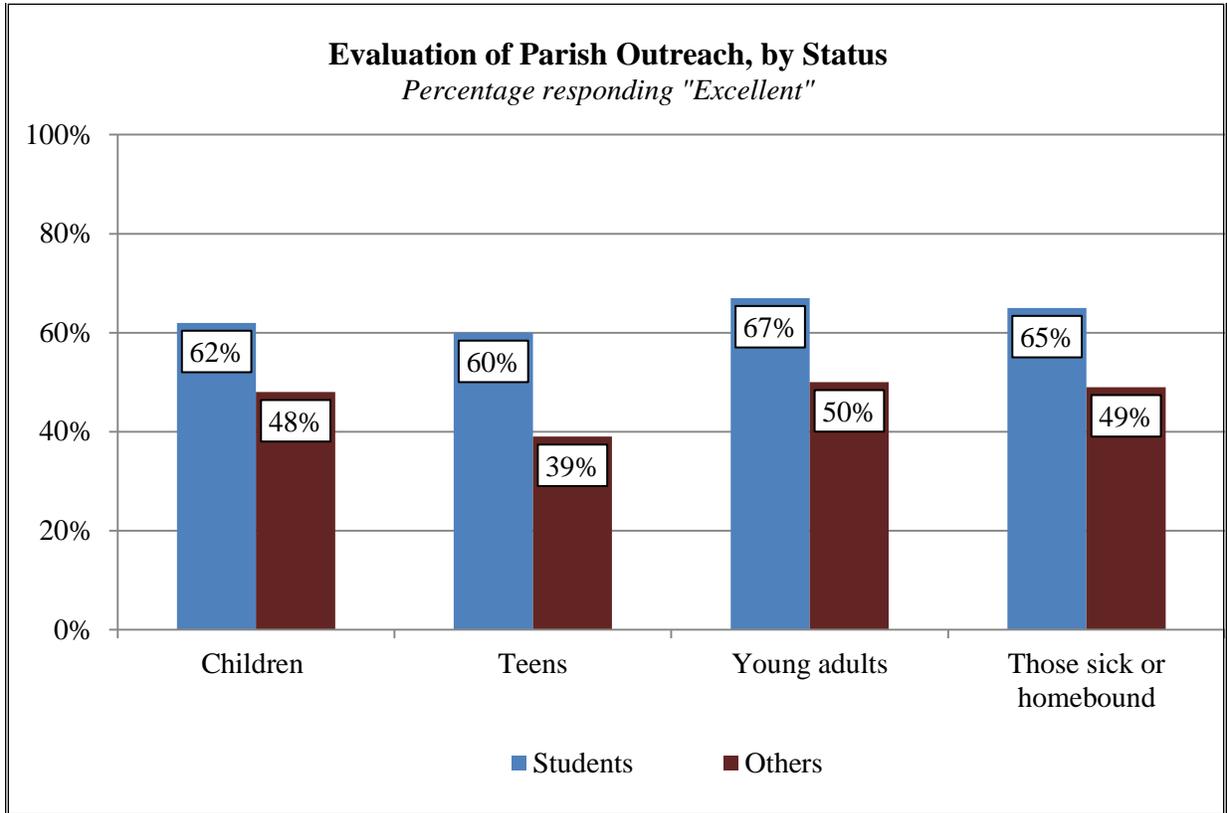
Non-response Rate

Likely due to being unfamiliar with parish outreach to some groups, non-response rates are at least 40 percent for the following items:

- 74 percent for college-age youth
- 56 percent for young adults (ages 18 to 35)
- 52 percent for children (age 12 or younger)
- 47 percent for teens (ages 13 to 17)

Differences by Status

Students are more likely than other respondents to give an “excellent” rating to outreach to each of the groups below.



Differences by Presence of Children

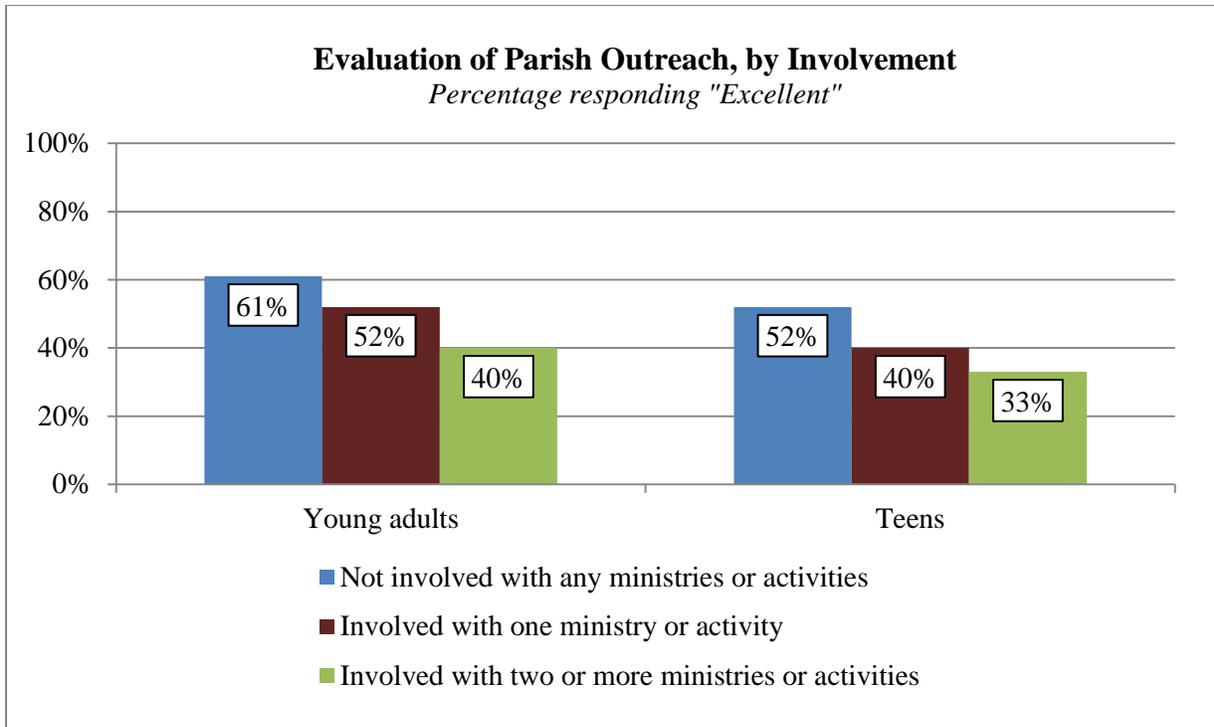
Those with children under 18 living with them do *not* differ significantly from other respondents in how they evaluate Newman Center outreach to children or to teens.

Differences by Age

Those ages 18 to 35 are more likely than other respondents to give an “excellent” rating to the Newman Center’s outreach to young adults (63 percent compared to 52 percent).

Differences by Level of Involvement

The more involved respondents are, the *less* likely they are to give an “excellent” rating to Newman Center outreach to young adults and teens.



Personal Difficulties

More than half of respondents report having at least “some” difficulty coping with stress. Nearly two-thirds of students (65 percent) report this, compared to just over half of other respondents.

<i>How much difficulty do you personally have with these?</i>			
<i>Percentage responding “Some” or “Very Much”</i>			
	All	Students	Others
Coping with stress	56%	65%	53%
Dealing with financial problems	41	51	37
Loneliness	33	42	28

- Four in ten Newman Center respondents overall report having “some” or “very much” personal difficulty dealing with financial problems. Half of students say they have such difficulties, compared to just under four in ten other respondents.
- Loneliness poses “some” or “very much” difficulty for a third of all respondents. Just over four in ten students report difficulty with loneliness, compared to almost three in ten other respondents.

“Very Much” Difficulty

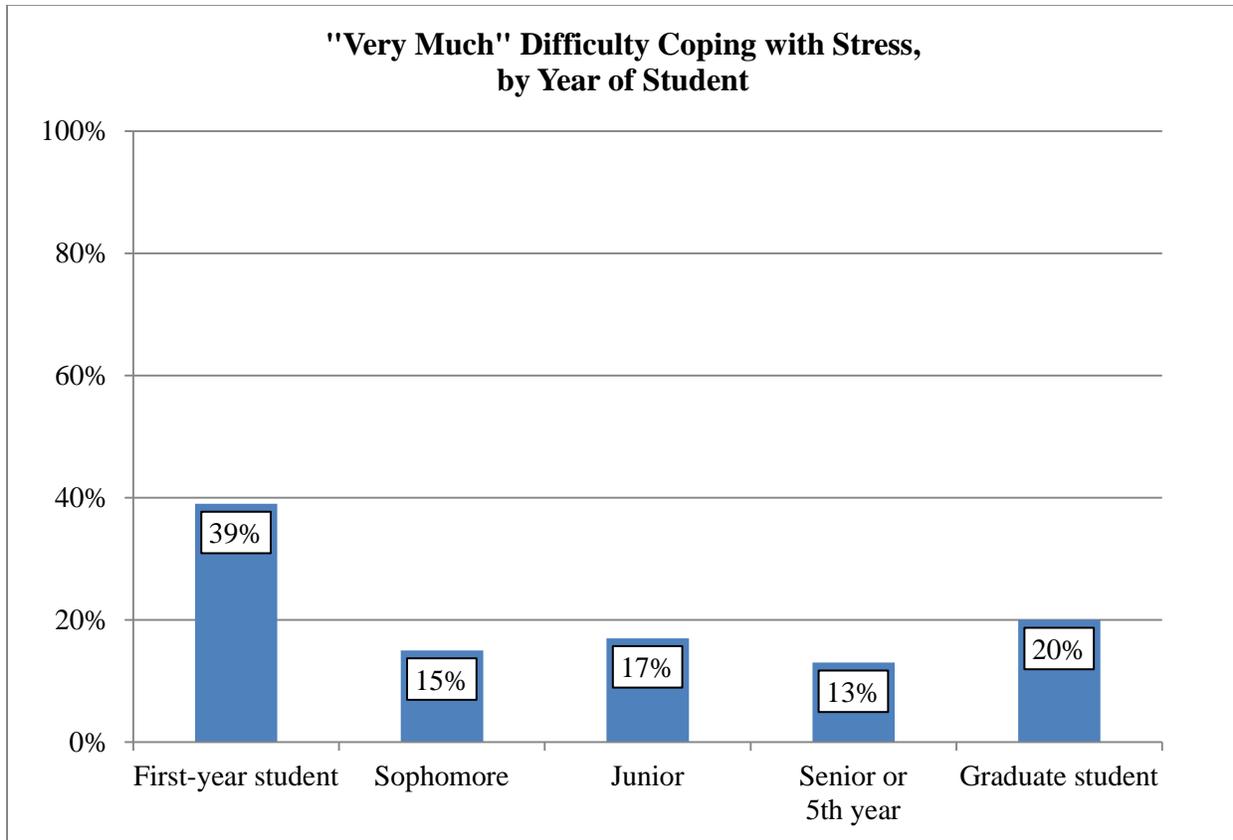
One in six St. Albert respondents overall reports having “very much” difficulty coping with stress. Just over one in ten indicates having as much difficulty with dealing with financial issues and loneliness.

<i>How much difficulty do you personally have with these?</i>			
<i>Percentage responding “Very Much”</i>			
	All	Students	Others
Coping with stress	17%	21%	16%
Dealing with financial problems	13	20	11
Loneliness	13	16	11

While there are only minor differences between students and others in how much difficulty they have with coping with stress and loneliness, students are about twice as likely as other respondents to say they have “very much” difficulty dealing with financial problems.

Differences by Status

Examining responding students only, first year students are about twice as likely as others to report having “very much” difficulty coping with stress.



Priority for Parish Needs

More than nine in ten give at least “somewhat” priority to each of the needs listed in the table below.

<i>What priority do you give the following for the parish?</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Very Much”</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally
	All	Students	Others	
Visitation of the sick and homebound	98%	100%	97%	90%
Young adult ministry	98	98	99	90
More outreach to parish youth	97	96	97	–
Ministry to couples	96	99	95	86
Adult faith formation	96	98	96	86
Ministry to the divorced and separated	96	97	95	82
Outreach to inactive Catholics	91	95	89	73

St. Albert Newman Center respondents are more likely than those at parishes nationally to give “somewhat” or “very much” priority to the following needs:

- Outreach to inactive Catholics (91 percent compared to 73 percent)
- Ministry to the divorced and separated (96 percent compared to 82 percent)
- Ministry to couples (96 percent compared to 86 percent)
- Adult faith formation (96 percent compared to 86 percent)

“Very Much” Priority

Young adult ministry receives “very much” priority from three-quarters of respondents. Seven in ten give as much priority to more outreach to parish youth.

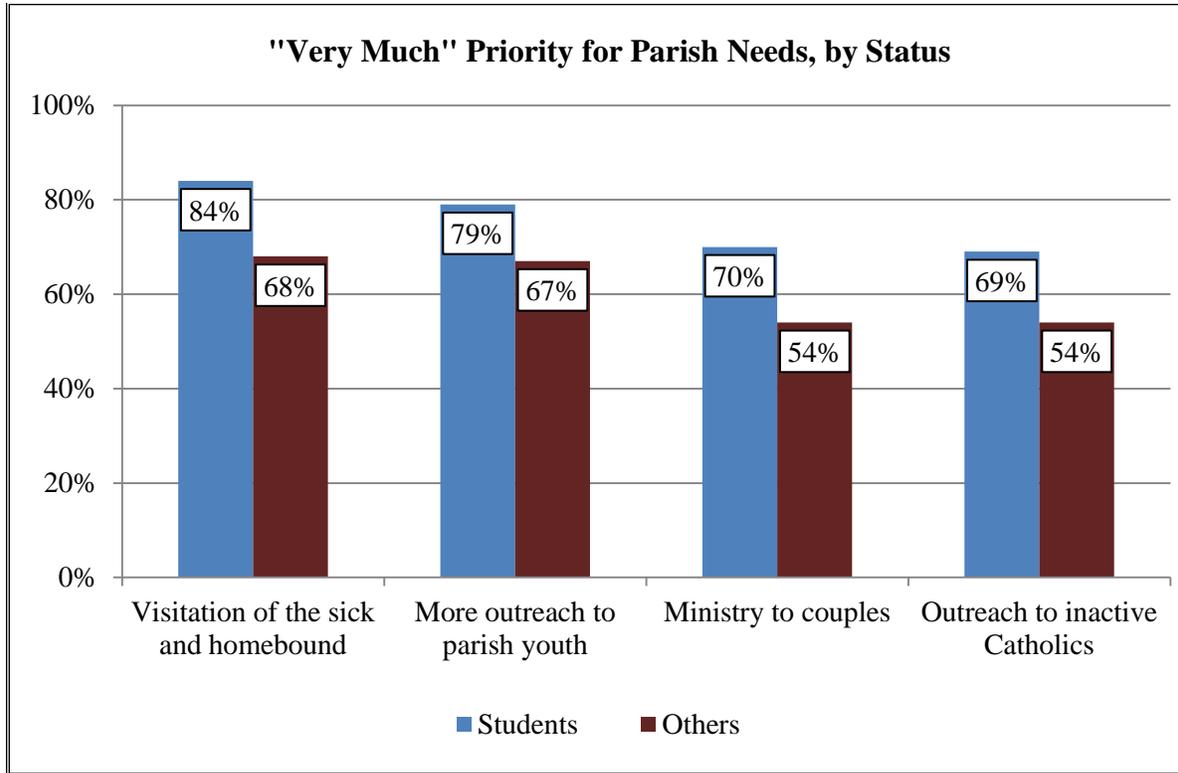
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally
	All	Students	Others	
Young adult ministry	76%	80%	76%	62%
Visitation of the sick and homebound	72	84	68	55
More outreach to parish youth	70	79	67	–
Ministry to the divorced and separated	60	68	59	40
Outreach to inactive Catholics	59	69	54	35
Ministry to couples	58	70	54	41
Adult faith formation	58	62	58	46

Visitation of the sick and homebound receives “very much” priority from more than seven in ten respondents. Students are relatively more likely to give high priority to this need than are other respondents.

- About six in ten place “very much” priority on these three needs: ministry to the divorced and separated, outreach to inactive Catholics, and ministry to couples.
- Adult faith formation receives “very much” priority from almost six in ten respondents.
- St. Albert respondents are 12 to 24 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to place “very much” priority on the following needs:
 - Outreach to inactive Catholics (59 percent compared to 35 percent)
 - Ministry to the divorced and separated (60 percent compared to 40 percent)
 - Visitation of the sick and homebound (72 percent compared to 55 percent)
 - Ministry to couples (58 percent compared to 41 percent)
 - Young adult ministry (76 percent compared to 62 percent)
 - Adult faith formation (58 percent compared to 46 percent)

Differences by Status

Students are more likely than other respondents to give “very much” priority to the four needs presented below.



Differences by Marital Status

Some 72 percent of those who are divorced or separated at the parish give “very much” priority to ministry to the divorced and separated, compared to 60 percent of other respondents.

Those who are married are similar to other respondents in how much priority they give to ministry to couples.

Participation in Religious Education Programs

Some 66 percent of those who have attended adult religious education classes in the past five years give “very much” priority to adult faith formation, compared to 55 percent of other respondents.

Needed Ministries and Programs

Respondents were asked to write a response to this question: *On what need or program should the parish focus most in the next one to three years?* Some 537 wrote in a response to that question. Appendix II presents the complete transcription of all open-ended responses to this question.

Responses can be grouped into the six broad categories below. A discussion of each category follows.

- Church building, expansion and renovation
- Outreach to children and youth
- College and young adult ministry
- Growing in the faith
- Charity and service
- Fostering a welcoming environment

Church Building, Expansion, and Renovation

Two in ten survey respondents note that they would like the parish to focus on either building a new church, making expansions to the current church and facilities, or renovating the current church and facilities. Some examples of these responses appear below.

Bigger worship area. When we sit on the chairs we feel there are many distractions.

Complete the investing and planning aspects and begin whatever construction the parish deems now appropriate.

Determining best way to ensure there is proper space for all parish activities. Since Father Ray became the pastor Newman has seen huge increase in people to serve.

Encouraging young adults to attend by upgrading church physical structure and communication methods.

Expanding seating for Sunday Masses – or adding another Mass. Hall area doesn't work for me – feel "out of it".

Finding out if the parish will ever get money back from Diocese.

Growing the church to fill the need of the growing church community – what a wonderful problem!

Children and Youth Ministry

Two in ten respondents express an interest in the parish focusing more on the needs of the children and youth within the parish. The majority of the respondents were concerned with middle school and high school age students, citing that they wanted more opportunities for them to become excited about participating in the church. Below are a few typical responses:

Children's classes – not just a visit out during Mass.

Getting teenagers (13-17 years of age) more active in the church.

Helping outreach to our young people. Showing our young people how to use their faith to make a difference.

Ministry to high school age youth. There is very little available for this age group.

More youth program and Life Teen Program like St. Thomas More in Henderson, NV.

Parish social activities, adult bible studies, married couples with young children, students not currently attending our church.

Setting up better accommodations for CCD classes – especially for the teens.

College and Young Adult Ministry

One in ten participants notes that the proximity of the parish to the NMSU campus requires it to focus more heavily on the college students and their needs and by extension the needs of young adults within the community. Following are a sampling of these responses:

Better integration of parish and Newman Center activities.

Keeping campus ministry active and continue to provide a loving parish community for young adults and reaching out to young adults who are looking for an accepting and loving community to belong to.

Ministry growth with young couples and college student relationships.

On youth and young adult ministry and outreach.

The involvement of college students, and focusing on their needs since the location is near campus.

The mission of the parish is to attend to spiritual needs of the NMSU students and all youth by extension at that mission.

Welcoming students into campus ministry activities. I didn't know anyone and never felt welcome, but I would've loved to participate more.

Growing in Faith

One in ten wants the parish to focus on increasing the faith of the parishioners. They express a great interest in Bible studies as well as catechesis classes and formation groups. Below are a few examples:

Adult faith formation of parishioners.

Bible studies. I feel it is important that we become more familiar without bible.

Family involvement – Making the gospel relevant to daily life.

Fostering positive faith and spirituality for all ages.

Getting people to understand that living your faith is more about love, mercy, and compassion than the letter of the law.

Helping parishioners develop a personal relationship and commitment to Jesus Christ.

They should host a "Bible Study," would love to attend that weekly.

Charity and Service

One in ten notes an interest in becoming more involved in charitable activities, which included serving the marginalized in the community. Following are some sample comments:

Building relationships between parishioners and helping the poor.

Helping the poor in our community whether or not they are Catholic and parishioners.

Outreach to global disasters or outreach to locals who struggle financially/homeless/abused.

Outreach to the poor and homeless.

Social justice – hunger/homelessness – encouraging our responsibility to it.

That which the community require and needs as it develops. Would like to see more involvement with local hospitals. For spiritual needs of patients and staff.

Fostering a Welcoming Environment

One in ten survey participants wishes the parish would focus on creating a welcoming environment for all, which would be supplemented by strong communication. Here are some responses:

Better communication of activities and how to become involved.

Communication of events, ministries, and faith formation.

Continuous focus on hospitality, providing opportunities for parishioners to get to know one another – honoring the culture of the area by providing bilingual services.

Ministers should be more involved in knowing the people who come to church.

Provide homily and information from the homily on the website so parishioners can further gain insight and info.

Welcoming of all people into the faith regardless of position in life.

Priorities for Social Justice Efforts

Respondents were asked to choose one top priority for parish contributions to social justice efforts. St. Albert respondents are particularly likely to say their top priorities are charities such as homeless shelters and food banks (63 percent), with students and other respondents about equally likely to identify that as their top priority.

<i>Which of the following is your top priority for parish contributions to social justice efforts?</i>			
<i>Respondents were instructed to choose only one</i>			
	All	Students	Others
Charities such as homeless shelters and food banks	63%	62%	65%
Groups that advocate for the poor	20	16	19
Addressing global issues through organizations like Catholic Relief Services	9	11	9
Adopting a parish in a developing country or in a disadvantaged area of the United States	8	11	7

Students and other respondents express similar top priorities for parish contributions to social justice efforts.

- Two in ten say the top priority for parish contributions for social justice efforts should be groups that advocate for the poor.
- Addressing global issues through organizations like Catholic Relief Services should be the top priority for parish contributions to social justice efforts according to about one in ten respondents.
- Just under one in ten indicates that the top priority for parish contributions for social justice efforts should be adopting a parish in a developing country or in a disadvantaged area of the United States.

Attraction to the Parish

Those attending Mass at the parish report being especially attracted to the Newman Center by its open, welcoming spirit, the quality of the liturgy, the sense of belonging they feel there, and its opportunities for spiritual growth. More than nine in ten say these elements attract them “somewhat” or “very much.”

<i>How much do the following attract you to the parish?</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Very Much”</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes
	All	<i>Students</i>	<i>Others</i>	Nationally
Its open, welcoming spirit	97%	97%	98%	86%
The quality of the liturgy	97	96	97	89
The sense of belonging you feel here	95	95	95	86
Its opportunities for spiritual growth	92	95	91	81
Its commitment to social justice	82	85	78	71
Its faith formation for adults	79	87	72	66
Religious education of children and youth	79	79	74	74

- About eight in ten report that the following attract them to St. Albert Newman Center “somewhat” or “very much”: its commitment to social justice, its faith formation for adults, and its religious education of children and youth.
- St. Albert respondents are 11 to 13 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to say the following attract them to the parish at least “somewhat”:
 - Its faith formation for adults (79 percent compared to 66 percent)
 - Its opportunities for spiritual growth (92 percent compared to 81 percent)
 - Its commitment to social justice (82 percent compared to 71 percent)
 - Its open, welcoming spirit (97 percent compared to 86 percent)

Elements That Attract “Very Much”

More than three-quarters of respondents report being attracted to the parish “very much” by its open, welcome spirit, by the quality of its liturgies, and by the sense of belonging they feel there.

<i>How much do the following attract you to the parish?</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Very Much”</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes
	All	Students	Others	Nationally
Its open, welcoming spirit	84%	86%	86%	57%
The quality of the liturgy	80	75	82	55
The sense of belonging you feel here	76	76	77	62
Its opportunities for spiritual growth	57	74	51	42
Religious education of children and youth	46	53	40	40
Its commitment to social justice	45	62	38	32
Its faith formation for adults	40	60	30	28

Nearly six in ten report that they are attracted “very much” to the Newman Center by its opportunities for spiritual growth.

- Almost half indicate that the religious education of children and youth at the Newman Center attracts them there “very much.” Four in ten say the same about its faith formation for adults.
- The Newman Center’s commitment to social justice attracts almost half “very much.”
- St. Albert respondents are 12 to 27 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to say the following attract them “very much”:
 - Its open, welcoming spirit (84 percent compared to 57 percent)
 - The quality of the liturgy (80 percent compared to 55 percent)
 - Its opportunities for spiritual growth (57 percent compared to 42 percent)
 - The sense of belonging you feel here (76 percent compared to 62 percent)
 - Its commitment to social justice (45 percent compared to 32 percent)
 - Its faith formation for adults (40 percent compared to 12 percent)

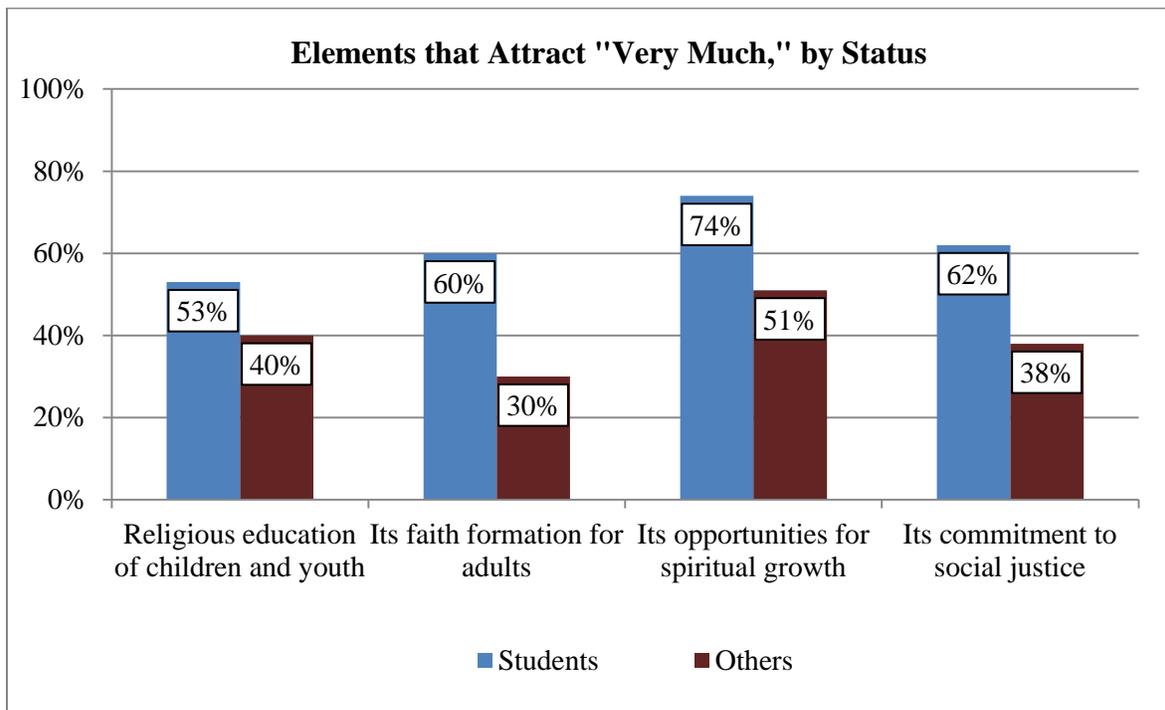
Participation in Religious Education Classes

Those who have attended parish adult education classes in the past five year are nearly identical to other respondents in how much they say faith formation for adults attracts them to the Newman Center.

Some 51 percent of those whose child or children have attended religious education classes at the parish in the past five years report that the Newman Center’s religious education children attracts them to the parish “very much,” compared to 42 percent of other respondents.

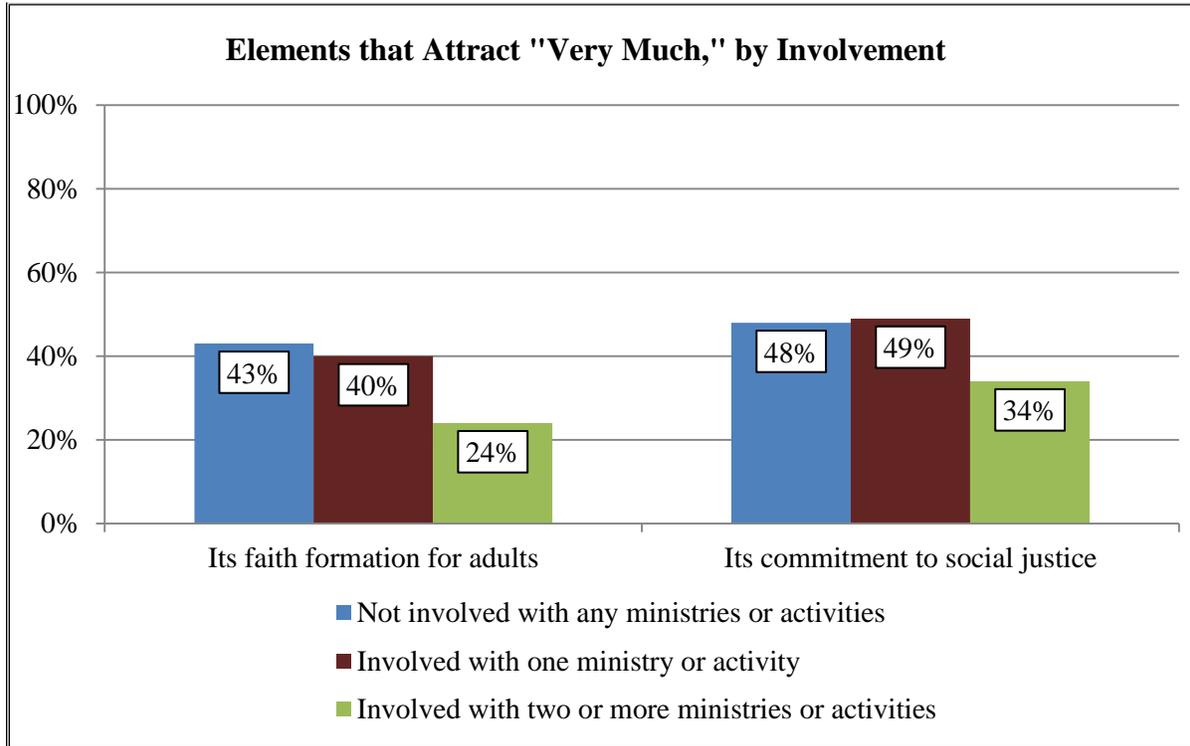
Differences by Status

Students are more likely than other respondents to say the elements presented in the graph below attract them to the Newman Center “very much.”



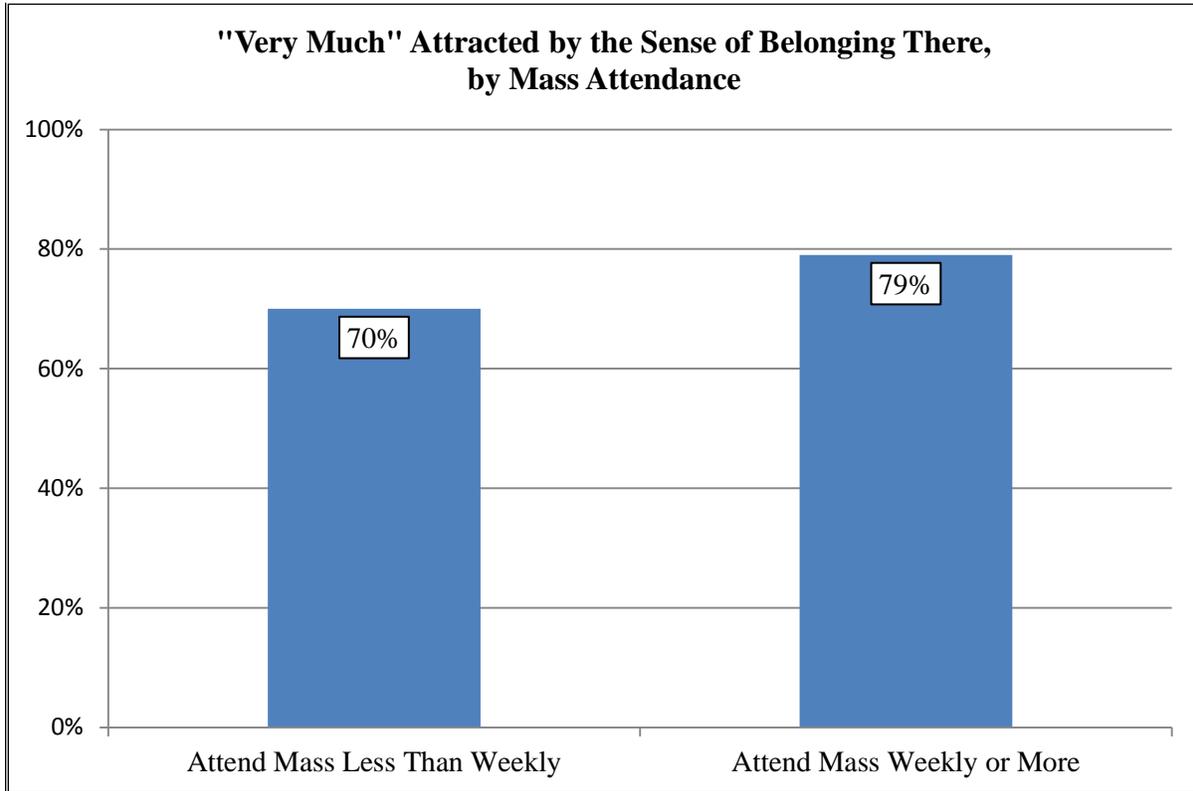
Differences by Level of Involvement

Respondents involved with at least two ministries or activities are *less* likely than others to say the Newman Center's faith formation for adults and its commitment to social justice attract them "very much."



Differences by Mass Attendance

Those who attend Mass at least once a week are more likely than those who attend less frequently to say they are attracted to St. Albert by the sense of belonging they feel there. There are no other significant differences between the groups for this set of questions.



Invitations to Parish Worship Services or Activities

On average, St. Albert respondents invited someone to attend a parish worship service or activity 2.3 times in the past year. Over half (56 percent) did so at least once, with slightly more than a quarter doing so three or more times.

<i>Number of times you have invited someone to attend a parish worship service or activity in the past year</i>			
<i>Percentage responding</i>			
	All	Students	Others
Never	44%	41%	44%
Once	14	15	12
Twice	15	15	14
Three or more times	27	29	30
Average	2.3	2.8	2.2

- Students and others are very similar in the number of times they invited someone to attend a worship service or activity in the past year.
- St. Albert respondents have a similar average number of times they invited someone to a worship service or activity in the past year (2.3 times) to those at parishes nationally (2.2 times).

Likelihood of Future Behaviors

Just over eight in ten respondents say they are at least “somewhat” likely to spend time learning about their faith. Seven in ten say they are as likely to attend a class on Catholic principles.

<i>How likely are you to do the following?</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Very”</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally
	All	Students	Others	
Spend time learning more about your faith	84%	82%	84%	75%
Volunteer time and talent	82	85	82	–
Give service on behalf of the poor	80	80	80	72
Attend a class on Catholic principles	69	64	69	–
Ask someone to a campus ministry activity	52	62	48	–

- About eight in ten say they are “somewhat” or “very” likely to volunteer their time and talent and to give service on behalf of the poor.
- Just over half indicate that they are at least “somewhat” likely to ask someone to a campus ministry activity.

Strong Likelihood of Future Behaviors

More than four in ten say they are “very” likely to volunteer their time and talent and to give service on behalf of the poor.

<i>How likely are you to do the following?</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Very”</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes Nationally
	All	Students	Others	
Volunteer time and talent	46%	56%	44%	–
Give service on behalf of the poor	42	49	39	34%
Spend time learning more about your faith	40	46	36	31
Attend a class on Catholic principles	33	32	33	–
Ask someone to a campus ministry activity	20	34	16	–

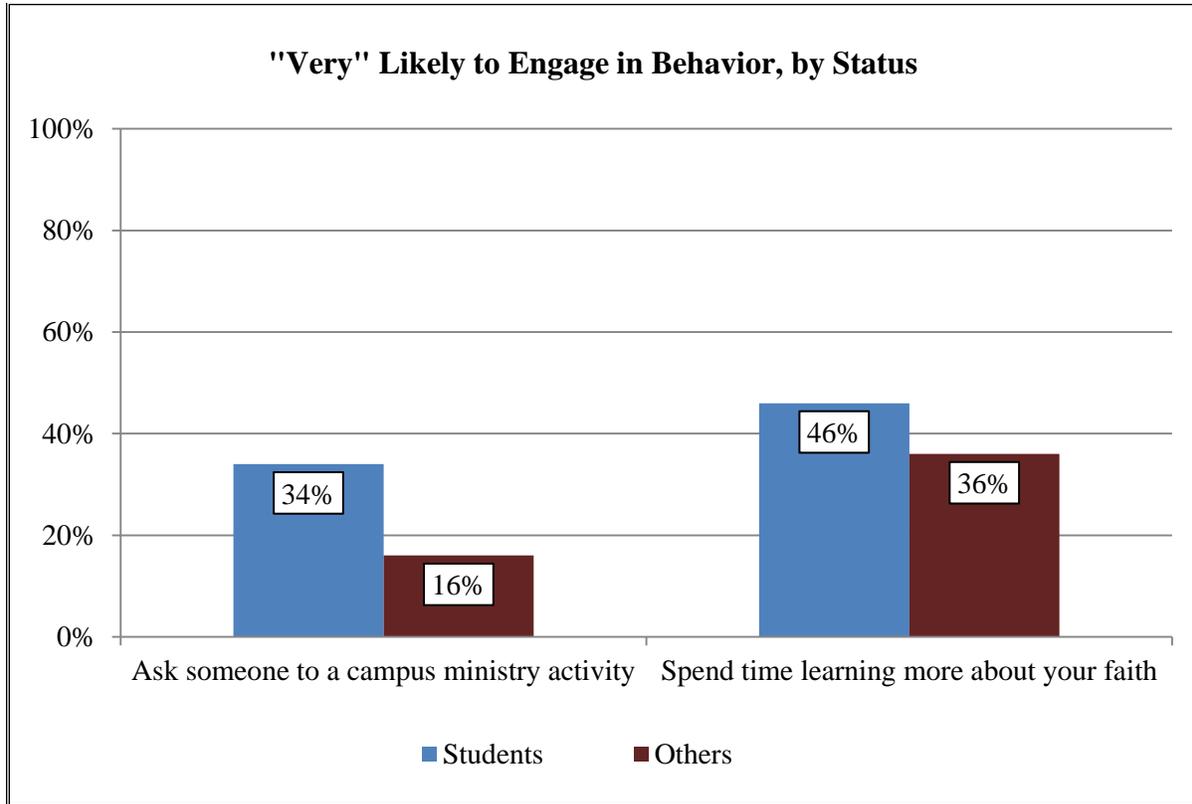
- Four in ten report being “very” likely to spend time learning more about their faith. A third are “very” likely to attend a class on Catholic principles.
- Two in ten say they are “very” likely to ask someone to a campus ministry activity.

Past Participation in Religious Education Programs

Some 57 percent of those who have attended adult religious education classes at the Newman Center in the past five years say they are “very” likely to spend time learning more about their faith, compared to 36 percent of other respondents.

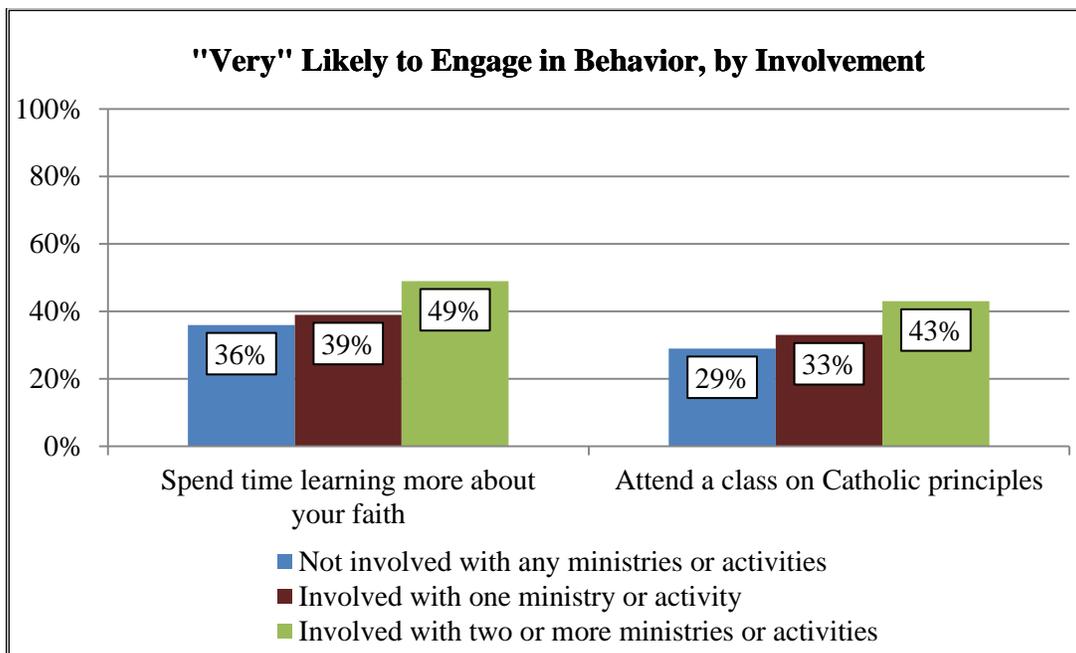
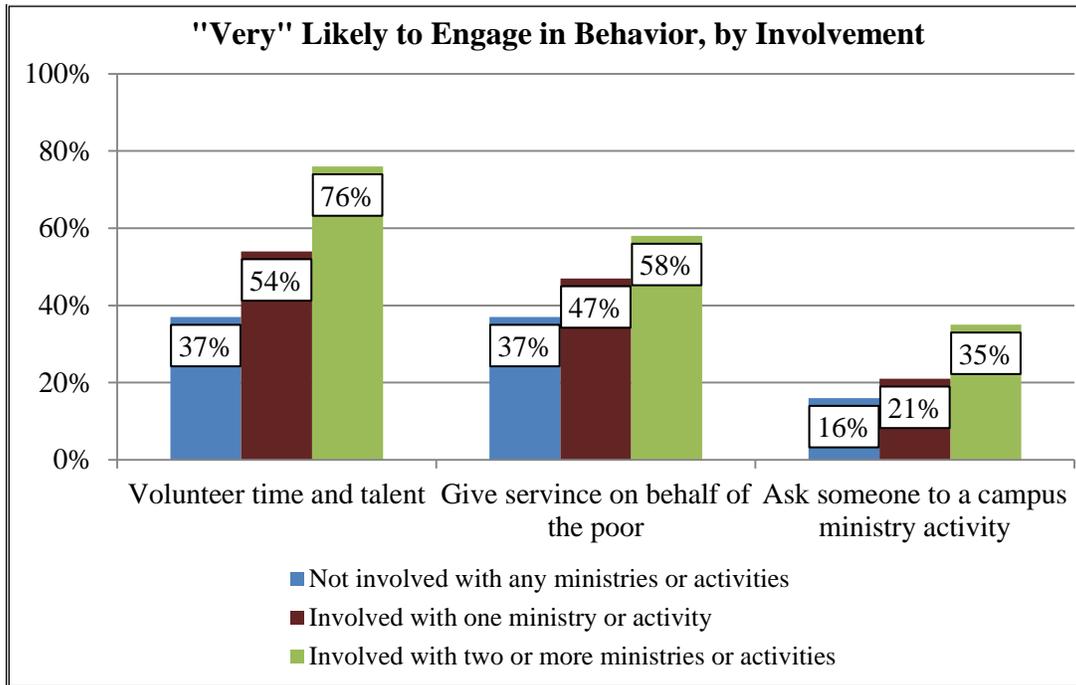
Differences by Status

Students are more likely than other respondents to report being “very” likely to ask someone to a campus ministry activity and to spend time learning more about their faith.



Differences by Level of Involvement

The more involved respondents are with Newman Center ministries or activities, the more likely they are to report being “very” likely to volunteer their time and talent, give service on behalf of the poor, and ask someone to a campus ministry activity. In addition, those involved in two or more ministries or activities are more likely than others to say they will “very” likely spend time learning more about their faith and attend a class on Catholic principles.



Attitudes about Parish Life

More than nine in ten at least “somewhat” agree that their parish community is important in their lives. More than eight in ten agree “somewhat” or “very much” that they feel included in parish life and that they want to be more involved in parish life.

<i>How much do you agree with the following?</i>			
<i>Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Very Much”</i>			
	All	Students	Others
My parish community is important in my life	93%	93%	93%
I would find homilies on personal prayer and spirituality helpful	89	94	88
I feel included in parish life	86	86	87
I want to be more involved in parish life	84	89	82
Social media (Facebook, Twitter) is an effective way of sharing parish news with me	57	81	49

- Nine in ten agree at least “somewhat” that they would find homilies on personal prayer and spirituality helpful.
- Almost six in ten at least “somewhat” agree that social media is an effective way of sharing parish news with them. Students are particularly likely to agree that it is.

“Very Much” Agree

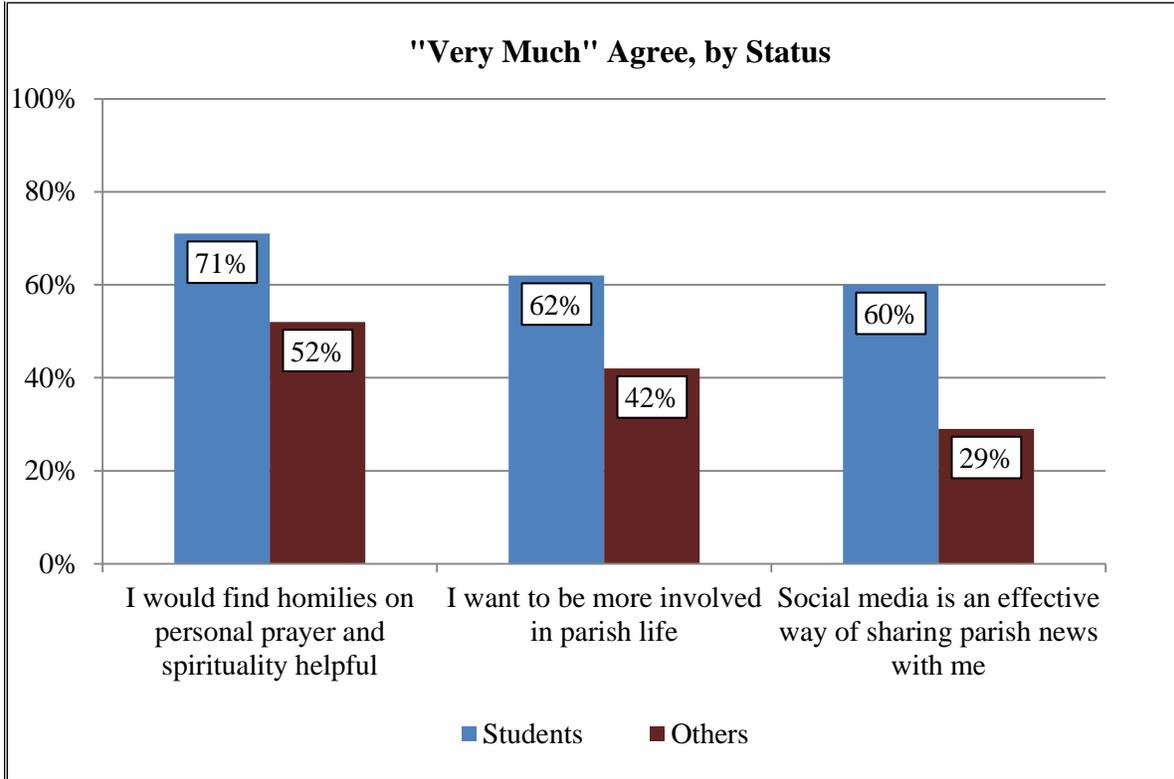
Nearly two in three respondents agree “very much” that their parish community is important in their lives. About half agree “very much” that they feel included in parish life and that they want to be more involved in parish life.

<i>How much do you agree with the following?</i>			
<i>Percentage responding “Very Much”</i>			
	All	Students	Others
My parish community is important in my life	64%	67%	63%
I would find homilies on personal prayer and spirituality helpful	58	72	52
I feel included in parish life	50	52	49
I want to be more involved in parish life	47	62	42
Social media (Facebook, Twitter) is an effective way of sharing parish news with me	36	60	30

- Almost six in ten “very much” agree that they would find homilies on personal prayer and spirituality helpful.
- Just over a third “very much” agree that social media is an effective way of sharing parish news with them. Students are twice as likely to “very much” agree that it is.
- Because these question are usually asked with different responses, no direct comparisons between the responses for St. Albert and parishes nationally is possible. However, it can be reported that 49 percent of respondents at parishes nationally “strongly” agree that they feel included in parish life. Moreover, 54 percent of respondents at parishes nationally “strongly” agree that their parish community is important in their lives.

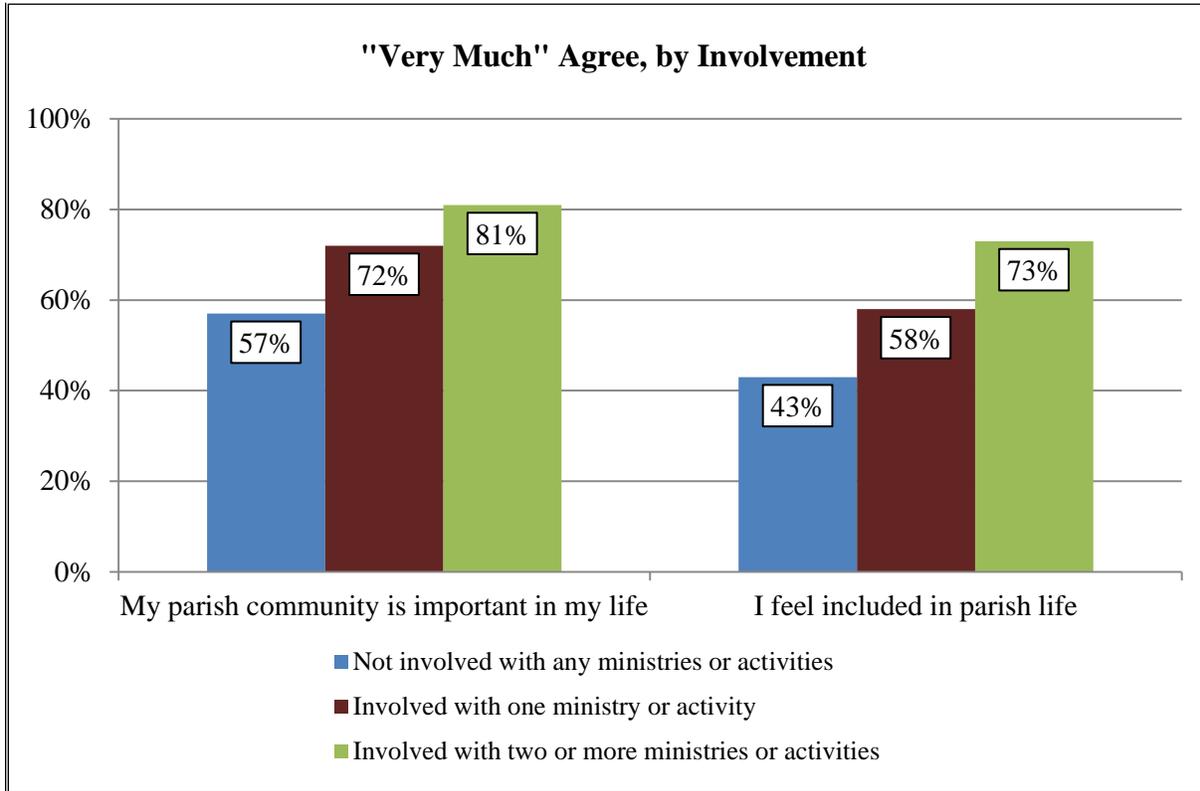
Differences by Status

Students are twice as likely to “very much” agree that social media is an effective way of sharing parish news with them. They are also more likely to “very much” agree that they would find homilies on personal prayer and spirituality helpful and that they want to be more involved in parish life.



Differences by Level of Involvement

The more involved with ministries or activities respondents are, the more likely they are to “very much” agree that their parish community is important in their lives and that they feel included in parish life.



Attitudes about Parish Life and the Bishop

More than nine in ten at least “somewhat” agree that they feel comfortable talking with the pastor.

<i>Please respond to the following statements</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Strongly” Agree</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes
	All	Students	Others	Nationally
I feel comfortable talking with the pastor	92%	88%	94%	–
I trust in the leadership of our Bishop	86	94	84	86%
I understand the concept of stewardship	82	65	88	85
I would volunteer more if I knew parish needs	80	86	80	61
The Bishop is aware of my parish’s concerns	68	79	63	77
I am interested in giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer	45	47	44	–

Nearly nine in ten at least “somewhat” agree that they trust in the leadership of their Bishop. Two in three agree at least “somewhat” that the Bishop is aware of their parish’s concerns. Student respondents are somewhat more likely than others to agree with each of these statements.

- About eight in ten agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that they understand the concept of stewardship and that they would volunteer more if they knew parish needs.
- Slightly fewer than half at least “somewhat” agree that they are interested in giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer.
- Compared to those at parishes nationally (61 percent), St. Albert respondents are more likely to “somewhat” or “strongly” agree that they would volunteer more if they knew parish needs.

“Strongly” Agree

Two-thirds of all St. Albert respondents “strongly” agree that they feel comfortable talking with the pastor. Non-students are particularly likely to agree “strongly” that they do.

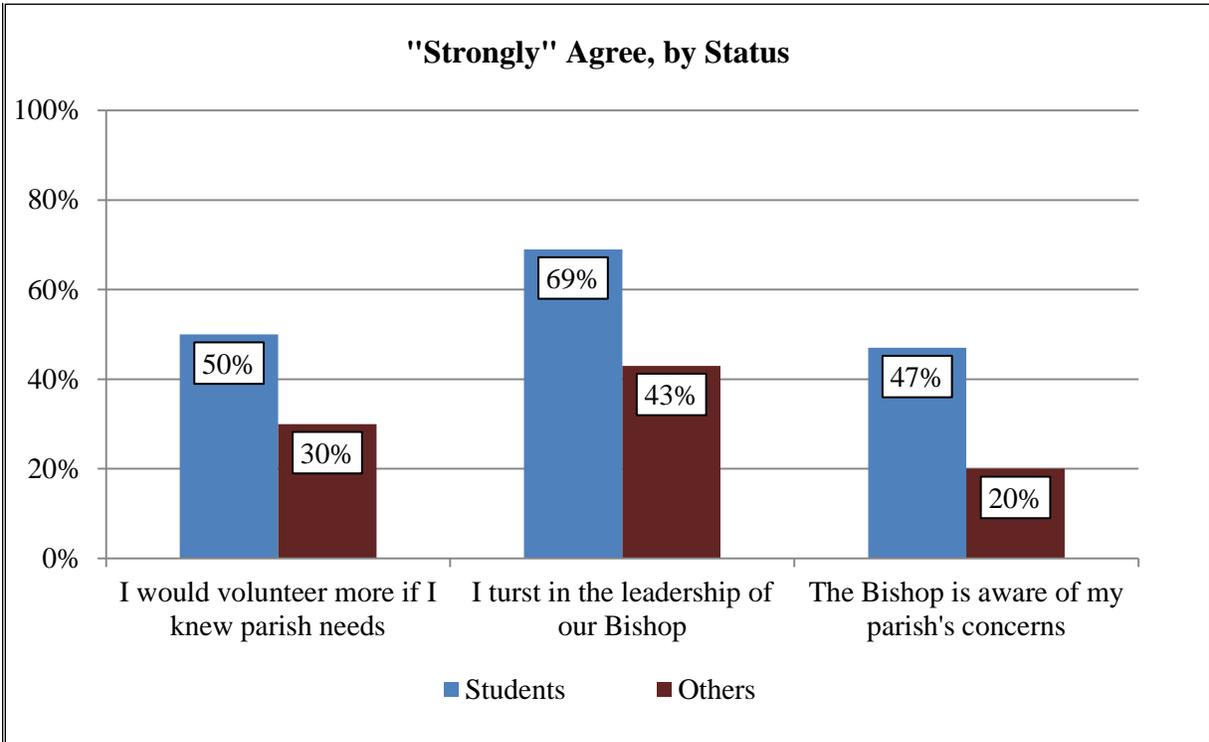
<i>Please respond to the following statements</i>				
<i>Percentage responding “Strongly” Agree</i>				
	St. Albert Newman Center			Parishes
	All	Students	Others	Nationally
I feel comfortable talking with the pastor	67%	58%	71%	–
I trust in the leadership of our Bishop	50	69	43	52%
I understand the concept of stewardship	40	26	46	51
I would volunteer more if I knew parish needs	33	50	30	19
The Bishop is aware of my parish’s concerns	28	47	20	36
I am interested in giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer	20	17	23	–

Half “strongly” agree that they trust in the leadership of their Bishop. Just under three in ten “strongly” agree that the Bishop is aware of their parish’s concerns. Students are more likely to agree “strongly” with these statements than other respondents.

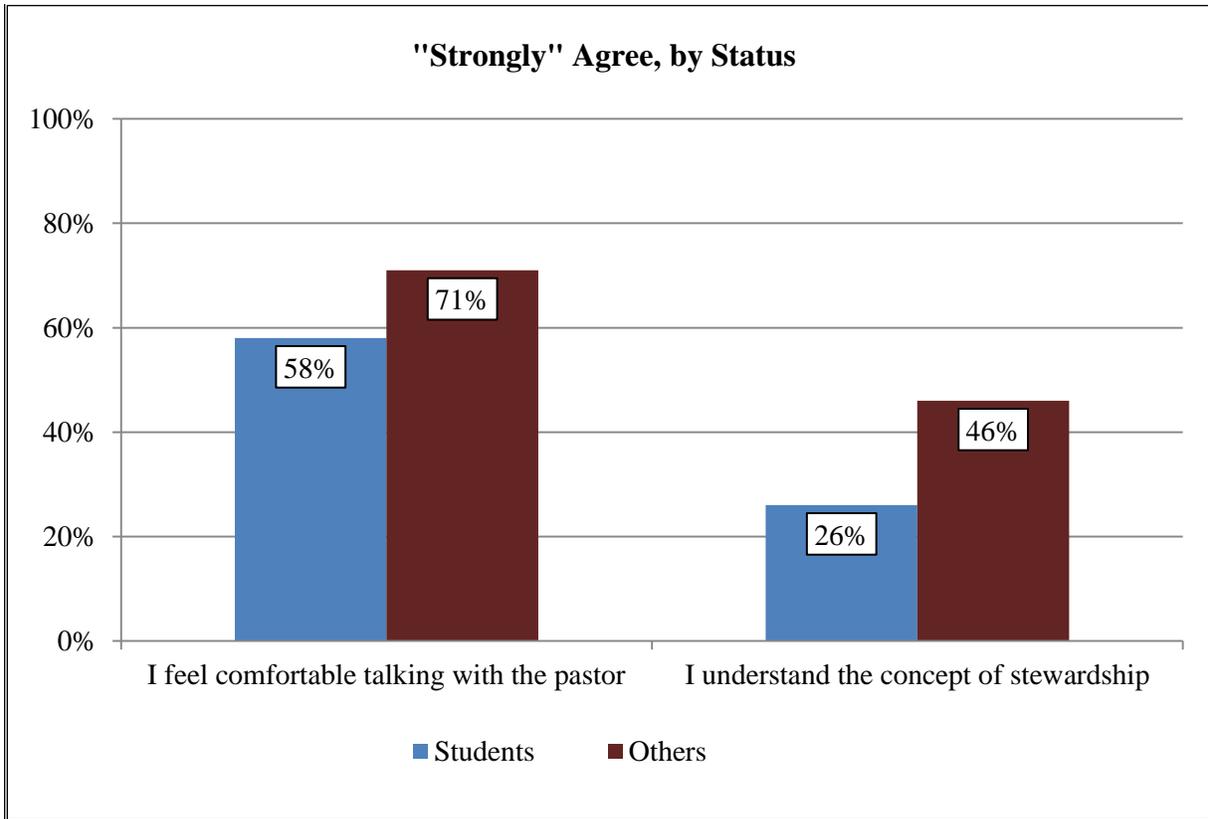
- Four in ten “strongly” agree that they understand the concept of stewardship, with a third agreeing as strongly that they would volunteer more if they understood parish needs.
- Two in ten “strongly” agree that they are interested in giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer.
- St. Albert respondents are more likely than those at parishes nationally to “strongly” agree that they would volunteer more if I knew parish needs (33 percent compared to 19 percent), but are *less* likely to “strongly” agree that they understand the concept of stewardship (40 percent compared to 51 percent).

Differences by Status

Students are more likely than other respondents to “strongly” agree with the statements in the table below.

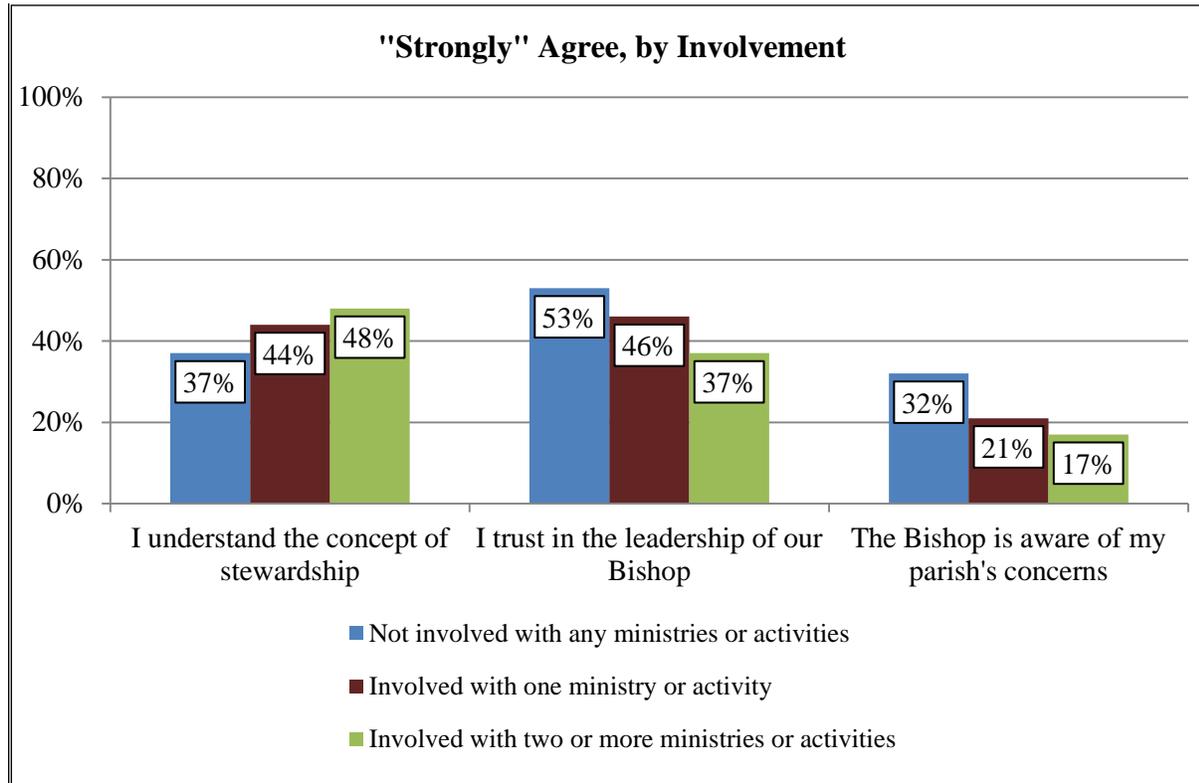


Non-student respondents are more likely than students to “strongly” agree with the statements in the graph below.



Differences by Involvement

The more involved respondents are with ministries or activities, the more likely they are to “strongly” agree that they understand the concept of stewardship. In contrast, the *less* involved with ministries or activities respondents are, the more likely they are agree with the statements below about the Bishop.



Appendix I: Response Frequencies to All Questions



St. Albert the Great Newman Center Catholic Church Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA)

Some 1,001 respondents at the parish age 16 and over responded to the questionnaire. The percentage for each response is below or beside its respective number, calculated out of 100 percent (with some rows totaling 99 or 101 percent, due to rounding). The percentage of non-response (NR) follows, separately calculated out of 100 percent.

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=Poor	3=Good
2=Fair	4=Excellent
Blank=Do not know or not applicable	

Please *evaluate* these aspects of parish life.

1	2	3	4	NR		
<1	1	27	72	4	1. St. Albert the Great Newman Center overall	
<1	2	15	83	5	2. Leadership provided by the pastor	
	2	7	35	56	36	3. Director of Religious Education
	3	6	36	54	40	4. Children's religious education programs
	2	12	36	51	37	5. Faith formation for adults
	1	2	23	75	28	6. Campus ministry
	1	2	23	74	33	7. Campus minister
	1	4	36	59	28	8. Parish office services
	1	2	22	75	16	9. Friendliness of parish office staff
	1	4	37	59	44	10. Parish pastoral council
	2	7	34	58	32	11. Parish website as a source of information

Please *evaluate* these areas of worship in general.

1	2	3	4	NR		
<1	1	21	78	4	12. Weekend Masses in general	
<1	3	17	80	4	13. Hospitality or sense of welcome	
<1	3	27	70	6	14. Liturgical decorations and environment	
	5	7	20	68	23	15. Opportunities to worship in your native language

Please *evaluate* parish efforts to:

1	2	3	4	NR	
1	7	36	56	13	16. Communicate with parishioners
2	12	41	45	16	17. Offer a Catholic view on current issues
1	10	36	52	15	18. Invite you to participate in ministries
1	4	31	65	9	19. Nurture your relationship with Jesus Christ
1	6	31	62	12	20. Foster spiritual growth
1	6	34	59	15	21. Meet people's spiritual needs
1	6	37	56	14	22. Help you practice gospel values in your daily life
3	10	39	48	35	23. Manage parish finances
3	11	38	48	21	24. Inform you about parish finances

Please *evaluate* parish outreach to the following:

- 1 2 3 4 NR**
2 10 36 52 42 25. Children (age 12 or younger)
5 12 36 47 45 26. Teens (ages 13 to 17)
1 3 22 74 31 27. College-age youth
3 11 31 56 38 28. Young adults (ages 18 to 35)
2 8 39 17 7 29. Those sick or homebound

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=None or Not at All **3=Some or Somewhat**
2=Only a Little **4=Very or Very Much**
Blank=Do not know or not applicable

How much *difficulty* do you personally have with these:

- 1 2 3 4 NR**
17 28 39 17 7 30. Coping with stress
29 30 28 13 11 31. Dealing with financial problems
43 25 20 13 11 32. Loneliness

How much *priority* should the parish give to the following?

- 1 2 3 4 NR**
<1 4 38 58 13 33. Adult faith formation
1 1 22 76 13 34. Young adult ministry
1 3 27 70 17 35. More outreach to parish youth
1 3 38 58 18 36. Ministry to couples
1 3 36 60 19 37. Ministry to the divorced and separated
1 1 26 72 18 38. Visitation of the sick and homebound
2 7 32 59 16 39. Outreach to inactive Catholics

How much do the following *attract* you to the parish?

- 1 2 3 4 NR**
1 2 13 84 4 40. Its open, welcoming spirit
1 3 17 80 6 41. The quality of the liturgy
8 13 33 46 34 42. Religious education of children and youth
7 14 39 40 31 43. Its faith formation for adults
2 6 35 57 18 44. Its opportunities for spiritual growth
5 13 36 45 26 45. Its commitment to social justice
2 4 19 76 7 46. The sense of belonging you feel here

How *likely* are you to do the following?

1	2	3	4	NR	
23	25	32	20	23	47. Ask someone to a campus ministry activity
3	13	44	40	13	48. Spend time learning more about your faith
10	21	36	33	15	49. Attend a class on Catholic principles
6	14	38	42	13	50. Give service on behalf of the poor
5	14	36	46	10	51. Volunteer time and talent

How much do you *agree* with the following?

1	2	3	4	NR	
2	12	36	50	9	52. I feel included in parish life
1	6	29	64	10	53. My parish community is important in my life
2	14	37	47	13	54. I want to be more involved in parish life
3	8	32	58	13	55. I would find homilies on personal prayer and spirituality helpful
25	17	21	36	16	56. Social media (Facebook, Twitter) is an effective way of sharing parish news with me

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=Strongly Disagree	3=Somewhat Agree
2=Somewhat Disagree	4=Strongly Agree
Blank=Do not know or not applicable	

Please *respond* to the following statements.

1	2	3	4	NR	
6	12	42	40	14	57. I understand the concept of stewardship
4	16	48	33	16	58. I would volunteer more if I knew parish needs
29	26	25	20	25	59. I am interested in giving to the parish every month with an electronic fund transfer
2	6	25	67	8	60. I feel comfortable talking with the pastor
5	9	36	50	16	61. I trust in the leadership of our Bishop
13	19	41	28	35	62. The Bishop is aware of my parish's concerns

63. Which of the following is your top priority for parish contributions to social justice efforts?

Please select only one.

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|----|--|
| 63 | 1. Charities such as homeless shelters and food banks |
| 20 | 2. Groups that advocate for the poor NR=11 |
| 8 | 3. Adopting a parish in a developing country or in a disadvantaged area of the United States |
| 9 | 4. Addressing global issues through organizations like Catholic Relief Services |

64. About how *often* do you currently attend Mass? **NR=3**

<1	1. Never or rarely	30	4. Almost every week
2	2. A few times a year	53	5. Every week
6	3. Once/twice a month	9	6. More than once a week

65. How *frequently* do you go to Confession/Reconciliation?

39	1. Never or rarely	NR=5	26	3. Once or twice a year
20	2. Less than once a year		14	4. Every few months or more

Avg. NR

7.6 5 66. *Years* you have attended this parish. **Write “0” if this is not your regular parish. Write “1” if one year or less.**

0.6 9 67. *Number of ministries or activities* you are involved with at the parish. **Write “0” if none.**

2.3 9 68. *Number of times* you have invited someone to attend a parish worship service or activity in the past year. **Write “0” if none.**

Yes No NR

83 17 3 69. Is this parish your primary place of worship?

84 17 3 70. Do you live in this area year round?

25 75 21 71. Have any of your children attended religious education classes here in the past 5 years?

17 83 10 72. Have you attended adult religious education classes here in the past 5 years?

73. What is your overall level of activity in campus ministry now? **Please select only one. NR=8**

44 1. No involvement

7 2. Attend Mass occasionally

30 3. Attend Mass regularly but have little other involvement

11 4. Attend Mass regularly and am involved in a few programs

4 5. Attend Mass regularly and am very active

3 6. Other _____.

What factors keep you from becoming more active with campus ministry?

Check all that apply. NR for Qs 74-77=24

45 74. Scheduling conflicts 17 76. I don't know anyone

27 75. I am not aware of the activities 11 77. The activities don't meet my needs

78. ZIP code of your primary residence: _____ **NR=7**

79. Year you were born: Avg=1966 **NR=9**

80. Gender: 45 1. Male 56 2. Female **NR=4**

81. What best describes your current marital status? **NR=6**

29 1. Single, never married 9 3. Divorced or separated

58 2. Married or remarried 4 4. Widowed

Number of your children or stepchildren living with you who are:

Leave blank if none. (Sum totals below.)

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269 82. Age 12 or younger 202 83. Ages 13 to 17

84. What best describes your *highest* level of education?
- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 1. Some high school or less | 9 4. Associate's degree |
| 9 2. High school diploma | 31 5. Bachelor's degree |
| 20 3. Some college NR=6 | 29 6. Graduate degree |

85. Which *best* describes your current employment status?

Please select only one. NR=6

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 39 1. Employed full time | 24 6. Retired |
| 8 2. Employed part time | 4 7. Homemaker |
| 5 3. Self-employed | 1 8. Volunteer |
| 3 4. Unemployed | 14 9. Student |
| 2 5. Semi-retired | 1 10. Other: _____ |

86. Which *best* describes your status here? **Select only one.**

- 8 1. I am a visitor or have no affiliation **Skip to Q88**

If a NMSU student:

- 6 2. First-year student
4 3. Sophomore
4 4. Junior
7 5. Senior or 5th year
4 6. Graduate student

If not a student:

- 19 7. NMSU alumni
3 8. Faculty
1 9. Administrator
3 10. University staff
43 11. Permanent parishioner

87. Which category *best* represents your total annual **NR=19** household income, including all those living with you?

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12 1. Student, no income | 19 4. \$50,000-74,999 |
| 13 2. Less than \$25,000 | 15 5. \$75,000-99,999 |
| 19 3. \$25,000-49,999 | 23 6. \$100,000 or above |

88. On what need or program should the parish focus most in the next one to three years?

Appendix II: Complete Transcription of Open-ended Comments

Q73: What is your overall level of activity in campus ministry now?

V73OE

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	972	96.9	96.9	96.9
ATTEND MASS ONLY	1	.1	.1	97.0
ATTEND MASS REG'LY	25	2.5	2.5	99.5
DONATE TO PROJECTS	1	.1	.1	99.6
LUNCH BUNCH	4	.4	.4	100.0
Total	1003	100.0	100.0	

Q78: ZIP code of your primary residence

V78

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 05833	1	.1	.1	.1
59718	1	.1	.1	.2
76034	1	.1	.1	.3
77433	1	.1	.1	.4
79119	2	.2	.2	.6
79902	1	.1	.1	.8
79903	1	.1	.1	.9
79912	2	.2	.2	1.1
79915	1	.1	.1	1.2
79927	1	.1	.1	1.3
79929	1	.1	.1	1.4
79932	1	.1	.1	1.5
79934	2	.2	.2	1.7
81011	1	.1	.1	1.8
81505	1	.1	.1	1.9
82507	1	.1	.1	2.0
84078	1	.1	.1	2.1

85001	1	.1	.1	2.3
85208	1	.1	.1	2.4
85650	1	.1	.1	2.5
85710	1	.1	.1	2.6
85745	1	.1	.1	2.7
87002	1	.1	.1	2.8
87015	1	.1	.1	2.9
87020	1	.1	.1	3.0
87023	1	.1	.1	3.1
87104	1	.1	.1	3.2
87106	1	.1	.1	3.3
87109	2	.2	.2	3.5
87110	1	.1	.1	3.6
87111	4	.4	.4	4.1
87112	1	.1	.1	4.2
87114	1	.1	.1	4.3
87120	1	.1	.1	4.4
87122	3	.3	.3	4.7
87124	2	.2	.2	4.9
87144	2	.2	.2	5.2
87187	1	.1	.1	5.3
87205	1	.1	.1	5.4
87401	1	.1	.1	5.5
87505	1	.1	.1	5.6
87506	1	.1	.1	5.7
87507	1	.1	.1	5.8
87518	1	.1	.1	5.9
87522	1	.1	.1	6.0
87532	3	.3	.3	6.3
87577	1	.1	.1	6.4
87701	2	.2	.2	6.7
87742	1	.1	.1	6.8
87940	2	.2	.2	7.0
88001	162	16.2	17.4	24.4
88002	1	.1	.1	24.5
88003	3	.3	.3	24.8

88005	134	13.4	14.4	39.2
88006	2	.2	.2	39.4
88007	59	5.9	6.3	45.7
88008	2	.2	.2	45.9
88009	2	.2	.2	46.1
88011	346	34.5	37.1	83.3
88012	84	8.4	9.0	92.3
88013	1	.1	.1	92.4
88021	9	.9	1.0	93.3
88032	2	.2	.2	93.6
88033	2	.2	.2	93.8
88044	10	1.0	1.1	94.8
88046	8	.8	.9	95.7
88047	17	1.7	1.8	97.5
88051	1	.1	.1	97.6
88052	3	.3	.3	98.0
88054	1	.1	.1	98.1
88058	2	.2	.2	98.3
88061	1	.1	.1	98.4
88063	1	.1	.1	98.5
88087	1	.1	.1	98.6
88097	1	.1	.1	98.7
88102	1	.1	.1	98.8
88130	1	.1	.1	98.9
88220	1	.1	.1	99.0
88230	1	.1	.1	99.1
88435	2	.2	.2	99.4
88805	2	.2	.2	99.6
89928	1	.1	.1	99.7
92120	1	.1	.1	99.8
880011	2	.2	.2	100.0
Total	932	92.9	100.0	
Missing System	71	7.1		
Total	1003	100.0		

Q88. On what need or program should the parish focus most in the next one to three years?

Growth to meet parish needs

Building a new church

Couples, adults out of college, young families. I would attend more activities, but having a toddler is hard.

Listing any and all opportunities for us to grow in our faith.

Working on getting better people involved in teaching the youth to keep them involved.

Youth involvement age 16-early college age. Letting congregation know the volunteer opportunities.

Not sure

More faith programs for adults that allow after 5pm.

Outreach to youth 13-17

Faith :)

Ministry to high school age youth. There is very little available for this age group.

Expansion of church to accommodate additional parishioners

Expand the church to accommodate more people

Religious Ed. Family Retreats

Outreach to the poor and homeless

Social justice. Young parents and families. Social activities.

Student ministry

Social justice-hungar/homelessness-encouraging our responsibility to it.

Not building new buildings- focus on people- not things.

Teenage ministry

Parish social activities, adult bible studies, married couples with young children, students not currently attending our church.

Faith

Campus ministry

The involvement of college students, and focusing on their needs since the location is near campus.

Enlarging the parish

Determining best way to ensure there is proper space for all parish activities. Since Father Ray became the pastor Newman has seen huge increase in people to serve.

Activities and programs are going good as far as my knowledge.

Extending programs out into campus.

I would like to do more volunteer work with the church.

Parish Hall!!!

Continued focus on young adult/campus ministry

Outreach to ALL. Out LGBTQ youth need us! They need to know the Lord. I am willing to help. (649-2877) (Marc Legaweta)

Those in need in our community.

Programs for our children that adults participate with them- community activities- family night/dinner at church or somewhere in community- to allow parents to spend time with own children and meet other families.

More seating in Church

Welcoming of All people into the faith regardless of position in life.

Whichever these surveys indicate have the greatest need.

Social Justice (In past this was a huge component)

Helping the poor and immigrants.

Focusing on young adults and children fighting with thoughts of depression.

I commend you on the great job you're doing.

Helping the poor and homeless

Young family programs and activities- Mom's group

Will the parish get Diocese money back to built a new church.

Finding out if the parish will ever get money back from Diocese.

Divorced parishioners- how and why should you get an annulment

Homeless shelters, food banks, animal shelter.

Millenial outreach.

Homeless/feeding

Helping children understand Mass.

NMSU student recruiting and helping grow in faith through programs and religious ed.

Campus ministry Facility and Program

Campus ministry including faculty ministry

The Children

Getting adults involved more in Bible studies

The people and loving one another!!

Renewing our faith

Charities, Homeless efforts

Ministers should be more involved in knowing the people who come to church.

Everything is great!

Students

Attract more young people to the community.

Gospel rescue mission

New facilities/church to provide for growth and seating and participation of all.

Confirmation classes they are kind of boring the material needs to be taught in a more interesting way.

Campus ministry advocating to youth-college students.

Campus ministry/Student involvement

Parish activities.

Renovations to expand our church at times very crowded. More programs for married couples.

Fundraisers Less of this during church.

Helping make those in need stronger in their (Catholic) faith.

Attract lapsed Catholics

More Fellowship and marriage program

The CCD classes offered for confirmation and religious ed. Need to be more organized and at a fee that is reasonable and aligned to the other parishes.

Doing good Keep up the good work!

New church.

They should host a "Bible Study" would love to attend that weekly.

Community outreach beyond NMSU.

Couples enrichment -Family values -Catholic faith formation -This community is vibrant :)

*Note- we attend Newman and IHM, consider both out parishes

Adult education focused on marriage enrichment

Visitor

Help college students with programs and activities

Student Involvement not just college and children under 10

Adult, education for parishioners- level of understanding their faith is low or moderate.

Making religious ed more engaging and relatable for youth

Spirituality compassion

Spent as much time and talent with students

More community feeling with more community involvement

The poor

Setting up better accommodations for CCD classes- especially for the teens

I'd like to see marriage encounters for couples. Possible morning snacks or coffee for mingling and getting to know each other.

More formal mass, the masses now are a bit too informal.

Getting teenagers (13-17 years of age) more active in the church.

Married couples retreats and young family activities.

Helping children to grow up safe and well-educated

Expanding seating for Sunday Masses- or adding another Mass. Hall area doesn't work for me- feel "out of it".

Dealing with persons with financial or personal needs.

Helping outreach to our young people. Showing our young people how to use their faith to make a difference.

Homeless hungry and sick

Divorced people and family issues

Young adults/couples (not campus ministry) ->some don't have any involvement with the University.

Don't know.

Building or improving the church building.

Evangelization

Helping homeless

Children's ministry is of great importance to our family

Building relationships between parishioners and helping the poor.

I would like to see the youth involved in the communities more, especially students in grades 4-9.

Remodeling- not building

Effective social ministry for the 21st century real needs.

New church or kneelers for this church

RCIA

Prayer's group communities like rosary group

Build bigger church or bring back (eastend) into main nave.

Educating parishioners in the Catholic faith.

Larger facilities and additional Sunday Mass.

Teaching us how to Read the Bible- Find Scripture Verse, Book.

Compus Ministry.

Continuous focus on hospitality, providing opportunities for parishioners to get to know one another -honoring the culture of the area by providing bilingual services.

Youth- middle school through university- many stop attending church- they need to be encouraged to become leader in the church.

Parking!!!

Helping parishioners develop a personal relationship and commitment to Jesus Christ.

More education

Growth

Encouraging young adults to attend by upgrading church physical structure and communication methods

The mission of the parish is to attend to spiritual needs of the NMSU students and all youth by extension at that mission.

Youth summer programs.

Building a bigger church to attend

We know the primary focus is the University students, we would also like a focus on inclusiveness. There is an exclusive group who runs most things. They don't seem to want any other people to be included in "their exclusive group"

All programs for children and young adults. They are our future.

Communication of events, ministries, and faith formation.

Preparing the way of the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ.

Less pomp and circumstance (formalities), more spiritual growth in people (true message of Christ).

Spiritual guidance.

Parish hall with lots of classrooms and office space.

I don't know enough to provide an informed answer.

Pastor present more -New church (severe space shortage) -Promote women's religious vocations.

Larger area of worship make homilies available to homebound.

Larger church (physical building)

Adult faith formation- scripture reflection, etc.

Parish is doing great in everything very well rounded.

Building a new church

Children's classes- not just a visit out during mass.

Adult faith formation/education

Bible study for retired people.

Helping others.

1. Youth faith formation 2. Finances- transparency to parish 3. Adult faith formation 4. facilities improvements- bathrooms.

More priest talks in evening on different topics

1. Fix the front Church bathroom 2. Find the sacristy and offices 3. More reminders of prayer and holiness.

Better communication of activities and how to become involved.

Homeless and hungry

Homeless

Foreign language for people out of U.S. to make them feel less homesick.

Making room for all but still keep it small and intimate, programs and adults not in good standing with the church.

Allowing remarried people back into full acceptance.

Transparency -Catholic education -Bishop Power.

Build a new church.

Welcome retirees and seniors in the parish

Youth lectors for all masses given, I became a lector at 13 for my old parish and it feels discouraging here.

Student spiritual community and faith growth.

Youth ages 15-18.

The new church that we donated money for.

My daughter will be a freshman at NMSU in the fall and I hope there are many campus/college activities for her to be involved in.

Family unity. Community outreach follow up on offers.

Workshops. Spiritual direction. Male Spirituality.

Rebuilding church.

Helping the poor and homeless.

That which the community require and needs as it develops. Would like to see more involvement with local hospitals. For spiritual needs of patients and staff.

Social justice for the poor/migrant.

College parents with children providing community and resources including natural family planning.

I would to see parish focus on getting parishioners more involved. I have been 3 years no one has even asked for my help with something.

Not, but several programs according to results of this survey.

New building. If you build it, they will come.

Expansion of facilities.

New church

Do not know at this time.

Youth of the parish.

Bible study

Additional need to help Father Ray New church

Providing education for young children and adults.

More outreach- show me more ways to be involved.

Spanish mass or bilingual mass.

Making child education more interesting.

Children and young adults.

Whether to expand the facility.

Campus ministry

Local charities

Religious education and new members.

New to parish

Response to parishioner concerns- mainly social- develop better talking point for issues- i.e. annulments

Getting people to understand that living your faith is more about love, mercy, and compassion than the letter of the law.

Reaching out to parishioners in need of help with their finances, marriage, relationship, etc.

Hospital ministry.

Sick and disabled.

I would like to see an improvement on religious education. As a former CCD teacher I am very disappointed in the material and lack of attention toward our children!

Nurturing the spiritual needs of the individuals, family, and community.

Church remodel/construct.

Ministry to families and married couples.

Social justice: more visits to Camp Hope/Nursing homes even if we don't take anything but a smile. :)

Pro-life issues.

Getting kneelers for the church.

Family, Humane Vitae

I don't know

Better sound equipment for musicians (soundboard)

Helping the disadvantaged.

Adult faith formation

Bilingual music

Local charities and ways to help locally. Love it here at Newman.

Parish hall

Make the parish larger- remodel building to accommodate more parishioners in the main mass area

More student involvement in music

Build new church

My family is returning to the Catholic church from out of town. The church welcoming spirit and pastor who is understanding.

Engaging teens

Our youth

More youth involvement

Men and women retreat groups. Social justice!!

Spiritual growth for members.

Youth programs

CCD Adult Ed.

New church.

More involvement of parishioners in lay ministry -Developing plan for building.

I have not been a parishioner long enough to address this. Thank you and sorry.

Religious ed

New, larger church

Continue what you have been doing.

Community outreach, making parishioners aware of programs and volunteer opportunities.

Provide homily and information from the homily on the website so parishioners can further gain insight and info.

More or some groups for divorced or single members.

Adult faith formation

New building

Space for worship/education prison ministry

Sponsor Boy Scout troop

Outreach to Catholics that feel excluded or non-practicing due to divorce/remarriage.

Developing adequate facilities for ministry.

Spiritual growth

Spiritual growth

Help guide young adults in their faith.

Children's education spiritually

Continued work in social justice (and send outreach to Albuquerque!)

Accommodating needs of the poor and disadvantaged.

Enlarge the church.

Campus ministry.

Youth/Campus ministry.

Building a new church.

Poor and homeless.

More mid and high school youth activities meaningful.

Maybe the clarification of the building plans? And no offense, but sometimes the 5:30 Sat and now 7:30pm Sun. Masses have some/a jarring singer... hard to calmly pray :) Again, just me, sorry!!! Don't know about 8:30/11am Sunday masses. I appreciate their selfless efforts, but I am a musician, sorry...

Youth group activities for middle school high school age camps, social gatherings, etc. Friend attends Baptist camp in Ruidoso; we have nothing comparable that I am aware of.

Family retreat, youth ed., getting new church started.

Getting people who have left the church to return in some way- prayers!

Giving a "hand up" to families who are transitioning into full time employees. A chance to advance rather than stagnate.

Traditions of mass, Catholic religion.

Continue campus ministry and social justice needs.

Encouraging fallen away Catholics to return to mass and recuring the sacraments.

Bible study or religious education (Sunday school) for adults, married couples, etc.

Church expansion for meeting ministry needs.

Bigger church.

Catechism

Keeping the youth engaged in the Catholic faith, have a priest at all masses.

NMSU liaison to connect students with their faith- If parish is not doing it.

Church renovations/construction

1. Adult religious education 2. Bible study

Campus ministry

Youth campus ministry

Reaching out to the young people. Those in high school or middle school. Show them how exciting to be a young Catholic.

More volunteer services in the community.

Campus ministry

Parishioner involvement in community issues.

1. Financial stability 2. Help needy 3. Education

Focus on young adults and other Catholics who have deviated from Catholicism.

Campus ministry needs to grow dramatically.

outreach young adults.

Fund raise- new church

How about expanding/building a new church that was promised 5 years ago. Where did the money go?

Bigger worship area. When we sit on the chairs we feel there are many distractions.

Getting people involved with helping and learning about their faith.

Growing parish size.

Social acceptance

They should keep what there doing now and increase a little more new things to it.

Children under 5 years of age in mass. Difficult to stay in mass.

Campus ministry funding and activities.

Youth ministry.

Help people recover faith in Catholic religion and prevent them from switching.

Get more people to heaven.

Outreach to global disasters or outreach to locals who struggle financially/homeless/abused.

Bible studies, education

Ground work for new church! Plans; land; money; commitments

Teaching the young on how to praise the Lord and everyone else.

After college graduates and adjusting to life outside school.

Young adult program

More study groups for adults.

Bigger church.

On youth and young adult ministry and outreach.

RCIA classes to be more inviting to non-Catholics get them more involved.

Family activities for college families and students who have kids.

Inactive Catholics activities for families and students with children.

More student involvement

Getting students more involved

Helping poor

Helping the poor

Youth 12-30. More for young families. More for teens and 20's.

Children 14-18.

Focus on getting the Knights of Columbus chapter going here. As there are brothers that go to this church and wish to stay here.

Involve more the students and children.

More activities to get the children involved.

Youth group for teens- outside confirmation.

Adult formation

Abandon the need to build a new parish and focus effort and resources on matters of greater common good.

Adult activities, but not leaving the young people out. They are great!

IDK

Possibly switching parish lights to LED.

Adolescent Catechesis, well rounded program, not just sacramental prep.

Adapting worship space to accommodate parish growth.

Just relocated and so defer due to lack of knowledge.

More out reach to students. Seems like the same group is always involved. Most should be included. :)

#Bring back Joe

Religious Ed and youth ministry. What we have is not good.

I would love to see more faith formation for adults 40+, for couples or to hear more about those events. :)

Ministry to families, the "Domestic Church" Young adults post college 25-40.

A spanish mass once a month would be cool. Also I'm an electrician. (Do they need help?)

Domestic partnerships -Adult seminars -Adoptions

Increase regular attendance

Look at not only men's vocations but womens as well. Seems like we have a lot of seminarians but no sisters. Why so???

High School youth group 9th-12th grade. Hire HS religious education to help with confirmation and youth group.

Young adult faith formation

Fellowship; getting families involved with the church and helping the community

Campus ministry worship space

Student outreach and support.

Married couples 25-35.

The poor.

Family involvement -Making the gospel relevant to daily life.

New Church. Growth of congregation. Quiet meditation time before Mass. Socialize after Mass.

New facilities and congregation growth.

What ever happened to all the money previously raised for a new church?

Building a bigger church.

Spanish mass.

Get finances in order.

Adult activities such as softball league -Youth involvement.

The importance of tithing. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Vocations.

Focus on getting a Knights of Columbus chapter going here. As there are some brothers that go to this church and wish to stay here.

Helping students stay on track with their faith.

The kneeling thingys

More activities for college students to meet each other.

Should focus on the outreach programs.

Leadership for campus ministry. Spanish mass opportunity.

Student activities on campus.

Allowing same sex married couples to worship and feel comfortable and not feel like we have to hide. We are all God's children.

Helping youth to become more involved in the parish.

Missionaries. Newman. Vocations. Homeless/poor.

Children programs.

Bible studies I feel it is important that we become more familiar without bible.

Getting the most youth active as possible.

Connecting more with the youth.

Youth ministry.

Campus ministry.

Youth involvement.

I think everything is good.

Reaching out to the poor.

Teens and young adults.

Continue to keep young adults involved. :)

I think the parish should continue to reach out to young people by making them feel comfortable and welcome.

Campus ministry.

Relating homilies to everyday problems and struggles, especially for the college masses.

From what I see I feel that all needs are being met successfully now.

Organizations for students and parishioners to deal with issues in their lives.

The end to abortion.

Welcoming students into campus ministry activities. I didn't know anyone and never felt welcome, but I would've loved to participate more.

Focus more on Bible reading and Gospel readings.

College students!

I would like to come to mass early and be able to pray quietly. It gets too noisy. Sometimes it sounds like I am in a concert that is about to start.

More help for Fr. Ray and organize/help in office.

More programming for young professionals ages 22-30.

Building the new church.

More room a bigger church.

Larger worship space.

New church and campus ministry hall.

New church building.

Youth faith/ordinations- We're losing our teens!! Ex. Youth group.

Newman is doing fantastic! I wish I had something constructive to add but I can't think of anything!

Communication with our parish on the new church issue!

More emphasis on social justice.

Local to global social ministries.

More activities for middle and high school youth.

Growing the church to fill the need of the growing church community- what a wonderful problem!

More prayer and bible studies. Reach out to teens.

Build new church.

Build new church.

Building the new church.

Building new church!

Building our church facilities and parking area.

Child ministry.

Build new church.

Building expansion.

Charities.

Keep Fr. Ray!!

Family faith development and community.

Religious education K-12th grade.

Faith formations for adults and young adults.

Expanding pews in back area; make building bigger.

More retreats for college students.

Build new church. Increase funds for Bodega.

Upgrades to facilities. No new building is necessary. Reconfigure what we have.

Better integration of parish and Newman center activities.

Outreach and music.

Expanding the church.

Adopting a parish in a developing country.

Not in a new building...

Maintaining facility and building new center.

Child involvement in Saturday mass!

Provide space for learning activities for all ages in the parish including campus ministry.

The poor and the sick.

Student/youth.

Limited expansion.

Keep doing what you are doing excellent!

Music is great!

Adding additional space for religious education and worship needs.

Gathering together those who have lost loved ones- grief events and social events- perhaps mass and dinner out or potlucks.

New church.

New church or remodel. More parking.

New church/building.

Religious education.

Pews for parish- building fund.

Campus ministry.

Community outreach.

Continue to expand the physical building to accommodate the large members at weekend worship.

Homeless. Poor.

New building church or adding on more space.

Homebound.

Building new church.

Religious education both young and students.

Building a new church.

Parish family. Student body. High school-college.

Focus on single parishioners. Focus on substance abuse. Alcohol abuse.

Bring back 5pm mass on Sundays.

Social Justice.

Expansion of church.

Religious education.

Children.

Miss kneelers. Miss quiet- too noisy- social hour rather than praying.

Children.

The poor in the immediate neighborhood.

Building the new church.

The poor and homeless.

Meeting the needs of all parishioners.

Having been born and raised a Catholic, in my 68 years this is the most Christ-like parish I've been a part of. Continue to do what we do best- keep Jesus a part of us.

Give Fr. Ray more chocolate to share with parishioners at 5:30 mass.

New church with padded seats.

The renovation of church.

Less social justice operations. More involvement with poor.

Children.

Either a larger seating capacity or community center.

I think training in the Eucharist ministry, lector, and special programs to enrich out faith.

Charities/shelters in your area.

Youth and young adults.

Charities for community.

Charities for community.

Have a spanish mass.

New church.

Teaching of respect to the cross upon entering and leaving i.e. genuflecting, blessing oneself.

Expanding the church to fit all people in one "room".

Advertising services/activities at parish.

Youth- invest in future generations.

Better exposure of the parish to the community.

Renovation. New church?

I don't know.

The spiritual growth of teens and young adults.

Doing a great job!

Married couple retreat?

Music shouldn't take over the mass.

Enlarge useable space; parish hall; new church.

Religious ed for adults, Bible Study.

Building a new church.

More outreach to parish youth.

A second priest. A plan on construction of church or parish hall. More financial information in bulletin.

2nd priest. Direction on construction.

Building new worship space. More programs for the youth of the parish.

Lunch bunch.

More charities.

Faith formation for adults. Outreach to teens.

Need for a quieter entrance of parishioners to Mass. There is time to visit before and after Mass.

Helping the poor in our community whether or not they are Catholic and parishioners.

Increased parking and facility upgrades.

Spiritual growth for seniors.

We need adult religious ed.

Fostering positive faith and spirituality for all ages.

Introduce yourself to new parishioners when they arrive.

Expanding the facility.

Community outreach for young children.

Parish control over finances.

New church building -funding.

We need more room at mass on Sundays 8:30 and 11:00.

1. Youth programs. 2. Caring for sick 3. Caring for needy.

Programs on helping people and programs of healing.

Facility.

Getting Alex here, at Newman/

Getting Alex here, at Newman.

Involving youth, offering a Catholic view on current issues, meet people's spiritual needs.

Build a new church! It's an on-going item and needs to be done!

Widowed and divorced services and plan for additional space.

The college sports team, what happened with that?

Crime.

Making people believe in God.

Marital seminars for married- for improving married life.

Complete the investing and planning aspects and begin whatever construction the parish deems now appropriate.

Space for mass. Hard to hear and feel included in the back.

Ministry growth with young couples and college student relationships.

This is only my 2nd service here, but thus far I have enjoyed the parish very much.

Adult faith formation of parishioners.

Perhaps a building program.

Young adults that are greater than 35. Also activities for couples.

Spanish mass please!

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Keeping campus ministry active and continue to provide a loving parish community for young adults and reaching out to young adults who are looking for an accepting and loving community to belong to.

Breakfasts after Sunday mass by ministry groups to initiate a more "community-like" atmosphere.

Bible studies. Workshops, fellowship

More youth program and Life Teen Program like St. Thomas More in Henderson, NV

Activities to strengthen families.

None

Campus ministry

Couples.

Unknown

I would like to see more Bible study classes.

I'm not sure.

Retention of college students

More on-campus or campus related activities. Thank you.

Paying for a larger place of worship.

Outreach to inactive Catholics.

Confessions.

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Young adults/young married families.

Charity work/outreach

True doctrine of Church classes.

Spiritual growth

Young married adults (I'm somewhat biased:))

Expanding the physical capacity of the Church. More involvement/activities for students.

More service hours on Sundays.