

# MASS ATTENDING CATHOLICS SURVEY

CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT

N600 Respondents  
June 1 – 8, 2021  
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We're talking with people like you today across the nation and would like to ask you a few questions on a confidential basis. You have been selected randomly to participate in a survey and have a rare opportunity to voice your opinions. We simply want to know what you think and how you feel.

- A. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed in the news media, a market research firm, an elected official, or actively involved with political campaigns?

<b>Total</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	
<b>N600</b>	<b>N383</b>	<b>N217</b>	No (continue)
100%	100%	100%	

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- B. Do you consider your religious background to be... (Randomize first three options)

<b>Total</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	
<b>N600</b>	<b>N383</b>	<b>N217</b>	Catholic (continue)
100%	100%	100%	

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- C. Prior to the Coronavirus pandemic, how frequently did you attend mass in person?  
(MINIMUM OF 400 1 OR 2, REST 3 OR 4)

<b>Total</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	
<b>N600</b>	<b>N383</b>	<b>N217</b>	A few times a week
16%	22%	5%	Once a week
64%	69%	56%	A few times per month
14%	6%	29%	Once a month
5%	2%	10%	

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- D. During the Coronavirus pandemic and currently, how frequently did you attend mass?  
(MINIMUM OF 400 1 OR 2, REST 3 OR 4)

<b>Total</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	
<b>N600</b>	<b>N383</b>	<b>N217</b>	A few times a week
10%	16%	-	Once a week
54%	84%	-	A few times per month
22%	-	60%	Once a month
14%	-	40%	

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- E. How are you attending mass currently?

<b>Total</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	
<b>N600</b>	<b>N383</b>	<b>N217</b>	In-person
53%	59%	43%	Online
18%	19%	17%	Both in-person and online
29%	22%	40%	

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D1. In what year were you born? (Make REFUSED into 9 9 9 9)

D1\_1. IF UNSURE OR REFUSED, ASK: Which of the following categories best describes your age? **Read choices**

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
8%	7%	9%	18 to 24
11%	10%	14%	25 to 34
18%	15%	22%	35 to 44
19%	22%	13%	45 to 54
23%	21%	27%	55 to 64
21%	25%	15%	65 or older
-	-	-	Refused

D2. What is your gender?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
46%	50%	39%	Male
54%	50%	61%	Female

1. Do you (ROTATE) approve or disapprove (END ROTATE) of the way Joe Biden is handling his responsibilities as President?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>56%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>Total Approve</b>
27%	31%	19%	Strongly Approve
29%	25%	37%	Somewhat Approve
<b>42%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>
11%	13%	6%	Somewhat Disapprove
31%	30%	34%	Strongly Disapprove
2%	1%	4%	Depends / Neutral
-	-	-	Unsure / Refused

2. In the 2020 election, for whom did you vote? (ROTATE 1 & 2)

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
49%	51%	46%	Donald Trump
51%	49%	54%	Joe Biden
-	-	-	Someone Else
-	-	-	Did Not Vote
-	-	-	Unsure / Refused

3. Do you give weekly or monthly to the church?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
90%	93%	83%	Yes
8%	6%	13%	No
2%	1%	4%	Unsure / Refused

4. As churches re-open, which of the following best describes your feelings toward going back to Mass?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>91%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>Total Excited</b>
61%	64%	56%	Very Excited
30%	27%	35%	Somewhat Excited
<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>Total Not Excited</b>
5%	5%	5%	Not Very Excited
1%	*	1%	Not at All Excited
3%	3%	4%	Unsure / Refused

5. Do you (ROTATE) agree or disagree (END ROTATE) with the following statement: The Catholic Church has long taught that certain issues are of grave moral importance, such as abortion, murder, slavery, and racism?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>87%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>Total Agree</b>
58%	63%	50%	Strongly Agree
29%	25%	37%	Somewhat Agree
<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>
4%	4%	3%	Somewhat Disagree
2%	3%	1%	Strongly Disagree
6%	5%	7%	Depends / Neutral
1%	1%	2%	Unsure / Refused

6. Do you (ROTATE) agree or disagree (END ROTATE) with the following statement: Catholic bishops should publicly defend all Catholic teachings.

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>83%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>Total Agree</b>
48%	52%	42%	Strongly Agree
34%	36%	33%	Somewhat Agree
<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>
4%	2%	7%	Somewhat Disagree
2%	1%	3%	Strongly Disagree
10%	8%	14%	Depends / Neutral
2%	2%	2%	Unsure / Refused

7. Do you believe Catholic bishops have an obligation to teach and lead others in matters of faith and morals?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>90%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>Total Yes</b>
57%	60%	51%	Strongly Yes
33%	32%	36%	Somewhat Yes
<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>Total No</b>
2%	2%	4%	Somewhat No
-	-	-	Strongly No
7%	6%	8%	Depends / Neutral
*	*	1%	Unsure / Refused

8. How important is it for Catholic bishops to teach and lead others in matters of the faith, including those who are public officials and other people in influential or powerful positions?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>88%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>Total Important</b>
57%	58%	55%	Very Important
31%	30%	33%	Somewhat Important
<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>Total Not Important</b>
2%	1%	4%	Not Very Important
1%	1%	1%	Not at All Important
8%	8%	7%	Depends / Neutral
1%	1%	1%	Unsure / Refused

9. How important is it for Catholic bishops to teach and lead others in matters of the faith, including those who may disagree with the Church on fundamental issues?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>87%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>Total Important</b>
51%	53%	48%	Very Important
35%	33%	39%	Somewhat Important
<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>Total Not Important</b>
5%	6%	4%	Not Very Important
*	-	1%	Not at All Important
8%	8%	8%	Depends / Neutral
*	*	-	Unsure / Refused

10. Are you aware that Catholic teaching holds that anyone conscious of “grave sin,” who has not received the sacrament of reconciliation, should not present themselves for Holy Communion?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>81%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>Total Yes</b>
51%	53%	47%	Strongly Yes
30%	27%	36%	Somewhat Yes
<b>11%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>Total No</b>
7%	8%	4%	Somewhat No
4%	4%	3%	Strongly No
7%	7%	6%	Depends / Neutral
2%	1%	4%	Unsure / Refused

11. Do you believe a Catholic bishop is failing to do his job as a bishop if he doesn't speak up about grave moral evils?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>79%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>Total Yes</b>
43%	47%	37%	Strongly Yes
36%	32%	43%	Somewhat Yes
<b>9%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>Total No</b>
6%	7%	5%	Somewhat No
3%	3%	2%	Strongly No
9%	8%	11%	Depends / Neutral
3%	3%	2%	Unsure / Refused

12. Do you believe a Catholic bishop should defend the teachings of the Church, even if some Catholics might disagree with them?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>87%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>Total Yes</b>
52%	53%	50%	Strongly Yes
35%	37%	33%	Somewhat Yes
<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>Total No</b>
5%	2%	8%	Somewhat No
1%	1%	-	Strongly No
7%	7%	6%	Depends / Neutral
1%	*	2%	Unsure / Refused

13. Do you (ROTATE) agree or disagree (END ROTATE) with the following statement: Catholic bishops should speak out when a powerful Catholic publicly advocates for a grave moral evil?

Total N600	Weekly N383	Monthly N217	
<b>84%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>Total Agree</b>
55%	58%	50%	Strongly Agree
29%	27%	34%	Somewhat Agree
<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>
5%	5%	4%	Somewhat Disagree
2%	2%	2%	Strongly Disagree.
8%	8%	8%	Depends / Neutral
1%	1%	2%	Unsure / Refused

14. Do you think that the Catholic bishops should discuss whether it's appropriate for Catholic public officials who promote grave moral evils, whether they are (ROTATE) Democrat or Republican (END ROTATE), to present themselves for communion?

Total N600	Weekly N383	Monthly N217	
<b>72%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>Total Yes</b>
39%	42%	32%	Strongly Yes
34%	33%	34%	Somewhat Yes
<b>17%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>Total No</b>
7%	4%	13%	Somewhat No
9%	9%	9%	Strongly No
8%	8%	7%	Depends / Neutral
3%	3%	5%	Unsure / Refused

(ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS)

15. Do you (ROTATE) agree or disagree (END ROTATE) with the following statement: It's hypocritical of any politician to campaign on their faith to get votes and then strongly advocate for policies completely contrary to their faith once in office.

Total N600	Weekly N383	Monthly N217	
<b>84%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>Total Agree</b>
60%	55%	67%	Strongly Agree
25%	27%	21%	Somewhat Agree
<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>
3%	4%	2%	Somewhat Disagree
2%	2%	2%	Strongly Disagree
6%	8%	4%	Depends / Neutral
4%	4%	3%	Unsure / Refused

16. Do you (ROTATE) agree or disagree (END ROTATE) with the following statement: Public officials who identify as Catholic but openly advocate for policies hostile to Church teaching are hypocritical.

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>82%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>Total Agree</b>
52%	56%	46%	Strongly Agree
30%	24%	41%	Somewhat Agree
<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>
4%	3%	6%	Somewhat Disagree
3%	4%	2%	Strongly Disagree
7%	9%	3%	Depends / Neutral
3%	4%	2%	Unsure / Refused

(END ROTATE)

17. Do you (ROTATE) agree or disagree (END ROTATE) with the following statement: Catholic public officials who disagree with their Church on serious or grave matters, create confusion and disunity?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>83%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>Total Agree</b>
46%	48%	43%	Strongly Agree
37%	35%	40%	Somewhat Agree
<b>7%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>
5%	4%	6%	Somewhat Disagree
2%	3%	2%	Strongly Disagree
8%	9%	7%	Depends / Neutral
2%	2%	2%	Unsure / Refused

18. Do you (ROTATE) agree or disagree (END ROTATE) with the following statement: Catholic public officials who disagree with their Church on serious or grave matters, should avoid creating confusion and disunity by not presenting themselves for communion?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>74%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>Total Agree</b>
46%	47%	46%	Strongly Agree
28%	30%	24%	Somewhat Agree
<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>
6%	5%	8%	Somewhat Disagree
4%	5%	3%	Strongly Disagree
11%	9%	14%	Depends / Neutral
5%	5%	5%	Unsure / Refused

**ASK ENTIRE SAMPLE**

Now just a few questions to make sure we have a representative sample --

D3. In politics today, and regardless of how you are registered, do you consider yourself to be a (ROTATE) Republican, Independent, or Democrat?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>31%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>Total Republican</b>
22%	23%	19%	Strong Republican
9%	9%	10%	Not so strong Republican
<b>31%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>Total Independent</b>
9%	8%	12%	Independent leaning Republican
14%	15%	11%	Independent
8%	6%	12%	Independent leaning Democrat
<b>38%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>Total Democrat</b>
12%	11%	15%	Not so strong Democrat
26%	29%	20%	Strong Democrat
-	-	-	Other
-	-	-	Refused

D4. Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Central or Latin American background?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
36%	35%	37%	Yes
64%	65%	62%	No
-	-	-	Unsure
1%	*	1%	Refused

D5. And is your race Anglo, African-American, Asian, or some other race?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
59%	59%	60%	Anglo / White
3%	3%	3%	African-American / Black
3%	3%	3%	Asian
33%	33%	33%	Hispanic
*	-	*	American Indian
1%	1%	1%	Other
-	-	-	Unsure
1%	1%	-	Refused

D6. We want to classify people into broad income groups only. Would you estimate your total household income to be...?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
18%	20%	14%	Below \$40,000
31%	31%	30%	Between \$40,000 and \$79,999
28%	27%	31%	Between \$80,000 and \$124,999
21%	21%	23%	Above \$125,000
*	*	-	Unsure
1%	1%	2%	Refused



D7. What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
*	*	1%	Less than high school
13%	16%	8%	High school graduate
17%	14%	22%	Some college
8%	8%	9%	College graduate with Associates or 2 year degree
37%	36%	37%	College graduate with a Bachelors or 4 year degree
21%	21%	19%	Post-graduate degree
4%	5%	4%	Technical or vocational school graduate
-	-	-	Don't Know/ Refused

D8. Would you best describe the neighborhood or area you live in as... (ROTATE TOP-TO-BOTTOM, BOTTOM-TO-TOP)

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
33%	37%	26%	Urban
52%	49%	58%	Suburban
15%	14%	17%	Rural
1%	1%	-	Don't Know/Refused

D9. Would you consider your political views to be (ROTATE) conservative, liberal (END ROTATE), or moderate?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
<b>43%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>Total Conservative</b>
20%	22%	16%	Strongly Conservative
23%	24%	21%	Somewhat Conservative
35%	33%	41%	Moderate
<b>21%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>Total Liberal</b>
12%	11%	14%	Somewhat Liberal
9%	10%	8%	Strongly Liberal
*	*	-	Unsure / Refused

D10. Which of the following best describes your marital status? (ROTATE CHOICES)

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
21%	23%	17%	Single, Never Married
72%	70%	76%	Married, or Domestic Partnership
3%	2%	4%	Divorced
4%	5%	2%	Widowed
*	*	*	Separated
*	-	1%	Refused

D11. Do you have children under the age of 18 in your household?

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
37%	36%	38%	Yes
63%	64%	61%	No
*	-	1%	Refused

IF YES, IN PREVIOUS QUESTION, ASK:

D11\_A. Which of the following describes the status of your child or children? (ALLOW MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE)

<b>Total N222</b>	<b>Weekly N139</b>	<b>Monthly N83</b>	
23%	23%	23%	Young Child, Not Enrolled in School
64%	60%	70%	School-Age Child, Enrolled in Public School K-12
32%	37%	23%	School-Age Child, Enrolled in Private School K-12
11%	11%	10%	Young Adult, Enrolled in Public School Higher Education
7%	8%	4%	Young Adult, Enrolled in Private School Higher Education
5%	7%	1%	Young Adult, Not Enrolled in Higher Education
1%	1%	1%	Multi-Generational Household
-	-	-	Unsure / Refused

REGION:

<b>Total N600</b>	<b>Weekly N383</b>	<b>Monthly N217</b>	
24%	23%	25%	Northeast
31%	30%	33%	Midwest
27%	29%	23%	South
18%	18%	19%	West