

Mass attenders' awareness and impressions of the work of Caritas

A Report to Caritas Australia

On questions included in the 2016 National Church Life Survey

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Background to the National Church Life Survey

In late 2016, more than a quarter of a million church-going Australians took part in the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) by completing a questionnaire on their faith, their involvement in church life, and a variety of other topics. These people came from over 3,000 parishes and local congregations representing more than 20 denominations and independent churches across the country.

Catholic parishes have participated in the last four National Church Life Surveys, in 2001, 2006, 2011 and 2016. A parallel project, the Catholic Church Life Survey (CCLS), was conducted in 1996.

The national random sample

This report is based on questionnaires completed by Mass attenders in a national random sample of 193 parishes, selected so as to ensure there was a representative sample of parishes from each diocese. Once the national sample had been chosen, all other parishes were invited to take part in the survey, and 162 did so, meaning that a total of 355 Catholic parishes participated in the 2016 survey. These additional parishes received a report on their results, but as they are not part of the statistical sample their results are not included here.

Since the national random sample is statistically representative of all Catholic Church attenders in Australia, the findings of the survey can confidently be regarded as applying, with a high level of probability, to the whole Church in Australia.

Weighting

Because the structure of the sample does not exactly match that of the dioceses from which it comes, the results have been modified by applying a corrective 'weight' to each diocese, so that they better reflect the distribution of Mass-attending Catholics across Australia.

How the survey was conducted

All people aged 15 and over at Mass (or, in some places, services in the absence of a priest) on the day of the survey were invited to complete a questionnaire. The total number of completed questionnaires received from the parishes in the national sample was around 37,350.

In addition to the adult questionnaire, parishes could order optional questionnaires for children aged 8 to 14 years, a revised and shorter version of the adult survey. In total, 2,164 children completed the children's survey. However, results from the children's survey are not included in this report.

Questionnaire versions

This extremely large sample meant that the project could investigate a wide variety of topics without making questionnaires unduly long. This was done by using a number of different versions of the questionnaire, distributed at random to the people at Mass on the Sunday of the survey. Questionnaire AC, which formed the basis of the report prepared for each parish, was completed by 67 per cent of respondents in each parish, while the remaining 33 per cent of respondents completed one of 20 other versions, each dealing with a different topic. Most of these versions were distributed to attenders of all denominations but two, Questionnaires S3 and X, were designed for use only in Catholic parishes.

The questions commissioned by Caritas were included in Questionnaire X, which was completed by 1,728 attenders.

Contents of this report

The following elements make up this report:

- This introduction, containing background information about the survey.
- A demographic profile of the Mass attenders who answered the questions.
- The frequencies of other questions used in the cross-tabulations.
- The number and percentages of attenders who selected each response in the commissioned questions, that is, Questions 30-39 (along with comparisons to similar questions in the 2011 survey), 41-48, 49-53 and 54 in Questionnaire X.
- Cross-tabulations of the questions with age, sex and other key variables, with indicators of statistical significance.
- A copy of Questionnaire X.

A note on statistical significance

Each cross-tabulation in this report is marked as significant or not significant and the level of significance is also indicated.

To say that a result is statistically significant is to say that it is highly probable that the result shows an actual difference, not one that has arisen by chance. For example, if in a sample we find that 60 per cent of men and 40 per cent of women believe Statement A is true, this can either be due to chance factors which determined the make-up of our sample, or to an actual difference between what men and women believe. A statistically significant result is one where the likelihood of the result arising by chance is below a specified level of probability.

Statistical significance is usually reported at 0.05, 0.01 or 0.001 level, meaning that there is a less than five in one hundred chance, one in a hundred chance, or one in a thousand chance, respectively, that the result under discussion has arisen by chance. In the example above, a 0.001 level of statistical significance means that there is less than one chance in a thousand that the

observed difference between men and women has arisen by chance. In other words, the observed difference is highly likely to reflect a real difference in what men and women believe.

However, it is important to note that saying a result is statistically significant is not the same as saying it is important. It may be that the difference between men and women in their belief about Statement A is not at all important or that it is not substantial. The importance of a result cannot be determined statistically. Rather, it is a matter for the judgement of those interpreting the results.

Non-Catholic attenders

Not all Mass attenders in Catholic parishes are Catholics. About 1.9 per cent of Questionnaire X respondents were not Catholic.

Analysis of the data

People are complex, and the data set used in this report is complex, too. Neither univariate analysis (e.g., the frequencies) nor bivariate analysis (e.g., cross-tabulations) tells the full story. This is because most, if not all, of the variables included in a bivariate analysis with the questions commissioned by Caritas correlated with other variables such as age and sex. Marital status provides a good example. Are differences in the opinions or practices of those who have never married and those who have been widowed a result of their marital status or their age, given that most of the former are young and most of the latter are much older? The best way to sort out such interrelationships is to use some form of multivariate analysis. This type of analysis is beyond the scope of this basic report, but can be carried out if required.

Demographic profile of respondents to Questionnaire X

Unweighted (actual) figures - All responses

Questionnaire X completed by 1,728 respondents in national random sample parishes.

NOTE: Not all respondents to Questionnaire X answered every question. Older people (those aged 60 and over) were over-represented among non-respondents. Statistical tests show the effect of this non-response on the results reported here to be negligible.

Age	Number	Per cent
15-34yrs	195	12
35-59yrs	527	32
60+yrs	935	56
Total	1,657	100

Sex	Number	Per cent
Female	1,066	64
Male	604	36
Total	1,670	100

State or Territory	Number	Per cent
NSW & ACT	860	50
Vic & Tas	350	20
Qld	311	18
SA & NT	107	6
WA	100	6
Total	1,728	100

Marital status	Number	Per cent
Never married	245	14
In first marriage	1,037	60
Remarried after divorce	54	3
Remarried after death of spouse	13	1
In a de facto relationship	20	1
Separated but not divorced	26	2
Divorced and not remarried	59	3
Widowed	201	12
Total	1,655	100

Type of primary school attended	Number	Per cent
Catholic	1,020	69
Government	418	28
Other	48	3
Total	1,486	100

Type of secondary school attended	Number	Per cent
Catholic	1,069	71
Government	363	24
Other	81	5
Total	1,513	100

Level of education	Number	Per cent
Primary school	89	5
Some secondary school	218	13
Completed secondary school	361	22
Trade certificate	151	9
Diploma or associate diploma	228	14
Bachelor degree	370	22
Post graduate degree or diploma	240	15
Total	1,657	100

Birthplace	Number	Per cent
Australia	966	58
NZ & Pacific Islands	28	2
Great Britain	47	3
Ireland	22	1
Italy	42	3
Malta	22	1
Other Europe	57	3
Vietnam	24	1
Philippines	221	13
India/Sri Lanka	104	6
Other Asia	63	4
Other	75	4
Total	1,671	100

Mother's birthplace	Number	Per cent
Australia	822	50
Other English speaking country	120	7
Non-English speaking country	686	42
Total	1,628	100

Father's birthplace	Number	Per cent
Australia	767	47
Other English speaking country	150	9
Non-English speaking country	698	43
Total	1,615	100

Birthplace of both parents	Number	Per cent
Both parents born in Australia	736	46
One parent born in Australia	103	6
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	661	41
Other	105	7
Total	1,605	100

Language spoken at home	Number	Per cent
English only	1,142	68
English plus other language(s)	501	30
Non-English language(s) only	35	2
Total	1,678	100

When did you become Catholic?	Number	Per cent
Infancy	1,454	86
Childhood	44	3
Teenage years	17	1
Adulthood	134	8
Not a Catholic	32	2
Total	1,681	100

Spouse or partner Catholic?	Number	Per cent
Yes	960	61
No	230	15
Not applicable	391	25
Total	1,581	100

Other questions from Questionnaire X used in this report

Percentages have been weighted so that they better reflect the distribution of Mass attenders across Australia.

For each question, the actual (unweighted) number of respondents is shown as 'N = '

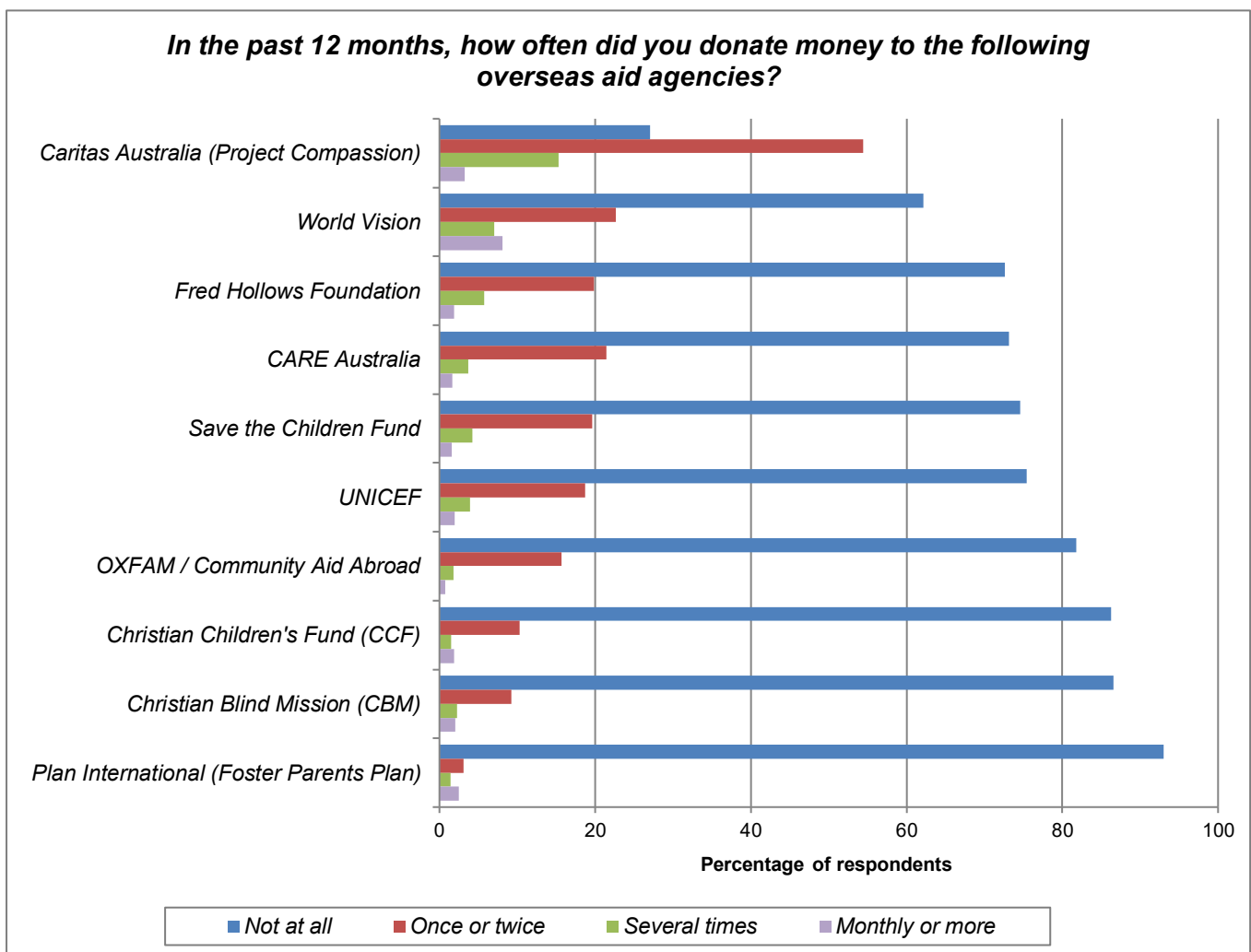
Totals for Questions 1, 2 and 5 exceed 100% because respondents could choose more than one response.

No.	Question	
1	Involvement in parish groups	Per cent
	Yes, in small prayer, discussion or Bible study groups	15
	Yes, in fellowships, clubs, social or other groups	22
	No, we have no such groups	9
	No, I am not regularly involved	59
	Total	105
	N = 1,603	
2	Involvement in parish outreach activities	Per cent
	Evangelisation, spreading the Gospel	6
	Welfare activities, helping non-parishoners	11
	Wider community service	17
	Promotion of social justice	6
	Not regularly involved	71
	Total	111
	N = 1,582	
3	Sense of belonging	Per cent
	Strong and growing	42
	Stable	30
	Weakening	9
	Not a strong sense of belonging	16
	Don't know or not applicable	3
	Total	100
	N = 1,604	
4	Importance of parish community	Per cent
	Very / extremely important	58
	Quite important	29
	A little / not important	13
	Total	100
	N = 1,635	
5	Leadership role in parish	Per cent
	Reader or special minister of the Eucharist	19
	Music ministry	8
	Member of liturgy planning group	2
	Preparing adults for sacraments (eg, RCIA, marriage preparation)	2
	Children's liturgy or sacrament preparation	4
	Religious education teacher in a Government school	1
	Visitor to sick, elderly, others in need	8
	Leader of a group in the parish	3
	Member of parish council or similar leadership group	5
	Member of a committee	4
	Teacher in the parish school	2
	Active involvement in parish school, but not as teacher	3
	Other role not mentioned above	12
	No leadership or ministry role	57
	Total	130
	N = 1,521	
16a	Frequency of attendance at Mass	Per cent
	First time	0
	Hardly ever / Special occasions	2
	Less than once a month	1
	Once a month	2
	Two or three times a month	8
	Usually every week	69
	More than once a week	17
	Total	100
	N = 1,526	

Questions 30 - 39:

In the past 12 months, how often did you donate money to the following overseas aid agencies?
(Mark one box in each row)

	Not at all	Once or twice	Several times	Monthly or more	Number of responses
	%	%	%	%	N
<i>Caritas Australia (Project Compassion)</i>	27	54	15	3	1,401
<i>World Vision</i>	62	23	7	8	985
<i>Fred Hollows Foundation</i>	73	20	6	2	901
<i>CARE Australia</i>	73	21	4	2	896
<i>Save the Children Fund</i>	75	20	4	2	887
<i>UNICEF</i>	75	19	4	2	853
<i>OXFAM / Community Aid Abroad</i>	82	16	2	1	844
<i>Christian Children's Fund (CCF)</i>	86	10	2	2	801
<i>Christian Blind Mission (CBM)</i>	87	9	2	2	810
<i>Plan International (Foster Parents Plan)</i>	93	3	1	3	780



The 2011 Question

In the past 12 months, how often did you donate money to the following overseas aid agencies?

(Mark one box in each row)

	Not at all	Once or twice	Several times	Monthly or more	Number of responses
	%	%	%	%	N
<i>Caritas Australia (Project Compassion)</i>	27	51	18	4	1,506
<i>World Vision</i>	58	27	7	7	1,178
<i>CARE Australia</i>	70	24	5	1	1,146
<i>Save the Children Fund</i>	78	17	3	2	1,078
<i>UNICEF</i>	74	21	4	1	1,068
<i>OXFAM / Community Aid Abroad</i>	70	24	5	1	1,091
<i>Christian Children's Fund</i>	89	8	2	2	1,015
<i>Plan International (Foster Parents Plan)</i>	95	3	1	1	1,003
<i>National Council of Churches' Christian World Service</i>	92	6	2	1	1,021
<i>Red Cross</i>	39	48	12	1	1,292
<i>Compassion Australia</i>	71	23	5	1	1,093

Questions 30 - 39:

In the past 12 months, how often did you donate money to the following overseas aid agencies?

(Mark one box in each row)

In all the following tables for Questions 30 to 39, 'Not at all' responses have been removed and 'Once or twice', 'Several times' and 'Monthly or more' responses have been grouped together into a single category. Additionally, 'Christian Children's Fund' and 'Christian Blind Mission' have been combined into a single 'Other agency' category.

Percentage of respondents who had donated to an agency at least once in the previous 12 months

Question	Caritas Australia (Project Compassion) (%)	World Vision (%)	Fred Hollows Foundation (%)	CARE Australia (%)	Save the Children Fund (%)	UNICEF (%)	OXFAM / Community Aid Abroad (%)	Plan International (Foster Parents Plan) (%)	Other agency (%)
Demographic characteristics									
Age									
15-34 yrs	44	26	7	10	17	23	8	5	10
35-59 yrs	72	38	23	24	24	25	20	6	9
60+ yrs	81	42	41	37	30	25	23	9	5
Statistical significance	***	**	***	***	**		***		
Number of respondents =	1,363	955	877	870	861	826	820	757	732
Sex									
Female	75	40	30	27	26	26	19	7	7
Male	71	34	22	27	24	22	17	7	7
Statistical significance			*						
Number of respondents =	1,382	971	887	880	875	841	830	769	744
State / Territory									
New South Wales & ACT	72	37	25	23	23	27	17	6	7
Victoria & Tasmania	75	45	31	36	26	25	19	9	7
Queensland	71	30	24	22	30	20	21	6	6
South Australia & Northern Territory	71	28	33	20	25	19	15	6	6
Western Australia	76	32	33	29	38	21	16	6	5
Statistical significance		*		**					
Number of respondents =	1,401	985	901	896	887	853	844	780	755
Marital Status									
Never Married	59	31	15	15	19	21	12	2	10
Married *	76	39	29	27	27	26	19	8	7
Separated / Divorced	76	53	20	42	41	27	29	16	10
Widowed	77	39	51	46	25	23	28	12	3
Statistical significance	***	*	***	***	*		*	**	
Number of respondents =	1,369	962	883	876	869	835	826	762	739

* Includes 20 people who identified themselves as being in a de facto relationship

	Caritas Australia (Project Compassion)	World Vision	Fred Hollows Foundation	CARE Australia	Save the Children Fund	UNICEF	OXFAM / Community Aid Abroad	Plan International (Foster Parents Plan)	Other agency
Question	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Type of primary school attended									
Catholic	78	39	29	28	26	26	22	7	7
Government	69	38	28	28	28	22	15	7	8
Other	44	13	7	13	14	29	10	4	6
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***	*	*						
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,249	871	812	802	793	767	758	699	677
Type of secondary school attended									
Catholic	75	36	26	26	21	23	19	6	6
Government	72	43	27	31	36	26	16	9	11
Other	49	37	22	26	20	40	22	7	8
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***				***	*	**		*
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,282	908	833	828	813	795	790	726	704
Level of Education									
No Post Secondary	72	35	32	26	23	21	11	6	6
Diploma / Trade Certificate	77	39	31	29	26	23	21	10	6
Degree or Higher	71	38	22	26	26	27	21	6	10
<i>Statistical significance</i>			*				**		
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,377	975	891	885	875	846	833	772	749
Birthplace									
Australia	79	37	31	26	24	20	19	6	7
Other English speaking country	77	36	44	39	41	35	27	13	6
Non-English speaking country	63	40	19	28	25	28	16	9	8
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***		***		*	*			
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,379	966	887	880	870	837	828	765	741
Mother's birthplace									
Australia	79	37	33	25	22	19	20	6	6
Other English speaking country	83	45	52	43	44	41	33	18	6
Non-English speaking country	66	38	18	27	26	28	15	7	9
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***		***	*	**	***	**	*	
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,350	950	864	864	854	824	813	751	725
Father's birthplace									
Australia	81	37	34	26	22	19	21	5	6
Other English speaking country	83	43	44	44	42	37	28	14	4
Non-English speaking country	65	39	19	26	27	28	15	7	9
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***		***	**	**	**	**		
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,343	945	859	858	846	819	805	746	721

	Caritas Australia (Project Compassion)	World Vision	Fred Hollows Foundation	CARE Australia	Save the Children Fund	UNICEF	OXFAM / Community Aid Abroad	Plan International (Foster Parents Plan)	Other agency
Question	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Birthplace of both parents									
Both parents born in Australia	81	38	34	27	22	19	21	5	6
One parent born in Australia	73	37	21	17	24	22	15	7	6
Both parents born in Non-English speaking c	66	39	18	27	27	28	15	6	9
Other	83	44	55	50	49	43	32	21	5
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***		***	**	**	**	*	**	
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,337	939	854	854	842	814	801	742	717
Language spoken at home									
English only	79	37	32	28	24	23	21	6	5
English plus other language(s)	62	41	21	26	30	28	15	9	10
Non-English language(s) only	38	21	13	14	0	30	13	9	22
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***		**		**				*
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,382	975	896	889	878	846	837	773	748
When did you become Catholic?									
Infancy	74	38	27	27	24	23	20	7	6
Childhood	64	35	25	30	36	28	9	12	18
Teenage years	43	27	0	20	0	50	11	0	0
Adulthood	80	35	31	26	38	34	7	8	9
Not a Catholic	61	41	50	50	25	25	20	5	29
<i>Statistical significance</i>	*				*				**
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,392	977	893	887	880	845	837	773	748
Spouse or partner Catholic?									
Yes	76	38	30	28	26	26	20	9	7
No	73	41	30	32	27	23	15	4	8
<i>Statistical significance</i>									
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,321	934	857	855	850	815	808	746	725
Participation in the parish									
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities									
Is involved	82	39	38	36	32	27	28	12	8
Is not involved	68	36	22	22	22	24	14	5	7
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***		***	***	**		***	***	
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,333	951	875	865	854	829	821	760	737

	Caritas Australia (Project Compassion)	World Vision	Fred Hollows Foundation	CARE Australia	Save the Children Fund	UNICEF	OXFAM / Community Aid Abroad	Plan International (Foster Parents Plan)	Other agency
Question	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Involvement in parish outreach activities									
Is involved	83	43	37	34	33	29	31	12	8
Is not involved	68	35	23	24	22	23	14	5	7
Statistical significance	***	*	***	**	**		***	**	
Number of respondents =	1,315	943	866	860	850	821	815	752	729
Sense of belonging to the parish									
Strong and growing	74	40	27	30	28	25	21	8	6
Stable	81	35	28	24	19	25	17	5	7
Weakening	80	37	34	28	34	24	17	7	7
Not a strong sense of belonging	53	32	21	21	25	21	16	5	7
Don't know	56	48	22	24	27	13	18	17	15
Statistical significance	***								
Number of respondents =	1,331	945	869	862	853	825	817	752	732
Importance of parish community									
Very / extremely important	75	41	28	29	28	26	20	9	8
Quite important	76	37	28	23	21	21	19	4	5
A little / not important	59	26	25	26	23	25	12	8	8
Statistical significance	***	*							
Number of respondents =	1,355	961	885	876	870	839	830	766	743
Leadership role in parish									
Yes	84	44	35	32	27	29	26	9	8
No	64	34	21	23	24	22	13	5	7
Statistical significance	***	**	***	**		*	***		
Number of respondents =	1,280	915	836	830	823	798	794	729	707
Frequency of attendance at Mass									
At least once a week	74	38	26	27	23	22	18	6	14
Less than weekly	61	40	30	22	33	37	20	9	27
Statistical significance	***				*	***			***
Number of respondents =	1,390	977	894	892	884	851	841	779	752

Statistical Note:

Results have been weighted so that they better reflect the distribution of Church attenders across Australia.

Percentages across each row add to more than 100% because respondents could choose more than one option.

For each question, the actual (unweighted) number of respondents is shown as 'N = '

Statistical significance is shown as follows:

*** $p < 0.001$

** $p < 0.01$

* $p < 0.05$

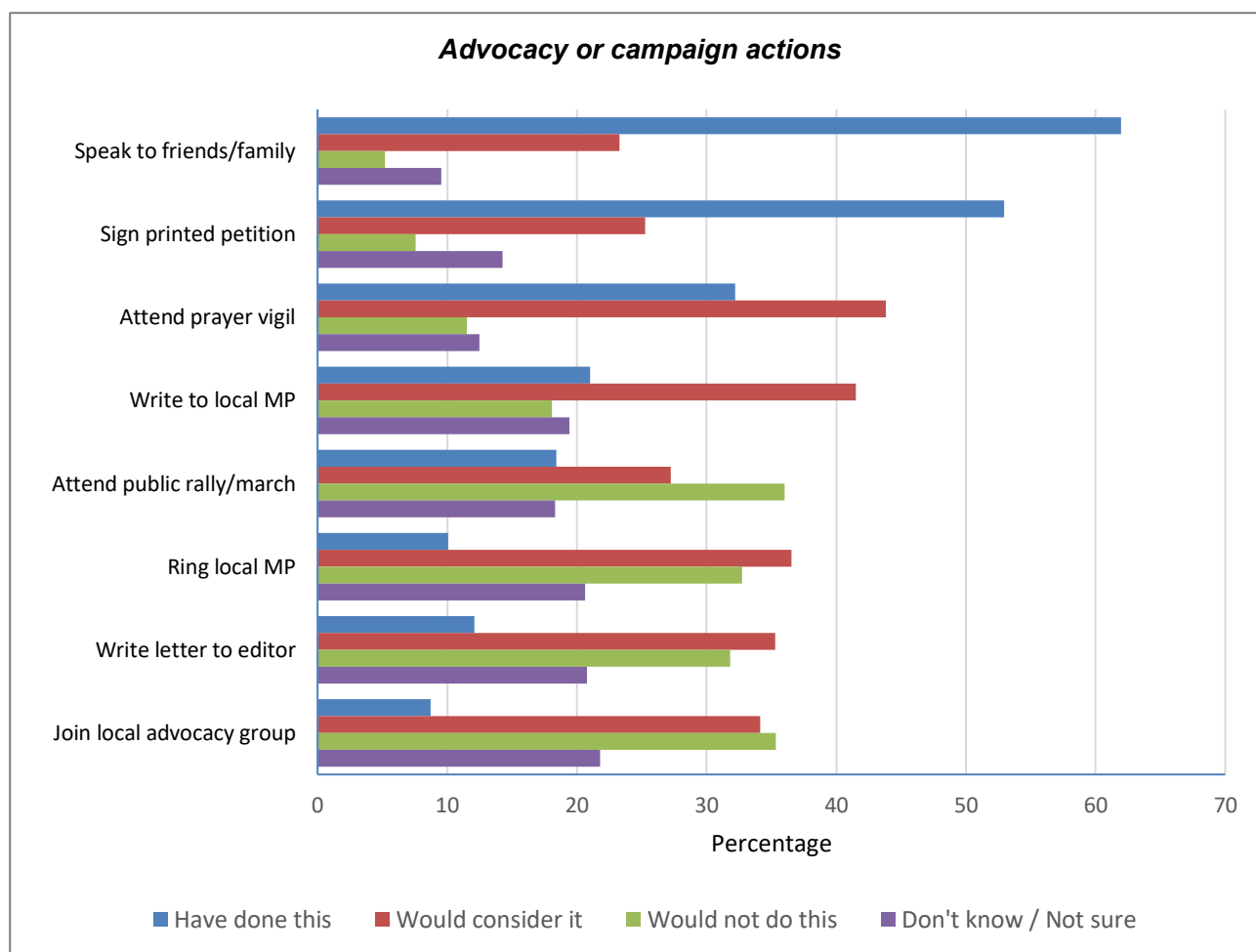
Blank indicates relationship not significant

Questions 41 - 48:

Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

	<i>I have done this</i>	<i>I have not done this, but would consider doing</i>	<i>I would not do this</i>	<i>Don't know / Not sure</i>	<i>Number of responses</i>
	%	%	%	%	N
Speak to friends/family	62	23	5	10	1,519
Sign printed petition	53	25	8	14	1,518
Attend prayer vigil	32	44	12	12	1,468
Write to local MP	21	41	18	19	1,459
Attend public rally/march	18	27	36	18	1,424
Ring local MP	10	37	33	21	1,420
Write letter to editor	12	35	32	21	1,424
Join local advocacy group	9	34	35	22	1,439



Questions 41 - 48:

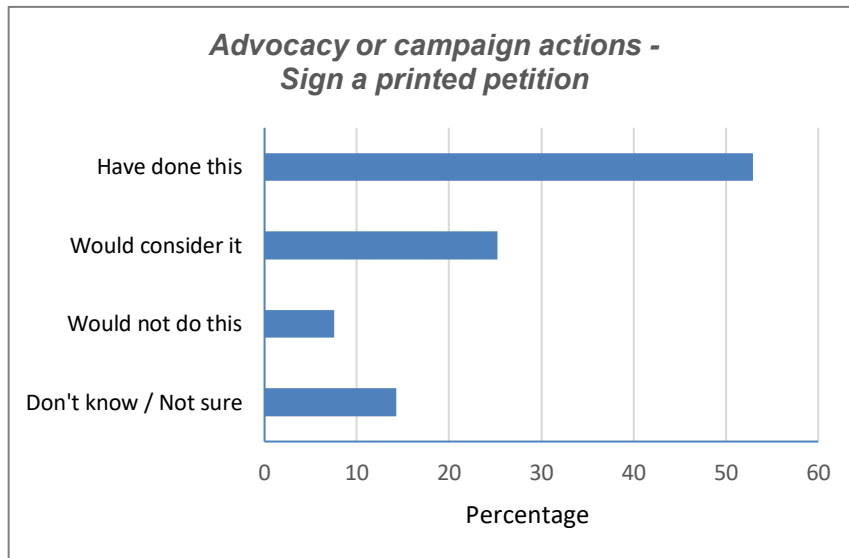
Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

41. Sign a printed petition

(1,518 responses)

	%
I have done this	53
I have not done this, but would consider doing so	25
I would not do this	8
Don't know / Not sure	14
Total	100



Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
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Demographic characteristics

Age

15-34 yrs	30	45	5	20
35-59 yrs	57	23	7	13
60+ yrs	57	22	8	13

N = 1,474

Significant at $p < 0.001$ level

Sex

Female	56	22	7	14
Male	48	31	8	14

N = 1,489

Significant at $p < 0.01$ level

State / Territory

New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	52	26	6	16
Victoria & Tasmania	56	23	10	10
Queensland	55	27	5	13
South Australia & Northern Territory	40	26	12	22
Western Australia	54	23	3	20

N = 1,518

Significant at $p < 0.001$ level

Marital Status

Never Married	50	33	4	13
Married	52	26	8	14
Separated / Divorced	65	20	4	10
Widowed	57	13	13	16

N = 1,481

Significant at $p < 0.001$ level

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Type of primary school attended				
Catholic	58	23	7	12
Government	49	29	6	17
Other	35	35	23	6
<i>N = 1,359</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Type of secondary school attended				
Catholic	56	24	8	12
Government	48	31	6	15
Other	45	30	10	14
<i>N = 1,374</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Level of Education				
No Post Secondary	48	23	9	20
Diploma / Trade Certificate	53	25	8	14
Degree or Higher	58	27	7	9
<i>N = 1,490</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace				
Australia	60	24	7	9
Other English speaking country	63	16	11	9
Non-English speaking country	39	29	9	23
<i>N = 1,489</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Mother's birthplace				
Australia	62	23	6	9
Other English speaking country	67	15	12	5
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	42	30	8	20
<i>N = 1,457</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Father's birthplace				
Australia	62	23	6	9
Other English speaking country	66	18	7	9
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	43	29	8	20
<i>N = 1,449</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace of both parents				
Both parents born in Australia	62	23	6	9
One parent born in Australia	59	20	11	10
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	43	30	8	20
Other	66	16	7	10
<i>N = 1,442</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Language spoken at home				
English only	62	22	7	10
English plus other language(s)	35	31	10	24
Non-English language(s) only	35	35	8	23
<i>N = 1,497</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
When did you become Catholic?				
Infancy	54	24	8	14
Childhood	46	37	7	10
Teenage years	40	27	13	20
Adulthood	46	34	7	13
Not a Catholic	65	19	4	12
<i>N = 1,505</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Spouse or partner Catholic?				
Yes	52	25	8	15
No	58	23	6	13
<i>N = 1,065</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Participation in the parish				
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities				
Is involved	64	22	4	10
Is not involved	48	27	9	17
<i>N = 1,441</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Involvement in parish outreach activities				
Is involved	69	19	4	8
Is not involved	46	28	9	17
<i>N = 1,427</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Sense of belonging to the parish				
Strong and growing	54	25	7	13
Stable	58	23	6	13
Weakening	53	27	6	14
Not a strong sense of belonging	42	28	8	21
Don't know	50	28	3	19
<i>N = 1,444</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Importance of parish community				
Very / extremely important	55	24	6	15
Quite important	51	28	8	13
A little / not important	49	26	10	15
<i>N = 1,468</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Leadership role in parish				
Yes	68	21	4	7
No	42	29	9	20
<i>N = 1,393</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally				
At least once a week	54	25	7	14
Less than weekly	52	22	10	16
<i>N = 1,501</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

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Questions 41 - 48:

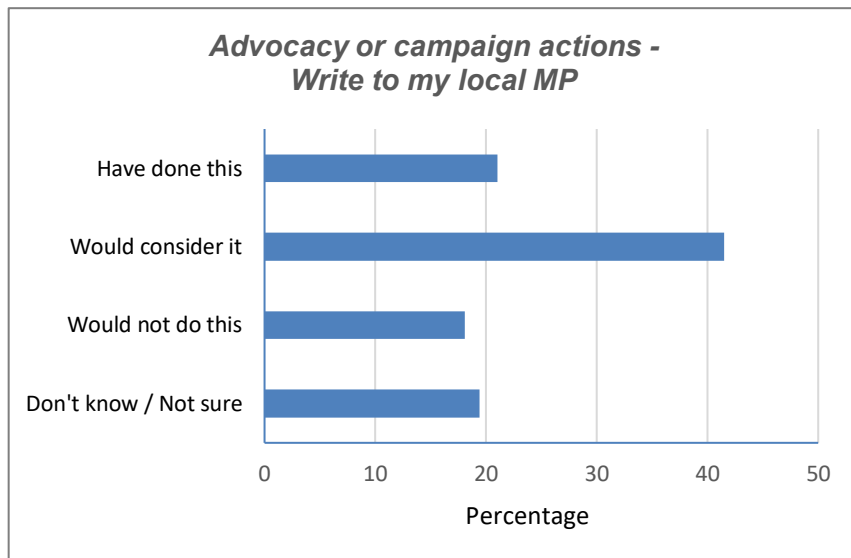
Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

42. Write to my local Member of Parliament

(1,459 responses)

	%
I have done this	21
I have not done this, but would consider doing so	41
I would not do this	18
Don't know / Not sure	19
Total	100



Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
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Demographic characteristics

Age

15-34 yrs	7	36	27	31
35-59 yrs	19	43	18	20
60+ yrs	26	43	16	16

N = 1,417

Significant at $p < 0.001$ level

Sex

Female	22	42	17	20
Male	19	42	20	19

N = 1,433

Not significant

State / Territory

New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	20	42	16	22
Victoria & Tasmania	22	43	20	15
Queensland	25	44	18	13
South Australia & Northern Territory	15	31	23	31
Western Australia	16	34	16	34

N = 1,459

Significant at $p < 0.001$ level

Marital Status

Never Married	20	36	25	19
Married	19	43	17	21
Separated / Divorced	30	52	8	10
Widowed	26	38	20	15

N = 1,427

Significant at $p < 0.01$ level

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Type of primary school attended				
Catholic	25	41	19	15
Government	15	47	13	25
Other	17	35	26	22
<i>N = 1,309</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Type of secondary school attended				
Catholic	23	41	20	16
Government	15	47	14	25
Other	16	46	16	23
<i>N = 1,323</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Level of Education				
No Post Secondary	18	37	21	23
Diploma / Trade Certificate	20	42	16	22
Degree or Higher	24	45	16	15
<i>N = 1,434</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace				
Australia	27	43	18	12
Other English speaking country	23	40	20	17
Non-English speaking country	12	41	16	31
<i>N = 1,404</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Mother's birthplace				
Australia	29	44	17	10
Other English speaking country	26	43	19	11
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	12	41	17	30
<i>N = 1,457</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Father's birthplace				
Australia	30	42	17	11
Other English speaking country	24	46	18	11
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	12	42	17	29
<i>N = 1,398</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace of both parents				
Both parents born in Australia	30	43	16	11
One parent born in Australia	17	47	27	9
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	12	41	17	30
Other	26	46	13	14
<i>N = 1,391</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Language spoken at home				
English only	26	44	18	13
English plus other language(s)	10	40	17	33
Non-English language(s) only	12	8	44	36
<i>N = 1,444</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
When did you become Catholic?				
Infancy	21	41	18	19
Childhood	20	36	16	27
Teenage years	8	25	42	25
Adulthood	23	50	13	15
Not a Catholic	15	62	8	15
<i>N = 1,447</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Spouse or partner Catholic?				
Yes	20	41	18	21
No	23	46	13	18
<i>N = 1,030</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Participation in the parish				
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities				
Is involved	31	43	13	14
Is not involved	16	41	21	22
<i>N = 1,388</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Involvement in parish outreach activities				
Is involved	35	43	11	11
Is not involved	14	42	21	22
<i>N = 1,374</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Sense of belonging to the parish				
Strong and growing	26	40	15	19
Stable	17	45	22	16
Weakening	21	36	23	20
Not a strong sense of belonging	16	42	16	26
Don't know	8	44	14	33
<i>N = 1,387</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Importance of parish community				
Very / extremely important	25	41	14	20
Quite important	14	42	25	19
A little / not important	18	43	20	20
<i>N = 1,415</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Leadership role in parish				
Yes	29	44	15	12
No	13	41	20	25
<i>N = 1,346</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally				
At least once a week	22	42	17	19
Less than weekly	12	46	21	21
<i>N = 1,444</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.05$ level</i>				

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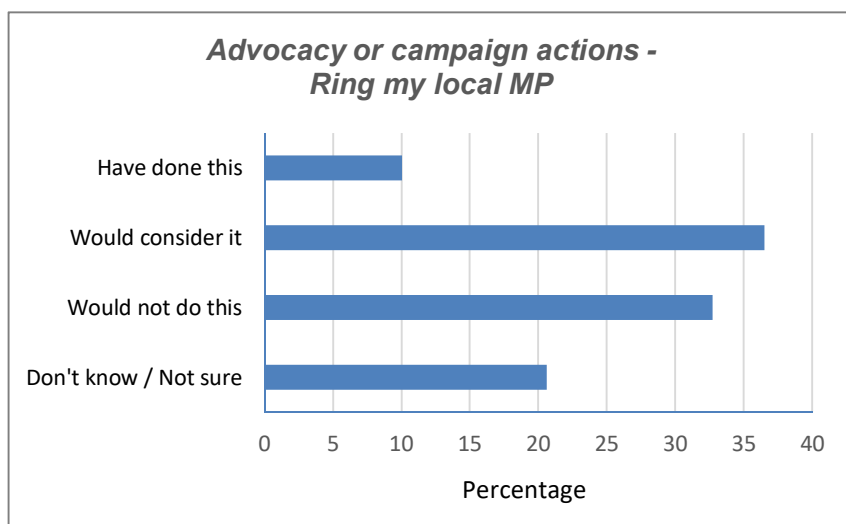
Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

43. Ring my local Member of Parliament

(1,420 responses)

	%
I have done this	10
I have not done this, but would consider doing so	37
I would not do this	33
Don't know / Not sure	21
Total	100



Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Demographic characteristics				
Age				
15-34 yrs	2	24	42	32
35-59 yrs	9	36	36	20
60+ yrs	13	41	28	18
N = 1,417				
Significant at $p < 0.001$ level				
Sex				
Female	10	36	33	21
Male	9	39	33	20
N = 1,433				
Not significant				
State / Territory				
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	10	36	31	23
Victoria & Tasmania	7	37	38	17
Queensland	18	39	26	17
South Australia & Northern Territory	8	32	33	27
Western Australia	5	31	36	28
N = 1,459				
Significant at $p < 0.001$ level				
Marital Status				
Never Married	6	36	39	19
Married	10	37	31	22
Separated / Divorced	16	51	23	10
Widowed	15	32	40	13
N = 1,427				
Significant at $p < 0.001$ level				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Type of primary school attended				
Catholic	10	37	36	17
Government	10	37	28	25
Other	11	38	26	26
<i>N = 1,309</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Type of secondary school attended				
Catholic	10	36	37	17
Government	10	39	25	26
Other	8	44	24	24
<i>N = 1,323</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.01$ level</i>				
Level of Education				
No Post Secondary	11	33	33	24
Diploma / Trade Certificate	10	41	26	23
Degree or Higher	9	37	37	17
<i>N = 1,434</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.01$ level</i>				
Birthplace				
Australia	11	36	38	15
Other English speaking country	9	53	26	13
Non-English speaking country	9	35	26	30
<i>N = 1,404</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Mother's birthplace				
Australia	13	38	36	14
Other English speaking country	10	54	29	7
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	7	34	30	29
<i>N = 1,457</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Father's birthplace				
Australia	12	38	36	14
Other English speaking country	13	51	30	6
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	7	34	29	29
<i>N = 1,398</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace of both parents				
Both parents born in Australia	12	38	36	14
One parent born in Australia	13	37	35	15
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	7	34	30	30
Other	10	57	26	6
<i>N = 1,391</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Language spoken at home				
English only	11	40	35	14
English plus other language(s)	8	32	28	33
Non-English language(s) only	4	8	54	35
<i>N = 1,444</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
When did you become Catholic?				
Infancy	9	37	33	20
Childhood	21	14	33	33
Teenage years	0	8	58	33
Adulthood	15	48	21	15
Not a Catholic	12	27	38	23
<i>N = 1,447</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Spouse or partner Catholic?				
Yes	10	37	30	23
No	11	32	37	21
<i>N = 1,030</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Participation in the parish				
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities				
Is involved	12	45	26	18
Is not involved	9	33	36	22
<i>N = 1,388</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Involvement in parish outreach activities				
Is involved	15	45	24	15
Is not involved	8	33	36	23
<i>N = 1,374</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Sense of belonging to the parish				
Strong and growing	13	42	23	22
Stable	6	34	43	17
Weakening	12	25	49	15
Not a strong sense of belonging	10	38	27	25
Don't know	3	33	27	36
<i>N = 1,387</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Importance of parish community				
Very / extremely important	10	41	27	22
Quite important	8	33	40	19
A little / not important	13	25	43	19
<i>N = 1,415</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Leadership role in parish				
Yes	13	42	30	15
No	7	33	35	25
<i>N = 1,346</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally				
At least once a week	10	37	32	21
Less than weekly	8	34	39	19
<i>N = 1,444</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

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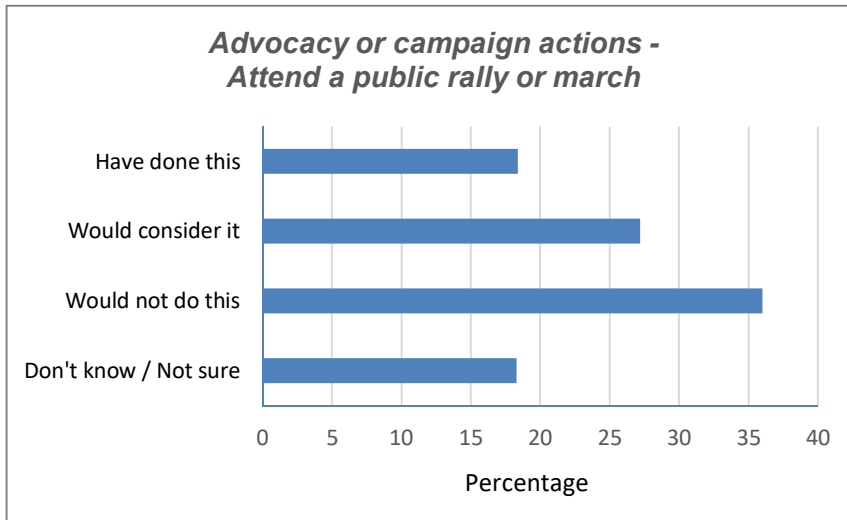
Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

44. Attend a public rally or march

(1,424 responses)

	%
I have done this	18
I have not done this, but would consider doing so	27
I would not do this	36
Don't know / Not sure	18
Total	100



Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Demographic characteristics				
Age				
15-34 yrs	13	24	35	29
35-59 yrs	19	34	29	18
60+ yrs	20	23	42	15
N = 1,384				
Significant at $p < 0.001$ level				
Sex				
Female	20	24	37	20
Male	16	33	36	15
N = 1,402				
Significant at $p < 0.001$ level				
State / Territory				
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	19	29	32	20
Victoria & Tasmania	17	28	41	13
Queensland	21	27	36	16
South Australia & Northern Territory	16	19	36	29
Western Australia	14	24	35	27
N = 1,424				
Significant at $p < 0.01$ level				
Marital Status				
Never Married	20	27	31	21
Married	18	29	35	18
Separated / Divorced	25	33	21	21
Widowed	15	11	59	16
N = 1,394				
Significant at $p < 0.001$ level				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Type of primary school attended				
Catholic	19	28	37	16
Government	17	29	36	18
Other	28	22	39	11
<i>N = 1,270</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Type of secondary school attended				
Catholic	19	29	38	15
Government	18	26	33	23
Other	19	29	32	20
<i>N = 1,287</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Level of Education				
No Post Secondary	13	21	44	23
Diploma / Trade Certificate	20	31	30	20
Degree or Higher	22	30	33	14
<i>N = 1,402</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace				
Australia	22	27	40	11
Other English speaking country	23	41	25	11
Non-English speaking country	12	26	33	30
<i>N = 1,400</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Mother's birthplace				
Australia	23	26	41	10
Other English speaking country	29	34	29	7
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	12	27	33	28
<i>N = 1,369</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Father's birthplace				
Australia	25	26	40	9
Other English speaking country	26	35	33	6
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	12	28	33	28
<i>N = 1,362</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace of both parents				
Both parents born in Australia	25	25	40	9
One parent born in Australia	10	35	42	13
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	12	27	33	28
Other	31	36	27	6
<i>N = 1,355</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Language spoken at home				
English only	21	29	39	11
English plus other language(s)	13	24	30	33
Non-English language(s) only	13	13	54	21
<i>N = 1,408</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
When did you become Catholic?				
Infancy	19	28	35	18
Childhood	10	17	38	36
Teenage years	0	29	57	14
Adulthood	14	27	40	19
Not a Catholic	27	31	31	12
<i>N = 1,411</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Spouse or partner Catholic?				
Yes	17	30	35	18
No	19	23	40	19
<i>N = 1,007</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Participation in the parish				
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities				
Is involved	28	28	30	14
Is not involved	14	28	39	20
<i>N = 1,358</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Involvement in parish outreach activities				
Is involved	29	33	27	12
Is not involved	14	26	40	21
<i>N = 1,343</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Sense of belonging to the parish				
Strong and growing	21	28	31	20
Stable	16	32	37	15
Weakening	18	21	46	15
Not a strong sense of belonging	18	23	36	23
Don't know	14	31	36	19
<i>N = 1,356</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.05$ level</i>				
Importance of parish community				
Very / extremely important	19	28	31	22
Quite important	17	27	43	13
A little / not important	17	25	43	16
<i>N = 1,381</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Leadership role in parish				
Yes	27	31	32	11
No	12	25	39	23
<i>N = 1,311</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally				
At least once a week	18	27	37	18
Less than weekly	20	32	26	21
<i>N = 1,408</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

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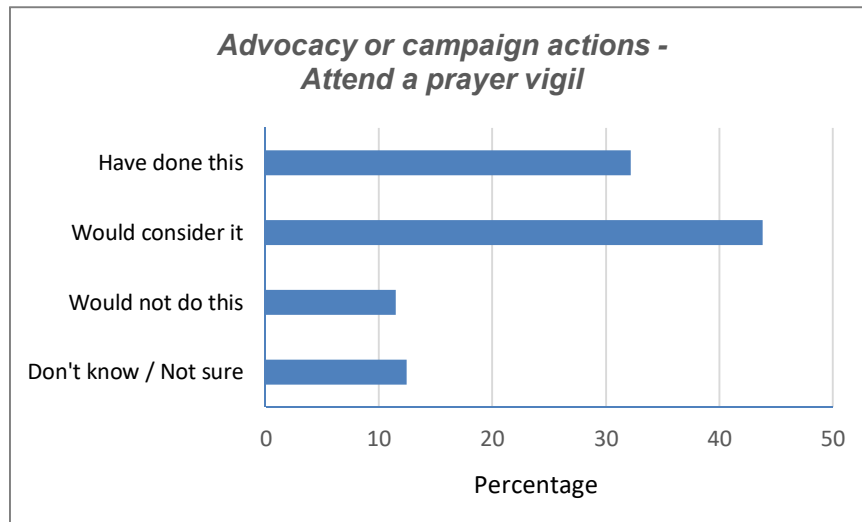
Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

45. Attend a prayer vigil

(1,468 responses)

	%
I have done this	32
I have not done this, but would consider doing so	44
I would not do this	12
Don't know / Not sure	12
Total	100



Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Demographic characteristics				
Age				
15-34 yrs	28	40	14	18
35-59 yrs	34	46	10	10
60+ yrs	32	43	13	12
<i>N = 1,384</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Sex				
Female	33	45	9	13
Male	31	42	16	11
<i>N = 1,402</i>				
<i>Significant at p < 0.01 level</i>				
State / Territory				
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	35	42	10	13
Victoria & Tasmania	29	44	15	11
Queensland	35	45	10	10
South Australia & Northern Territory	23	49	13	15
Western Australia	28	41	8	23
<i>N = 1,424</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Marital Status				
Never Married	31	46	12	11
Married	31	44	11	13
Separated / Divorced	40	43	5	12
Widowed	38	37	15	11
<i>N = 1,394</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Type of primary school attended				
Catholic	32	44	13	11
Government	30	44	11	16
Other	36	47	13	4
<i>N = 1,270</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Type of secondary school attended				
Catholic	33	44	12	11
Government	30	46	11	14
Other	35	42	13	10
<i>N = 1,287</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Level of Education				
No Post Secondary	30	39	10	20
Diploma / Trade Certificate	33	46	11	10
Degree or Higher	33	46	13	8
<i>N = 1,402</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace				
Australia	29	47	14	10
Other English speaking country	35	46	10	9
Non-English speaking country	36	40	8	16
<i>N = 1,400</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Mother's birthplace				
Australia	29	47	14	10
Other English speaking country	39	43	13	6
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	34	42	9	15
<i>N = 1,369</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Father's birthplace				
Australia	30	46	14	10
Other English speaking country	37	45	12	6
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	33	43	9	16
<i>N = 1,362</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.01$ level</i>				
Birthplace of both parents				
Both parents born in Australia	30	46	14	10
One parent born in Australia	20	54	16	9
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	34	42	9	16
Other	42	42	9	7
<i>N = 1,355</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Language spoken at home				
English only	31	46	13	10
English plus other language(s)	32	42	8	17
Non-English language(s) only	50	18	21	11
<i>N = 1,408</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
When did you become Catholic?				
Infancy	33	44	11	13
Childhood	42	26	19	14
Teenage years	8	85	0	8
Adulthood	30	48	10	13
Not a Catholic	15	50	31	4
<i>N = 1,411</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.01$ level</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Spouse or partner Catholic?				
Yes	32	45	11	12
No	28	41	13	17
<i>N = 1,007</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Participation in the parish				
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities				
Is involved	41	44	7	8
Is not involved	28	44	14	15
<i>N = 1,358</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Involvement in parish outreach activities				
Is involved	40	44	8	8
Is not involved	28	44	13	14
<i>N = 1,343</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Sense of belonging to the parish				
Strong and growing	37	47	6	10
Stable	27	45	15	12
Weakening	31	36	17	16
Not a strong sense of belonging	31	39	14	16
Don't know	21	38	18	24
<i>N = 1,356</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Importance of parish community				
Very / extremely important	38	46	6	11
Quite important	25	43	19	13
A little / not important	19	39	23	20
<i>N = 1,381</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Leadership role in parish				
Yes	40	44	10	6
No	25	44	14	17
<i>N = 1,311</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally				
At least once a week	34	43	11	12
Less than weekly	19	48	16	17
<i>N = 1,408</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				

Statistical Note:

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Questions 41 - 48:

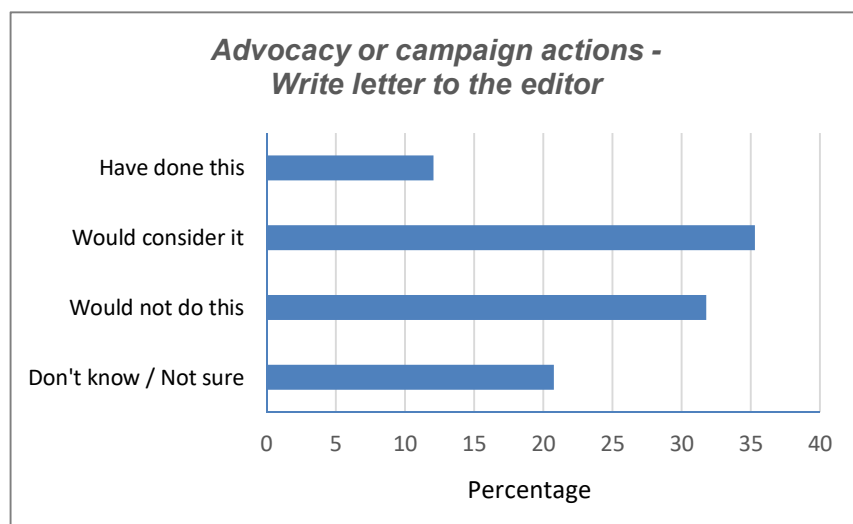
Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

46. Write a letter to the editor

(1,424 responses)

	%
I have done this	12
I have not done this, but would consider doing so	35
I would not do this	32
Don't know / Not sure	21
Total	100



Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Demographic characteristics				
Age				
15-34 yrs	4	32	34	31
35-59 yrs	8	41	31	20
60+ yrs	17	33	33	18
N = 1,384				
Significant at $p < 0.001$ level				
Sex				
Female	11	36	32	21
Male	14	35	33	19
N = 1,401				
Not significant				
State / Territory				
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	12	35	30	23
Victoria & Tasmania	11	38	34	17
Queensland	16	35	30	20
South Australia & Northern Territory	8	31	37	24
Western Australia	13	29	26	32
N = 1,424				
Not significant				
Marital Status				
Never Married	6	33	41	19
Married	12	38	29	21
Separated / Divorced	17	41	22	20
Widowed	19	23	43	14
N = 1,395				
Significant at $p < 0.001$ level				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Type of primary school attended				
Catholic	14	33	36	17
Government	8	43	23	26
Other	17	28	34	21
<i>N = 1,273</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Type of secondary school attended				
Catholic	14	34	35	18
Government	8	44	23	25
Other	13	35	30	22
<i>N = 1,290</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Level of Education				
No Post Secondary	10	26	37	26
Diploma / Trade Certificate	13	37	30	20
Degree or Higher	13	42	28	17
<i>N = 1,399</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace				
Australia	15	35	35	15
Other English speaking country	16	38	32	14
Non-English speaking country	8	35	28	30
<i>N = 1,400</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Mother's birthplace				
Australia	17	35	36	13
Other English speaking country	19	36	37	7
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	6	37	27	30
<i>N = 1,369</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Father's birthplace				
Australia	17	32	37	14
Other English speaking country	16	47	31	6
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	7	37	27	29
<i>N = 1,363</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace of both parents				
Both parents born in Australia	17	33	36	14
One parent born in Australia	13	44	33	10
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	6	37	27	30
Other	17	42	33	8
<i>N = 1,356</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Language spoken at home				
English only	15	36	34	15
English plus other language(s)	6	36	26	32
Non-English language(s) only	4	7	56	33
<i>N = 1,409</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
When did you become Catholic?				
Infancy	12	35	32	21
Childhood	23	23	21	33
Teenage years	0	38	54	8
Adulthood	11	42	33	14
Not a Catholic	8	50	23	19
<i>N = 1,410</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.05$ level</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Spouse or partner Catholic?				
Yes	12	36	29	23
No	12	39	31	18
<i>N = 1,006</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Participation in the parish				
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities				
Is involved	15	40	28	17
Is not involved	10	33	34	22
<i>N = 1,358</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Involvement in parish outreach activities				
Is involved	20	41	22	17
Is not involved	9	33	36	22
<i>N = 1,348</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Sense of belonging to the parish				
Strong and growing	12	42	25	21
Stable	12	32	41	15
Weakening	17	22	36	26
Not a strong sense of belonging	10	35	29	26
Don't know	9	26	29	35
<i>N = 1,358</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Importance of parish community				
Very / extremely important	13	39	26	22
Quite important	10	30	41	20
A little / not important	12	33	37	17
<i>N = 1,384</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Leadership role in parish				
Yes	16	40	29	15
No	8	33	34	25
<i>N = 1,310</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally				
At least once a week	12	34	33	21
Less than weekly	12	46	21	21
<i>N = 1,408</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.01$ level</i>				

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Questions 41 - 48:

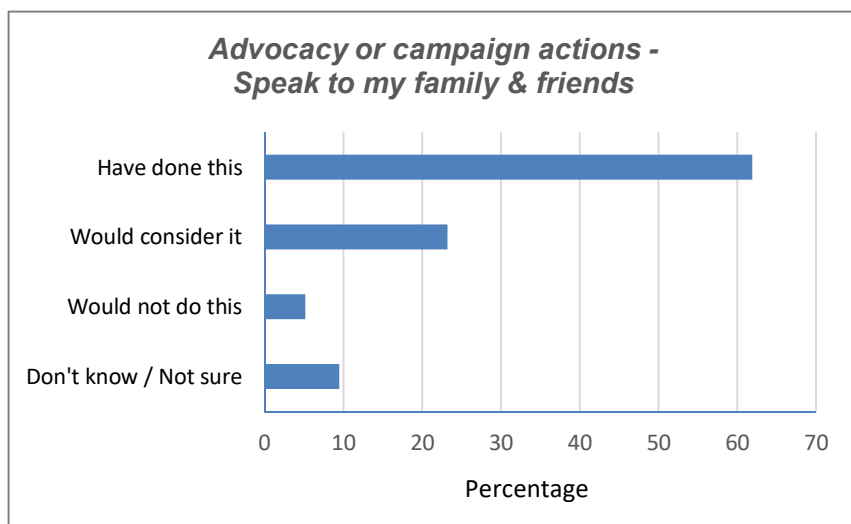
Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

47. Speak to my friends and family in person

(1,519 responses)

	%
I have done this	62
I have not done this, but would consider doing so	23
I would not do this	5
Don't know / Not sure	10
Total	100



Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Demographic characteristics				
Age				
15-34 yrs	51	34	3	12
35-59 yrs	67	22	2	8
60+ yrs	62	21	7	10
<i>N = 1,475</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Sex				
Female	63	22	5	10
Male	59	25	6	9
<i>N = 1,491</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
State / Territory				
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	59	23	6	11
Victoria & Tasmania	63	24	5	8
Queensland	68	21	4	7
South Australia & Northern Territory	60	28	5	7
Western Australia	64	21	0	15
<i>N = 1,519</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Marital Status				
Never Married	59	27	4	10
Married	62	24	4	9
Separated / Divorced	63	27	3	7
Widowed	63	12	14	11
<i>N = 1,484</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Type of primary school attended				
Catholic	64	23	6	7
Government	59	25	3	13
Other	58	29	6	6
<i>N = 1,354</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.05$ level</i>				
Type of secondary school attended				
Catholic	63	23	6	8
Government	59	25	4	12
Other	56	32	0	11
<i>N = 1,369</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.05$ level</i>				
Level of Education				
No Post Secondary	56	21	7	16
Diploma / Trade Certificate	60	26	6	8
Degree or Higher	67	24	4	5
<i>N = 1,489</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace				
Australia	67	21	6	6
Other English speaking country	74	13	7	6
Non-English speaking country	53	28	4	15
<i>N = 1,491</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Mother's birthplace				
Australia	68	20	5	7
Other English speaking country	72	16	10	2
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	54	28	4	14
<i>N = 1,459</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Father's birthplace				
Australia	67	21	6	7
Other English speaking country	74	18	6	3
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	55	28	4	14
<i>N = 1,455</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace of both parents				
Both parents born in Australia	67	21	5	7
One parent born in Australia	67	19	9	5
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	54	28	4	14
Other	74	17	6	2
<i>N = 1,447</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Language spoken at home				
English only	67	21	6	7
English plus other language(s)	51	29	4	16
Non-English language(s) only	62	17	10	10
<i>N = 1,499</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
When did you become Catholic?				
Infancy	62	23	5	10
Childhood	59	26	0	15
Teenage years	25	56	13	6
Adulthood	68	19	5	8
Not a Catholic	79	11	4	7
<i>N = 1,502</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.05$ level</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Spouse or partner Catholic?				
Yes	60	25	5	10
No	68	23	4	5
<i>N = 1,063</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Participation in the parish				
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities				
Is involved	74	17	3	6
Is not involved	56	27	6	11
<i>N = 1,444</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Involvement in parish outreach activities				
Is involved	72	18	4	7
Is not involved	58	26	6	11
<i>N = 1,429</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Sense of belonging to the parish				
Strong and growing	64	23	4	8
Stable	62	23	5	10
Weakening	62	21	7	10
Not a strong sense of belonging	56	28	5	11
Don't know	58	15	12	15
<i>N = 1,442</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Importance of parish community				
Very / extremely important	64	22	4	10
Quite important	62	25	6	8
A little / not important	53	24	10	13
<i>N = 1,472</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.01$ level</i>				
Leadership role in parish				
Yes	73	19	3	5
No	53	27	7	13
<i>N = 1,388</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally				
At least once a week	63	22	5	10
Less than weekly	59	26	3	12
<i>N = 1,501</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				

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Questions 41 - 48:

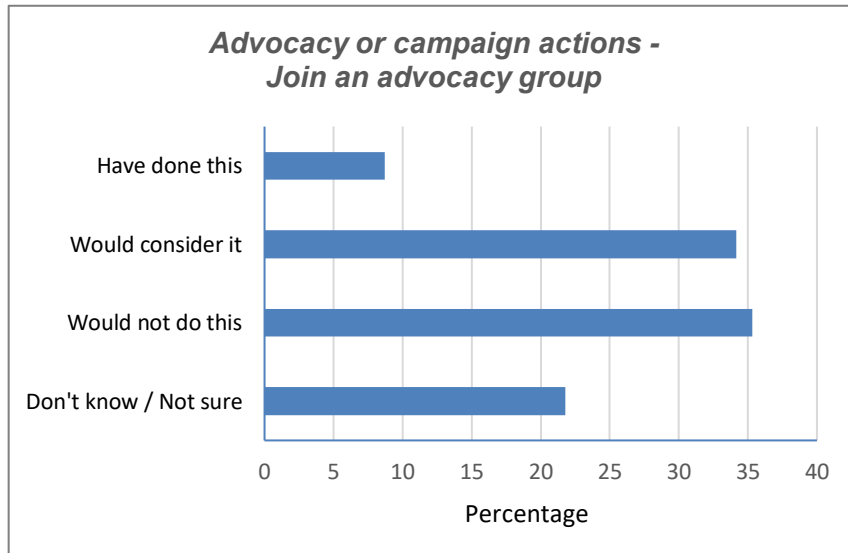
Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

48. Join a local group that organises advocacy actions e.g. visit my MP, host an event etc.

(1,439 responses)

	%
I have done this	9
I have not done this, but would consider doing so	34
I would not do this	35
Don't know / Not sure	22
Total	100



Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Demographic characteristics				
Age				
15-34 yrs	9	36	27	28
35-59 yrs	6	42	29	23
60+ yrs	10	29	42	19
<i>N = 1,401</i>				
<i>Significant at p < 0.001 level</i>				
Sex				
Female	10	32	35	24
Male	7	38	36	18
<i>N = 1,416</i>				
<i>Significant at p < 0.05 level</i>				
State / Territory				
New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	9	34	32	26
Victoria & Tasmania	7	36	42	15
Queensland	13	34	32	20
South Australia & Northern Territory	8	26	38	27
Western Australia	5	32	32	30
<i>N = 1,439</i>				
<i>Significant at p < 0.01 level</i>				
Marital Status				
Never Married	10	36	35	18
Married	7	36	34	23
Separated / Divorced	15	37	18	29
Widowed	11	18	53	18
<i>N = 1,411</i>				
<i>Significant at p < 0.001 level</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Type of primary school attended				
Catholic	9	35	37	19
Government	6	38	32	25
Other	26	19	36	19
<i>N = 1,285</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Type of secondary school attended				
Catholic	9	35	36	20
Government	6	36	32	26
Other	16	30	35	19
<i>N = 1,304</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Level of Education				
No Post Secondary	7	26	40	27
Diploma / Trade Certificate	8	31	42	19
Degree or Higher	10	42	29	19
<i>N = 1,417</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace				
Australia	9	35	41	15
Other English speaking country	13	38	33	18
Non-English speaking country	7	33	28	32
<i>N = 1,415</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Mother's birthplace				
Australia	10	34	41	14
Other English speaking country	13	37	39	11
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	6	34	29	31
<i>N = 1,383</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Father's birthplace				
Australia	10	34	41	15
Other English speaking country	13	40	39	8
Non-English speaking country (NESC)	6	35	29	30
<i>N = 1,379</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Birthplace of both parents				
Both parents born in Australia	10	34	41	15
One parent born in Australia	7	38	43	11
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	6	34	29	31
Other	13	37	39	11
<i>N = 1,372</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Language spoken at home				
English only	9	35	40	16
English plus other language(s)	7	35	26	32
Non-English language(s) only	7	19	37	37
<i>N = 1,425</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
When did you become Catholic?				
Infancy	9	35	34	22
Childhood	14	27	39	20
Teenage years	0	29	64	7
Adulthood	4	29	51	16
Not a Catholic	7	33	30	30
<i>N = 1,425</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.05$ level</i>				

Question	Have done this (%)	Would consider it (%)	Would not do this (%)	Don't know / Not sure (%)
Spouse or partner Catholic?				
Yes	6	36	34	23
No	11	32	36	21
<i>N = 1,013</i>				
<i>Not significant</i>				
Participation in the parish				
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities				
Is involved	13	36	31	19
Is not involved	7	33	37	23
<i>N = 1,373</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Involvement in parish outreach activities				
Is involved	13	38	30	19
Is not involved	7	33	38	23
<i>N = 1,361</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Sense of belonging to the parish				
Strong and growing	12	35	30	23
Stable	4	34	43	18
Weakening	9	33	37	21
Not a strong sense of belonging	9	33	35	23
Don't know	3	38	32	27
<i>N = 1,371</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.01$ level</i>				
Importance of parish community				
Very / extremely important	10	36	31	22
Quite important	6	33	41	21
A little / not important	7	30	43	20
<i>N = 1,398</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.01$ level</i>				
Leadership role in parish				
Yes	12	39	32	17
No	6	31	38	25
<i>N = 1,326</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.001$ level</i>				
Frequency of attendance at Mass generally				
At least once a week	9	33	37	21
Less than weekly	5	46	26	23
<i>N = 1,424</i>				
<i>Significant at $p < 0.01$ level</i>				

Statistical Note:

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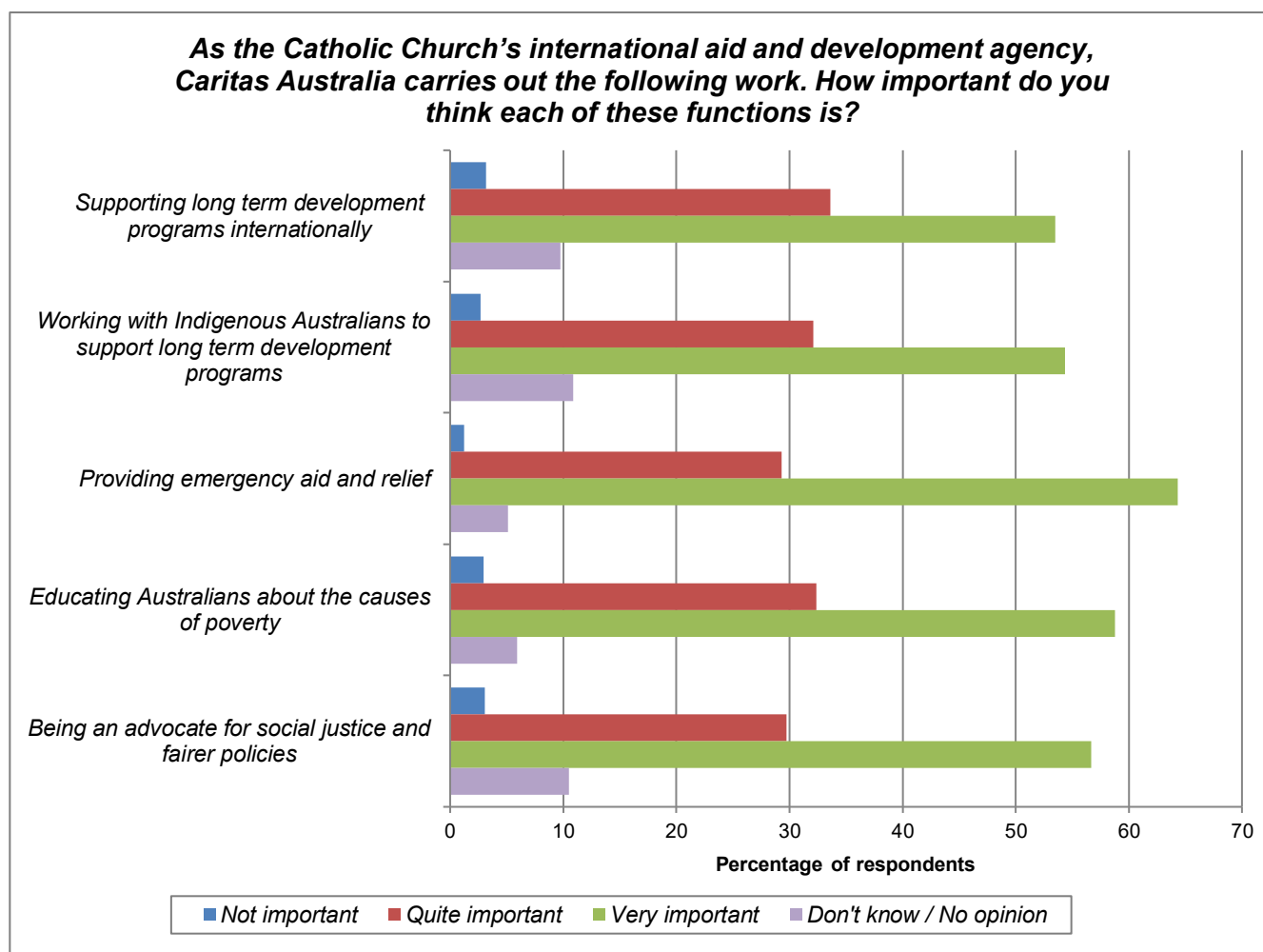
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Percentages add to 100 across each row.

Questions 49 - 53:

As the Catholic Church's international aid and development agency, Caritas Australia carries out the following work. How important do you think each of these functions is? (Mark one box in EACH row.)

	Not important %	Quite important %	Very important %	Don't know / No opinion %	Number of responses
Supporting long term development programs internationally	3	34	53	10	1,558
Working with Indigenous Australians to support long term development programs	3	32	54	11	1,556
Providing emergency aid and relief	1	29	64	5	1,531
Educating Australians about the causes of poverty	3	32	59	6	1,557
Being an advocate for social justice and fairer policies	3	30	57	11	1,544



Questions 49 - 53:

As the Catholic Church's international aid and development agency, Caritas Australia carries out the following work. How important do you think each of these functions is? (Mark one box in EACH row.)

Percentage of respondents who indicated each of Caritas' functions as 'Very important'

Question	Supporting long term development programs (%)	Working with Indigenous Australians (%)	Providing emergency aid and relief (%)	Educating Australians about the causes of poverty (%)	Being an advocate for social justice and fairer policies (%)
Demographic characteristics					
Age					
15-34 yrs	50	62	72	64	64
35-59 yrs	58	58	67	62	60
60+ yrs	52	51	61	55	53
Statistical significance		*	**		***
Number of respondents =	1,514	1,511	1,486	1,509	1,498
Sex					
Female	56	57	67	61	59
Male	48	49	59	55	52
Statistical significance	*	***	**	***	***
Number of respondents =	1,529	1,528	1,499	1,524	1,515
State / Territory					
New South Wales & ACT	53	55	64	59	59
Victoria & Tasmania	54	54	64	60	55
Queensland	52	53	62	53	53
South Australia & Northern Territory	54	50	69	58	53
Western Australia	59	66	75	68	59
Statistical significance					*
Number of respondents =	1,558	1,556	1,531	1,557	1,544
Marital Status					
Never Married	59	65	72	64	65
Married *	52	50	63	58	55
Separated / Divorced	66	69	76	65	67
Widowed	48	55	59	54	52
Statistical significance	*	***	**		*
Number of respondents =	1,520	1,521	1,495	1,518	1,505
* Includes 20 people who identified themselves as being in a de facto relationship					

Question	Supporting long term development programs (%)	Working with Indigenous Australians (%)	Providing emergency aid and relief (%)	Educating Australians about the causes of poverty (%)	Being an advocate for social justice and fairer policies (%)
Type of primary school attended					
Catholic	56	55	64	58	58
Government	50	53	65	58	53
Other	43	58	74	79	70
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***				
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,382	1,384	1,358	1,383	1,371
Type of secondary school attended					
Catholic	56	56	64	57	56
Government	51	54	69	65	61
Other	51	64	71	71	70
<i>Statistical significance</i>					***
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,398	1,402	1,380	1,402	1,392
Level of Education					
No Post Secondary	45	49	59	53	50
Diploma / Trade Certificate	54	53	63	61	53
Degree or Higher	60	60	69	61	64
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***	***	**	***	**
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,527	1,527	1,498	1,523	1,514
Birthplace					
Australia	56	57	65	56	56
Other English speaking country	59	61	66	67	66
Non-English speaking country	48	48	64	62	56
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***	***		**	*
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,530	1,529	1,506	1,528	1,516
Mother's birthplace					
Australia	57	59	65	56	57
Other English speaking country	63	63	63	67	69
Non-English speaking country	49	49	65	61	55
<i>Statistical significance</i>	***	***	*	***	***
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,493	1,493	1,468	1,491	1,481
Father's birthplace					
Australia	56	59	64	57	58
Other English speaking country	61	60	67	63	65
Non-English speaking country	50	49	66	60	55
<i>Statistical significance</i>	**	***		*	*
<i>Number of respondents =</i>	1,487	1,486	1,461	1,481	1,475

Question	Supporting long term development programs (%)	Working with Indigenous Australians (%)	Providing emergency aid and relief (%)	Educating Australians about the causes of poverty (%)	Being an advocate for social justice and fairer policies (%)
Birthplace of both parents					
Both parents born in Australia	56	59	64	57	57
One parent born in Australia	66	51	66	53	61
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	49	49	65	61	55
Other	58	60	66	66	65
Statistical significance	***	***		**	*
Number of respondents =	1,479	1,478	1,454	1,475	1,468
Language spoken at home					
English only	57	57	64	57	57
English plus other language(s)	45	48	64	63	56
Non-English language(s) only	56	44	69	50	63
Statistical significance	***	***		***	***
Number of respondents =	1,535	1,537	1,510	1,533	1,522
When did you become Catholic?					
Infancy	55	54	64	59	57
Childhood	35	49	51	62	45
Teenage years	69	71	87	94	82
Adulthood	53	63	70	58	60
Not a Catholic	38	44	85	64	54
Statistical significance	*				
Number of respondents =	1,538	1,535	1,511	1,534	1,524
Spouse or partner Catholic?					
Yes	51	49	62	58	54
No	60	60	68	54	57
Statistical significance	*	*			
Number of respondents =	1,089	1,086	1,073	1,085	1,079
Participation in the parish					
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities					
Is involved	60	60	68	63	64
Is not involved	51	52	63	57	54
Statistical significance	***	*	*	*	***
Number of respondents =	1,479	1,475	1,452	1,476	1,465
Involvement in parish outreach activities					
Is involved	61	62	70	62	64
Is not involved	51	51	62	57	54
Statistical significance	***	***	***	*	***
Number of respondents =	1,461	1,456	1,436	1,458	1,451

Question	Supporting long term development programs (%)	Working with Indigenous Australians (%)	Providing emergency aid and relief (%)	Educating Australians about the causes of poverty (%)	Being an advocate for social justice and fairer policies (%)
Sense of belonging to the parish					
Strong and growing	56	57	69	63	60
Stable	53	54	62	55	58
Weakening	58	54	61	59	54
Not a strong sense of belonging	49	53	61	55	50
Don't know	50	55	58	56	54
Statistical significance	***	*	***	***	***
Number of respondents =	1,476	1,477	1,457	1,474	1,463
Importance of parish community					
Very / extremely important	57	58	69	65	61
Quite important	50	50	57	51	52
A little / not important	46	48	56	48	50
Statistical significance	***		***	***	***
Number of respondents =	1,502	1,501	1,480	1,504	1,490
Leadership role in parish					
Yes	61	62	69	63	65
No	49	50	61	57	52
Statistical significance	***	***	***	***	***
Number of respondents =	1,412	1,409	1,389	1,409	1,401
Frequency of attendance at Mass					
At least once a week	54	54	64	58	56
Less than weekly	50	50	61	63	55
Statistical significance					
Number of respondents =	1,536	1,536	1,512	1,536	1,523

Statistical Note:

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Percentages across each row add to more than 100% because respondents could choose more than one option.

For each question, the actual (unweighted) number of respondents is shown as 'N = '

Statistical significance is shown as follows:

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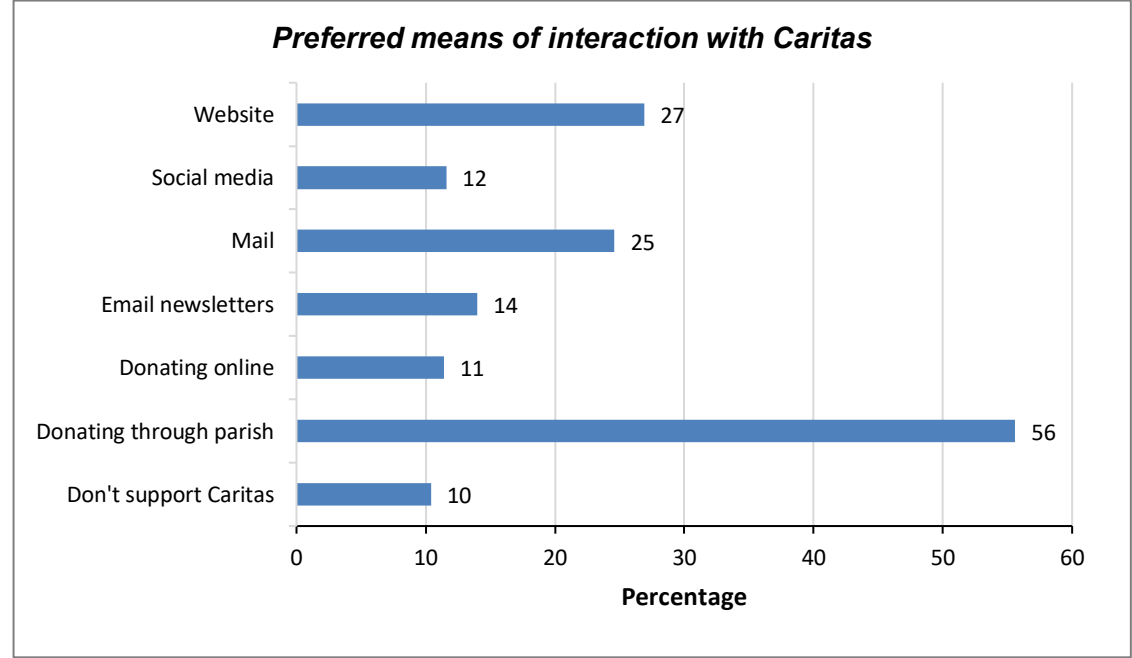
Question 54:

Caritas Australia strives to keep supporters involved with, and informed about, the good works of the Church delivered through Caritas' programs. How do you prefer to interact with Caritas?

(Mark ALL that apply)

(1,521 responses)

	(%)
Visiting the Caritas website	27
Viewing updates on social media channels (e.g. Facebook)	12
Reading stories, magazines and letters received in the mail	25
Reading email newsletters	14
Donating online	11
Donating through the parish	56
Not applicable - I don't support Caritas Australia	10
Total	155



Question	Website (%)	Social media (%)	Mail (%)	Email newsletters (%)	Donating online (%)	Donating through parish (%)	Don't support Caritas (%)
Demographic characteristics							
Age							
15-34 yrs	44	26	16	13	18	42	16
35-59 yrs	39	15	21	17	14	50	9
60+ yrs	16	6	29	13	9	61	10
<i>N = 1,477.</i>	***	***	***		***	***	*
Sex							
Female	26	13	26	13	11	58	10
Male	29	9	22	16	13	52	10
<i>N = 1,493.</i>		*				*	
State / Territory							
New South Wales & ACT	25	12	22	13	13	55	12
Victoria & Tasmania	28	12	26	15	10	58	8
Queensland	24	9	32	18	8	54	10
South Australia & Northern Territory	33	11	21	10	13	50	15
Western Australia	32	13	25	17	21	58	4
<i>N = 1,521</i>			*		*		
Marital Status							
Never Married	37	18	21	16	13	51	12
Married *	28	12	26	15	12	55	9
Separated / Divorced	20	7	22	19	11	52	12
Widowed	11	6	24	7	6	67	12
<i>N = 1,485</i>	***	**		*		*	
<i>* Includes 20 people who identified themselves as being in a de facto relationship</i>							
Type of primary school attended							
Catholic	25	10	24	15	11	59	10
Government	29	15	26	12	13	51	10
Other	54	15	13	17	4	28	16
<i>N = 1,345</i>	***	*				***	
Type of secondary school attended							
Catholic	26	11	25	14	12	58	10
Government	29	13	27	17	12	50	11
Other	42	20	13	10	11	46	9
<i>N = 1,371</i>	*	*				*	
Level of Education							
No Post Secondary	17	7	23	8	6	61	15
Diploma / Trade Certificate	21	10	30	14	8	57	6
Degree or Higher	39	16	23	18	17	50	9
<i>N = 1,487</i>	***	***	*	***	***	**	***

Question	Website (%)	Social media (%)	Mail (%)	Email newsletters (%)	Donating online (%)	Donating through parish (%)	Don't support Caritas (%)
Birthplace							
Australia	21	9	27	15	10	61	11
Other English speaking country	21	5	21	11	10	56	12
Non-English speaking country	37	17	21	13	13	48	10
<i>N = 1,494</i>	***	***	*			***	
Mother's birthplace							
Australia	20	7	29	16	10	61	9
Other English speaking country	17	5	23	14	10	54	12
Non-English speaking country	36	18	22	13	13	50	11
<i>N = 1,455</i>	***	***	*			***	
Father's birthplace							
Australia	19	6	30	16	10	61	10
Other English speaking country	15	7	23	13	12	59	10
Non-English speaking country	37	18	21	13	14	50	11
<i>N = 1,448</i>	***	***	**			***	
Birthplace of both parents							
Both parents born in Australia	19	6	30	16	10	61	10
One parent born in Australia	25	13	14	13	11	63	9
Both parents born in Non-English speaking country	37	18	22	13	13	49	11
Other	15	5	26	13	10	57	11
<i>N = 1,441</i>	***	***	***			***	
Language spoken at home							
English only	22	9	26	14	11	59	10
English plus other language(s)	35	15	23	14	14	48	12
Non-English language(s) only	52	24	7	0	2	41	8
<i>N = 1,497</i>	***	***				***	
When did you become Catholic?							
Infancy	26	11	25	14	11	55	10
Childhood	30	16	31	15	7	45	10
Teenage years	42	25	10	2	37	61	11
Adulthood	34	14	23	20	15	62	9
Not a Catholic	13	5	17	3	1	58	19
<i>N = 1,501</i>					**		
Spouse or partner Catholic?							
Yes	25	11	27	14	10	56	10
No	36	10	18	15	17	51	10
<i>N = 1,063</i>	**		*		*		

Question	Website (%)	Social media (%)	Mail (%)	Email newsletters (%)	Donating online (%)	Donating through parish (%)	Don't support Caritas (%)
Participation in the parish							
Involvement in parish groups, ministries or activities							
Is involved	26	12	32	19	13	60	7
Is not involved	28	11	21	12	11	53	12
<i>N</i> = 1,445			***	***		*	**
Involvement in parish outreach activities							
Is involved	24	15	33	21	13	63	6
Is not involved	28	11	21	11	11	52	12
<i>N</i> = 1,430		*	***	***		***	***
Sense of belonging to the parish							
Strong and growing	29	13	29	15	10	58	7
Stable	22	9	22	12	11	61	10
Weakening	28	11	17	18	15	51	16
Not a strong sense of belonging	31	15	18	14	16	41	18
Don't know	19	6	24	17	2	51	22
<i>N</i> = 1,446	*		**			***	***
Importance of parish community							
Very / extremely important	29	12	27	16	12	57	8
Quite important	23	11	23	10	10	58	12
A little / not important	25	11	17	15	12	46	18
<i>N</i> = 1,471	*		*	*		*	***
Leadership role in parish							
Yes	27	12	29	17	13	63	5
No	29	11	21	12	10	50	15
<i>N</i> = 1,381			***	**		***	***
Frequency of attendance at Mass							
At least once a week	27	12	26	13	11	56	10
Less than weekly	29	10	17	15	17	57	9
<i>N</i> = 1,499			*		*		

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* $p < 0.05$

Blank indicates relationship not significant

Thank you for taking part in this survey

- Please use a BLACK OR BLUE PEN or dark pencil and press firmly.
- FILL IN or CROSS the box next to the category that best describes your response (☐ or ☒). PLEASE DO NOT USE TICKS.
- Choose ONE ONLY for each question unless it states otherwise.
Example: Do you eat fruit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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1. Are you regularly involved in any group activities here? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Yes, in small prayer, discussion or Bible study groups
- ☐ Yes, in clubs, social groups or other types of groups
- ☐ No, we have no such groups
- ☐ No, I am not regularly involved

2. Do you regularly take part in any of the following parish activities which reach out to non-parishioners? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Parish outreach or evangelisation activities which spread the Good News of the Gospel
- ☐ Parish welfare activities which assist people from the non-parish community with personal needs
- ☐ Parish service activities which contribute to the wider community in some way
- ☐ Parish activities which promote social justice
- ☐ No, I am not regularly involved

3. Do you have a strong sense of belonging to this parish?

- ☐ Yes, a strong sense of belonging, which is growing
- ☐ Yes, a strong sense - about the same as last year
- ☐ Yes, although perhaps not as strongly as in the past
- ☐ No, but I am new here
- ☐ No, and I wish I did by now
- ☐ No, but I am happy as I am
- ☐ Don't know/not applicable

4. How important is this parish community in your life?

- ☐ Not at all important ☐ Very important
- ☐ A little important ☐ Extremely important
- ☐ Quite important

5. Do you currently perform any of these leadership or ministry roles in this parish? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Reader (lector) or special minister of the Eucharist
- ☐ Music ministry (e.g. choir, organist, musician)
- ☐ Member of a liturgy planning group
- ☐ Preparing adults for sacraments (e.g. RCIA, marriage preparation)
- ☐ Involved in children's liturgy or sacrament preparation
- ☐ Religious education teacher in a government school
- ☐ Visitor to the sick or elderly or others in need
- ☐ Leader of a group (e.g. a prayer, discussion, youth or social group)
- ☐ Member of the parish council or similar leadership group
- ☐ Member of a committee
- ☐ Teacher in the parish school
- ☐ Actively involved in the parish school (not as a teacher)
- ☐ Another role not mentioned above
- ☐ I do not have any leadership or ministry role at present

About You

6. In what year were you born?

Please write the year in the squares:

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7. What is your gender?

- ☐ Female ☐ Male

NB: If you identify as 'Other', this option is in the online survey.

8. Where were you born? Where was your mother born? Where was your father born? (Please mark an option in EVERY COLUMN)

	You	Mother	Father
Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Zealand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific Islands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Great Britain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ireland (incl. N. Ireland)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Italy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Malta	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Southern Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Northern or Western Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eastern Europe/former USSR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle East/North Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Republic of South Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mauritius	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North America	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central or South America	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
China/Hong Kong	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philippines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
India/Sri Lanka	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. At home, do you speak a language other than English?

- ☐ English only
- ☐ English plus other language(s)
- ☐ Non-English language(s) only

10. Which term best describes your present marital status?

- ☐ Never married ☐ In a defacto relationship
- ☐ In first marriage ☐ Separated
- ☐ Remarried after divorce ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Remarried after widowed ☐ Widowed

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11. Are you a Catholic?

Yes, I became a Catholic when I was

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A baby | <input type="checkbox"/> An adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A child | <input type="checkbox"/> No, I am not a Catholic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A teenager | |

12. Is your spouse or partner a Catholic?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

What type of school did you (or do you now) mainly attend? (Mark ONE in each row)

	Catholic	Government	Other
13. Primary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Secondary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. What is the highest educational qualification you have completed?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary school | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor degree from a university or equivalent institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some secondary school | <input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate degree or diploma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed secondary school | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade certificate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma or associate diploma | |

About Your Faith and the Church

16. How often do you go to Mass? Please answer for how often you go to Mass, AND for how often you go to Mass in this parish. (Mark an option in BOTH columns)

	Generally?	Here?
This is my first time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardly ever/special occasions only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two or three times a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Usually every week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More than once a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. In what way do you see yourself being involved in the Catholic Church in the future?

- ☐ I will probably attend Mass and be involved in my parish
☐ I will probably only attend Mass
☐ I don't think I will attend Mass regularly, but will probably be involved in other ways
☐ I don't think I will be involved with the Church in the future
☐ Not sure/Don't know

18. What do you value most about being a Catholic? (Mark up to THREE options)

- ☐ Being a part of the faith community
☐ Participating in Mass and other sacraments
☐ Being involved in small groups (e.g. youth group, prayer group)
☐ It's something I can do with my family
☐ The commitment to social justice
☐ The Church's beliefs and teachings
☐ It connects me with God
☐ It helps me to form my values
☐ Some other reason not listed above
☐ I am not a Catholic

19. Do you agree or disagree? 'It is a sin to miss Mass on Sunday unless you have a serious reason'

- ☐ Strongly agree ☐ Disagree
☐ Agree ☐ Strongly disagree
☐ Neutral or unsure

20. Throughout your life, which of the following have given you the strongest support in your faith?

(Mark up to THREE options)

- ☐ My family
☐ The parishes I have been part of
☐ The schools that I attended (or now attend)
☐ Small group(s) (e.g. youth group, prayer group)
☐ Catholic organisations (e.g. St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies), Catholic Women's League)
☐ Movements in the Church (e.g. Cursillo, Marriage Encounter)
☐ Social media and online resources
☐ Studying theology or related subjects
☐ Events (e.g. conferences, World Youth Day, retreats, festivals)
☐ Some other factor not listed above
☐ None of the above

21. In your opinion, how important is it for Catholics to develop closer relationships with, and understanding of, people from non-Christian religions (e.g. Muslims, Jews and Buddhists)?

- ☐ Catholics should not do this
☐ Catholics should do this, but it's not very important
☐ It is quite important for Catholics to do this
☐ It is very important for Catholics to do this
☐ Don't know/Not sure

22. In your opinion, how important is it for Catholics to work towards unity with the other major Christian denominations?

- ☐ Catholics should not do this
☐ Catholics should do this, but it's not very important
☐ It is quite important for Catholics to do this
☐ It is very important for Catholics to do this
☐ Don't know/Not sure

23. When you hear the term 'mission' in relation to the Church, which of the following do you usually think of? (Mark up to THREE options)

To me, mission means:

- ☐ Proclaiming the Word of God
☐ Being a witness to Jesus Christ through my actions
☐ Seeking justice for people who are poor and oppressed
☐ Talking about my faith in a personal way
☐ Caring for people in spiritual ways
☐ Converting people to Christianity
☐ Reaching out to people in the local area
☐ Serving people who are poor
☐ None of these things

24. Some say there are barriers preventing women from taking on leadership roles in the Church. During the last few years, have you ever experienced such a barrier, or known a woman who has?

- ☐ No, I have not experienced or observed such a barrier

Yes, I have observed such a barrier as a result of: (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Opposition or lack of support from a priest or priests
☐ Opposition or lack of support from men in the Church
☐ Opposition or lack of support from women in the Church
☐ Opposition or lack of support from older people in the Church
☐ Church practices that favour men for certain positions
☐ The exercise of authority in the Church
☐ Other factors not listed above

The Church and Society

25. On which of the following public issues in Australia do you think the Catholic Church should be most active? (Mark up to FOUR options)

- ☐ Aboriginal issues
- ☐ Asylum seekers/refugees
- ☐ Bioethical issues (e.g. abortion, euthanasia, surrogacy)
- ☐ Drugs/substance abuse
- ☐ Environmental issues/climate change
- ☐ Farming issues
- ☐ Human trafficking
- ☐ Opposition to same-sex marriage
- ☐ Poverty and disadvantage in Australia
- ☐ Poverty overseas
- ☐ Prisons and the criminal justice system
- ☐ Standards in TV, film and literature
- ☐ Support for marriage and the family
- ☐ War and conflict overseas
- ☐ Workplace conditions and laws
- ☐ Another issue not listed here
- ☐ The Church should not be involved in public policy issues

26. What is your view of the work of the Catholic Church in promoting social justice and supporting human rights?

- ☐ The Church is playing a very positive role
- ☐ The Church is playing a positive role but much more could be done
- ☐ The Church is making little more than a token effort
- ☐ Don't know

27. Which of the following do you think are appropriate for Catholic Church social service agencies? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Providing social services, such as aged care and employment assistance
- ☐ Accepting government funding for social services provided by the Church
- ☐ Influencing general standards required of all service providers across a particular sector (e.g. aged care or employment assistance)
- ☐ Maintaining some independence from the wider Church
- ☐ None of the above

28. Do you think public policy-making in Australia should be influenced by what Catholic social teaching calls 'preference for the poor'? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Yes, because this principle is firmly grounded in Gospel values
- ☐ Yes, because this principle is central to the idea of a just and fair society
- ☐ No, because this is a religious notion which has no place in government decision-making in Australia
- ☐ Not sure, because I do not understand what is meant by 'preference for the poor'
- ☐ I have another opinion not mentioned above
- ☐ Don't know

29. Do you agree or disagree? 'Christians should work to change the structures of society in order to create a more just society'

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neutral or unsure
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

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In the past 12 months, how often did you donate money to the following overseas aid agencies?

(Mark one box in EACH row)

	Not at all	Once or twice	Several times	Monthly or more
30. Caritas Australia (Project Compassion)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. World Vision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. OXFAM/Community Aid Abroad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. CARE Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Christian Blind Mission (CBM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Save the Children Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Plan International (Foster Parents Plan)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37. Christian Children's Fund (CCF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38. Fred Hollows Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
39. UNICEF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

40. Are you involved in any community service, social action or welfare groups not connected to this parish? (Mark ALL that apply)

- ☐ Yes, community service, care or welfare groups
- ☐ Yes, social action, justice or lobby groups (e.g. environmental, human rights or local issues)
- ☐ No, I am not involved with such groups

Which of the following advocacy or campaign actions might you take if you cared deeply about a social justice issue? (Mark one box in EACH row)

41. Sign a printed petition

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| I have done this | I have not done this, but would consider doing so | I would not do this | Don't know/ Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

42. Write to my local Member of Parliament

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| I have done this | I have not done this, but would consider doing so | I would not do this | Don't know/ Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

43. Ring my local Member of Parliament

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|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| I have done this | I have not done this, but would consider doing so | I would not do this | Don't know/ Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

44. Attend a public rally or march

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| I have done this | I have not done this, but would consider doing so | I would not do this | Don't know/ Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

45. Attend a prayer vigil

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| I have done this | I have not done this, but would consider doing so | I would not do this | Don't know/ Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

46. Write a letter to the editor

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| I have done this | I have not done this, but would consider doing so | I would not do this | Don't know/ Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

47. Speak to my friends and family in person

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| I have done this | I have not done this, but would consider doing so | I would not do this | Don't know/ Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

48. Join a local group that organises advocacy actions e.g. visit my MP, host an event etc.

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| I have done this | I have not done this, but would consider doing so | I would not do this | Don't know/ Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

As the Catholic Church’s international aid and development agency, Caritas Australia carries out the following work. How important do you think each of these functions is? (Mark one box in EACH row)

49. Supporting long term development programs internationally

Not important

Quite important

Very important

Don't know/No opinion

50. Working with Indigenous Australians to support long term development programs

Not important

Quite important

Very important

Don't know/No opinion

51. Providing emergency aid and relief

Not important

Quite important

Very important

Don't know/No opinion

52. Educating Australians about the causes of poverty

Not important

Quite important

Very important

Don't know/No opinion

53. Being an advocate for social justice and fairer policies

Not important

Quite important

Very important

Don't know/No opinion

54. Caritas Australia strives to keep supporters involved with, and informed about, the good works of the Church delivered through Caritas' programs. How do you prefer to interact with Caritas? (Mark ALL that apply)

☐ Visiting the Caritas website

☐ Viewing updates on social media channels (e.g. Facebook)

☐ Reading stories, magazines and letters received in the mail

☐ Reading email newsletters

☐ Donating online

☐ Donating through the parish

☐ Not applicable - I don't support Caritas Australia

55. Catholic Mission is the Australian branch of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Church's worldwide mission aid agency. Which of the works of Catholic Mission would you most likely support? (Mark ALL that apply)

☐ Assisting mission churches (Society for the Propagation of the Faith)

☐ Helping children in need (Society of Missionary Childhood)

☐ Educating clergy in mission countries (Society of St Peter the Apostle)

☐ Supporting remote communities in Australia (Home Mission Fund)

☐ Educating young Australians to talk about their faith

☐ Forming lay leaders to serve others and work for justice

☐ None of these

Social Issues

56. Do you support or oppose changing the legal definition of marriage to allow same-sex marriage?

☐ Strongly support

☐ Tend to support

☐ Mixed feelings/Neutral

☐ Tend to oppose

☐ Strongly oppose

☐ Don't know

57. Do you think that the presence of people from different countries makes life better in your local area?

☐ No, not at all

☐ Not often

☐ Sometimes

☐ Yes, definitely

☐ There are very few people from other countries in our area

☐ Don't know/Unsure

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

58. Australia should increase the number of refugees it accepts

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral/Unsure

Disagree

Strongly disagree

59. Mandatory detention of asylum seekers (that is, holding them in detention until their immigration status is decided) is compatible with Catholic Church teaching

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral/Unsure

Disagree

Strongly disagree

60. Most asylum seekers are queue jumpers trying to get into Australia without going through the proper channels required of authentic migrants

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral/Unsure

Disagree

Strongly disagree

61. Do you think Australia’s current system of welfare payments strikes an appropriate balance between providing support to those in need and encouraging self-reliance?

☐ Yes, the balance is about right

☐ No, because it provides too much incentive to remain on benefits and too little incentive for people to find work

☐ No, because it is too harsh on those in need and does not sufficiently acknowledge the difficulties they face

☐ Don't know/Not sure

62. Which one of the following statements describes your view of the balance between work and family life for most people in Australia?

☐ The current balance is about right

☐ Work gets too much priority, so that family life suffers

☐ Family life is given too much priority relative to work obligations

☐ Don't know/Not sure

63. Do you agree or disagree? 'It is becoming more difficult to find the right balance between work and family life'

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral/Unsure

Disagree

Strongly disagree

64. Think back to the Federal election in July this year, when the Liberals were led by Mr Turnbull and Labor by Mr Shorten. Which party did you vote for in each house? (Mark one box in each column)

House of Representatives

Senate

Liberal/Nationals

Labor (ALP)

Greens

One Nation

Other (e.g. DLP)

Don't remember

Did not vote

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65. In Federal elections, which party do you usually vote for in elections to the House of Representatives?

☐ Liberal/Nationals

☐ Labor (ALP)

☐ Greens

☐ One Nation

☐ Other (e.g. DLP)

☐ It has varied

☐ Don't remember

☐ I have not voted before

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