

# **Keeping the Catholic Faith Alive: Stories of Service and Resilience of Filipino Women in the Catechetical Ministry (CM)**

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# OUR RESEARCH PROJECT

## RESEARCH INSIGHTS

# KATEKISTA

**The National Study on  
Catechetical Ministry  
2016-2021**



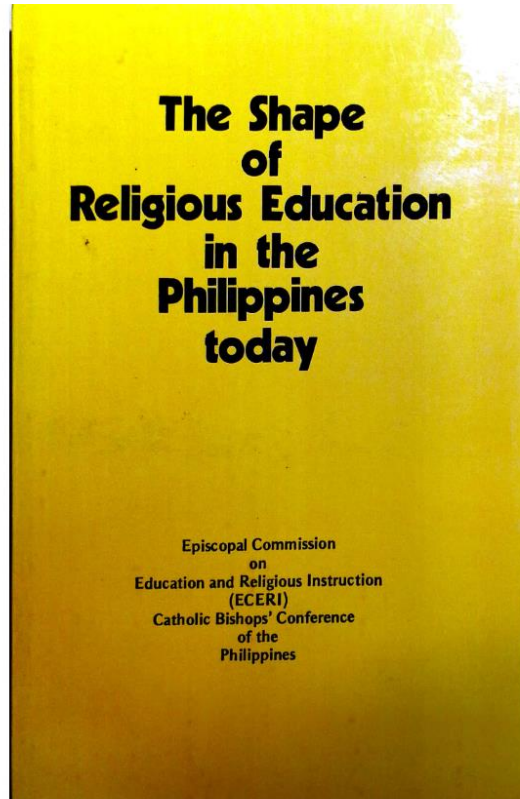


# National Catechetical Study (NCS) 2016 – 2018

*The research project*

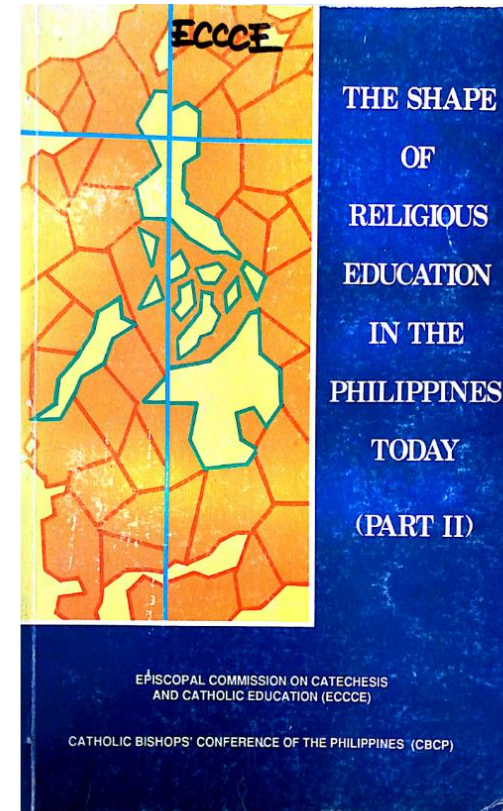


# ***Historical Research Context***



## **NCS 1**

***First National Catechetical Study (NCS) 1979 by the Episcopal Commission on Education and Religious Instruction (ECERI )***



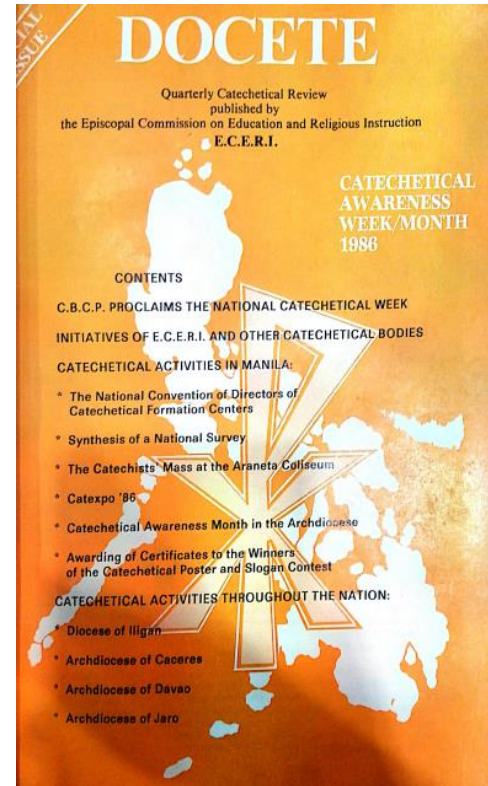
## **NCS 2**

***Second National Catechetical Study (NCS) 1989 by the Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (ECCCE)***

# Historical Research Context

## NCS 3

- *In 2001: National Study on Catechetical Situation in Pastoral Setting by the Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (ECCCE)*
- *Results are published at **DOCETE**, official newsletter/journal of ECCCE*



(CBCP, 2002)



(CBCP, 2003)



# Historical Research Context



## NCS 4

*Fourth National Catechetical Study (NCS) 2018 by the Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (ECCCE)*



## NCS 5

*Fifth National Catechetical Study (NCS) 2021 by the Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (ECCCE)*



A RESEARCH PRIMER

# KATEKISTA

A National Study on Catechetical Ministry  
2016-2018

To investigate the current state of catechetical ministry in the Philippines from the perspectives of Filipino catechists and catechetical leaders.



# **NCS 2021: PARI Project**

**The National Catechetical Study  
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and Intervention (PARI) Project**

*Envisions understanding and energizing the Philippine catechetical scene by implementing pastoral researches and intervention activities toward quality catechetical ministry (CM) to generate educative opportunities for new modes of catechesis and evangelization in the country.*

## STUDYING THE CATECHIZED

*A descriptive research of a sample of catechized respondents across sociodemographic landscape in the last 50 years (1970s to present) to know the impact and influence of CM on selected life domains.*



## STUDYING CATECHETICAL CENTERS

*Investigates the state of selected catechetical centers relative to formation, content and pedagogy dimensions intended to generate educative insights to improve catechetical teaching and learning in the country.*



## STUDYING CATECHETICAL HUMAN RESOURCES

*Examines salient aspects of human resources dimension in relation to the well-being and future of all those involved in catechetical ministry.*





# **PRESENTATION OUTLINE**

- A. Introduction (Context)**
- B. Related Literatures**
- C. Research Focus**
- D. Methods**
- E. Research Photo-journey with women of catechetical ministry (CM)**
- F. Empirical findings & Discussion points**
- G. Concluding insights**



# **Introduction | Context**

**Society has slowly changed its landscape in terms of gender role appreciation. Women are considered as “actors of change” (Paciello, M., & Pepicelli, R.2012) and are resilient (Manning, L. 2014).**



# ARGUMENT

This paper argues that the **resilience** of the Filipino **women aged catechists** is one of the key sources that keeps the Catholic faith alive in the Philippines.



# LITERATURE REVIEW

## Church Documents

### ROLE OF WOMEN CATECHISTS IN THE CHURCH

- ☐ Women would seem to be the natural choice for educating the young and working for the Christian promotion of women.  
(Tomko,1993)
- ☐ How can we forget the important role played by women: their work in the family, in schools, in political, social and cultural life, and especially their teaching of Christian doctrine?  
(Redemptoris Missio 71)



# LITERATURE REVIEW

Women participated in the spreading of the gospel on the basis of their faith in Christ, not because of their sex, marital status, or role in reproduction (Kelly, 2019).



# RESEARCH FOCUS

**How the dynamics of Filipino women catechists' age, gender and multi-faceted structural difficulties in catechetical ministry play constructive & critical roles in making the Catholic faith alive in the Philippines**

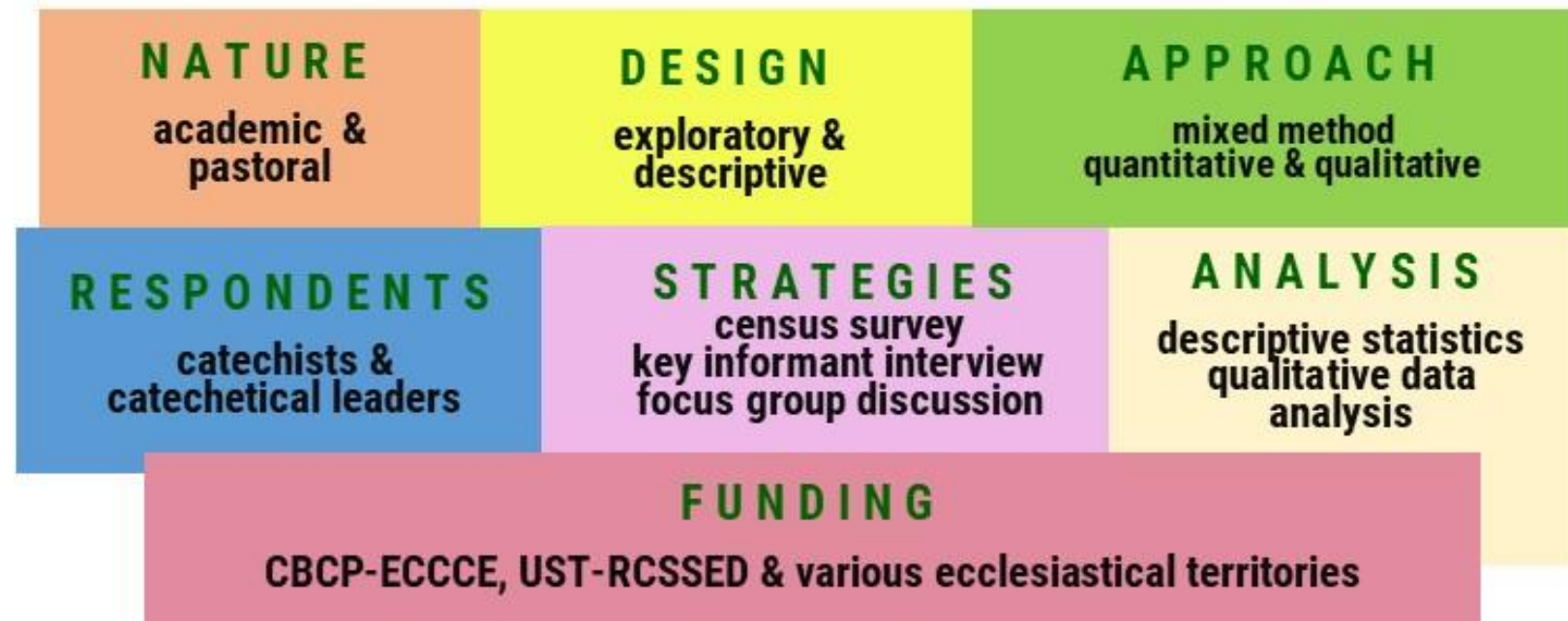




# Data Matrix of Discussion Points

Research Poems Themes	Discussion Points	Argument Points
Hapunan	*Role of women in the family *Desire to serve the church	Service
Sanhedrin	Women and authority	Service
Simon Sireneo	*Women and Co-Catechists	Resilience
Pagsalubong	*Informal leaders *Multi-tasking	Service
Habilin	Marian devotion and deep appreciation/relation to the “suffering Christ” (Via Crucis)	Resilience
Pagkabuhay	Sharing   witness of the resurrection   promise of renewed life	Service & resilience





# Research Space

**Philippine Catholic Church**  
**17 Ecclesiastical Provinces**  
**86 Ecclesiastical Territories**



**NATURE**  
**academic &**  
**pastoral**

**RESPONDENTS**  
**catechists &**  
**catechetical leaders**

## **DESIGN**

**exploratory &  
descriptive**

## **APPROACH**

**mixed method  
quantitative & qualitative**

## **STRATEGIES**

**census survey  
key informant interview  
focus group discussion**

## **ANALYSIS**

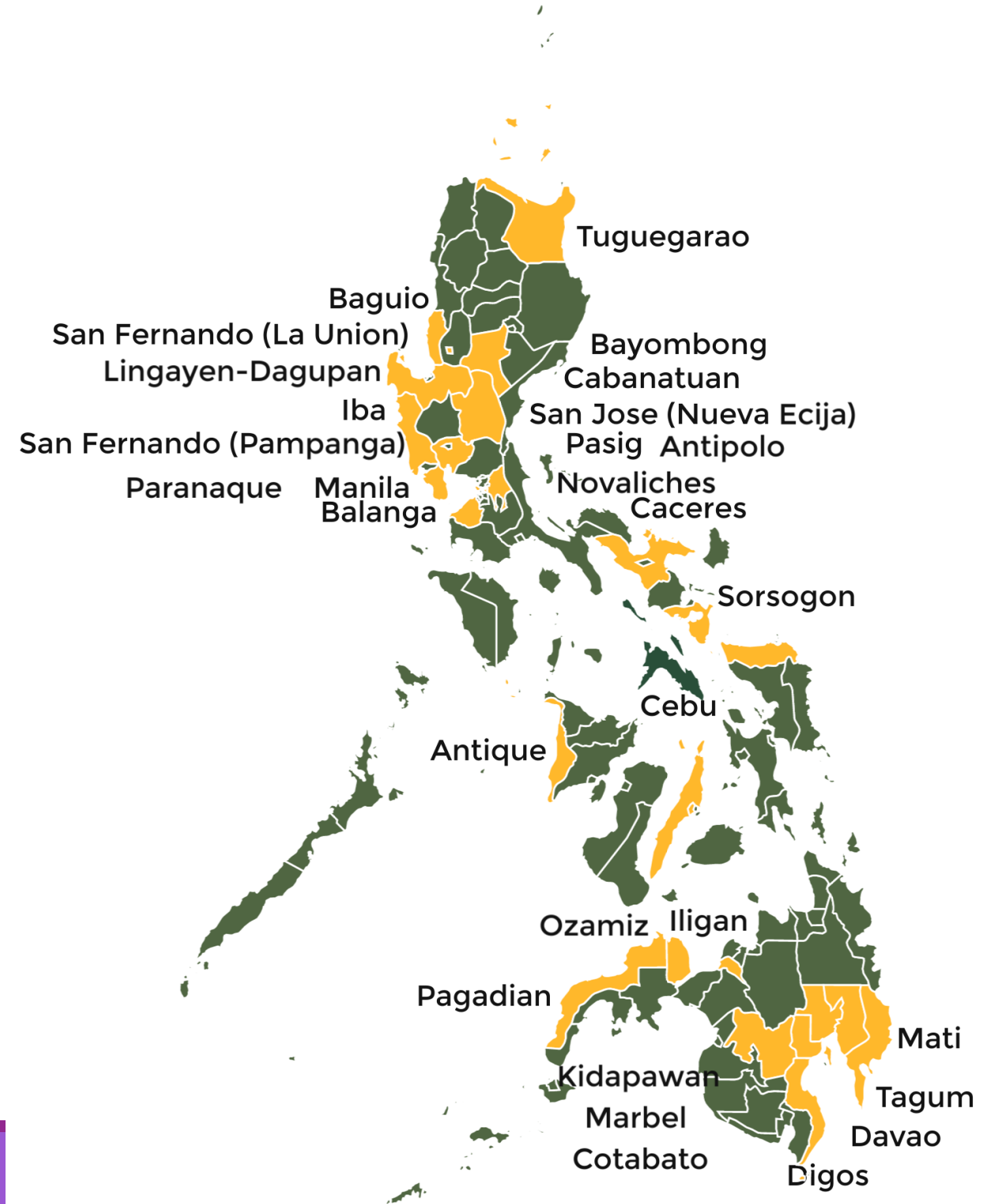
**descriptive statistics  
qualitative data  
analysis**



*THE NATIONAL CATECHETICAL STUDY (NCS)*

# RESEARCH JOURNEY

CATECHISTS | CATECHETICAL LEADERS | CLERGY



# 2016



## AUGUST

- CBCP- ECCCE commissioned UST-RCSSED
- Creation of the NCS 2018 Research Team
- Start of questionnaire development

## SEPTEMBER

- 26 - NCS 2018 Launching at the Diocese of San Jose (Nueva Ecija)
- Research focus: **CATECHISTS**

## APRIL - DECEMBER

- Data gathering, encoding, coding, and analysis

# 2017

## JULY

- 115th CBCP Plenary Presentation

# August



**11th Annual Meeting of Catechetical Ministers  
August 17, 2016**







Catechetical ministry in PH facing dire challenges



#### **ACADEMICS**

## **Thomasian researchers undertake pioneering nat'l catechetical study with CBCP**

*August 8, 2017*



# July



**National Assembly of  
Catechists (NAC)  
July 27, 2017**





# 2018



## FEBRUARY

- Start of NCS 2018 Data Presentation



## JULY

- 117th CBCP Plenary Presentation



## NOVEMBER

- Writing & submission of the grant proposal
- The **NCS 2021** focuses on **CATECHETICAL MINISTRY** specifically on the **CATECHIZED, CATECHETICAL CENTERS, and CATECHETICAL HUMAN RESOURCES**



## DECEMBER

- Approval of research grant

# July



## 117<sup>th</sup> CBCP Plenary Assembly Presentation July 9, 2018

Pope Pius XII Catholic Center

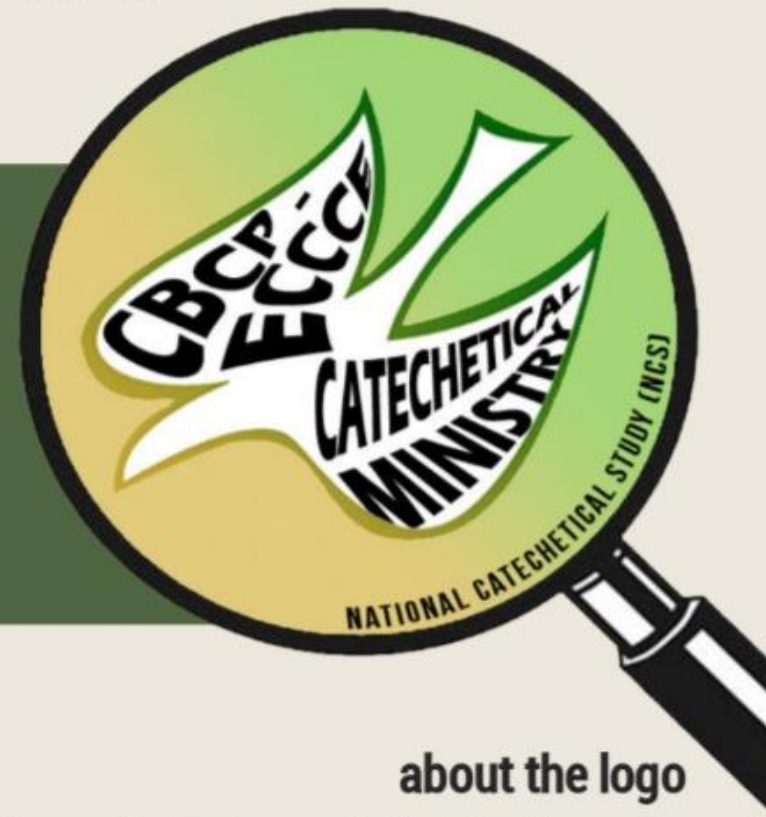


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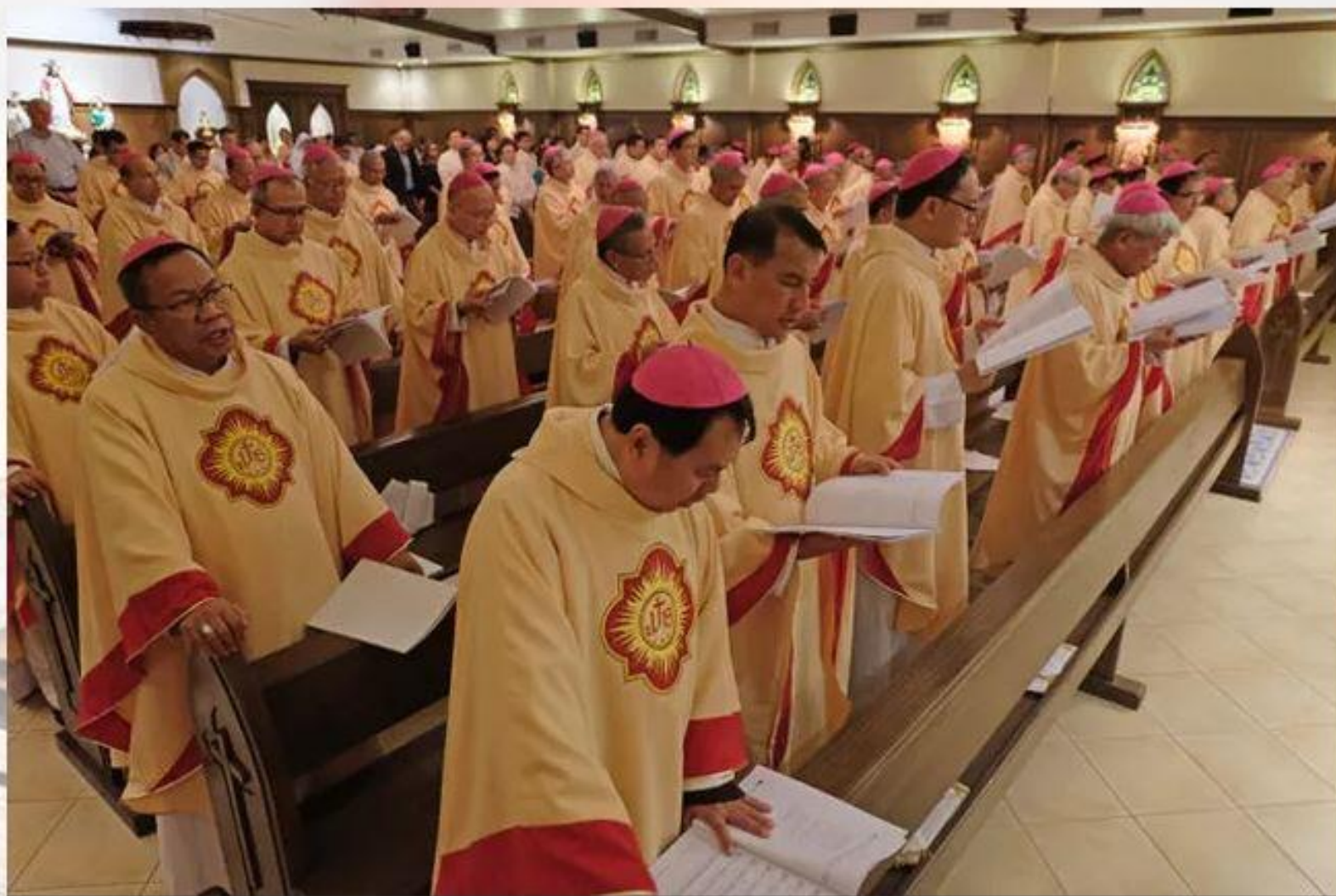
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## about the logo

The lens represents "research" magnifying the symbolic "dove" carrying the CBCP-ECCCE on the right wing, and on the left wing, its core pastoral mission - the catechetical ministry, which is the study focus of the NCS.





UST, CBCP eye updated study on  
catechetical ministry in 2021

March 29, 2019 | By The Varsitarian Staff

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**RESEARCH photo-journey of  
Filipino women in  
Catechetical Ministry (CM)**

***Notice women in photos***





## **NCS 2021: PARI Project LAUNCH & ACCCRE/NAC-PHIL General Assembly**

**March 18, 2019**







# The Catechist in All of Us *Ang Katekista sa Ating Lahat*

**119th CBCP Plenary Assembly**

July 8, 2019

Pope Pius XII Catholic Center United Nations Ave.  
Manila, Philippines





## **CBCP-ECCCE CONSULTATION**

July 14, 2019  
Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija





# National Association of Catechists of the Philippines (NAC-PHIL)



## 1st General Assembly

July 17, 2019 | Siena College Quezon City





## Orientation & Pilot-Testing of NCS 2021 Research Tool

during the Joint *19th Annual Meeting of Catechetical Ministers (AMCM)* –  
*14th Association of Catechetical Centers and Colleges/Universities with Religious Education (ACCCRE)* Annual Assembly

October 1 to 3, 2019 | Sta. Catalina Spirituality Center, Baguio City





## NCS 2016-2018: The Case of the Diocese of San Jose Nueva Ecija

October 14, 2019 at Cathedral of St. Joseph San Jose Chancery







## **NCS 2016-2018: The Case of the Diocese of Cabanatuan**

October 19, 2019

*Bahay Pari Cabanatuan City*





## NCS 2016-2018: Research Insights

October 27, 2019

*Diocese of Marbel, Koronadal, South Cotabato*







## **NCS 2016-2018: The Case of the Archdiocese of Cotabato**

October 28, 2019

*San Pedro Calungsod Parish, Purok Daisy, New Isabela, Tacurong City*



# NCS 2021 PARI Project Katekistang Kalakbay sa Pananaliksik Orientation



**November 7, 2019**

Sala ni Ka Luring, CFAM-ICAM Building, San Carlos Seminary  
Compound, Guadalupe Viejo, EDSA, Makati City





# The National Catechetical Study (NCS) 2016 - 2018: The Case of the Diocese of San Jose de Antique



**November 12, 2019**

Catechetical Institute Mensa Domini, San Jose de Antique





# NCS 2021: PARI PROJECT

## Katekistang Kalakbay sa Pananaliksik (KKP) Orientation



**November 19, 2019**  
Arzobispo de Pampanga Multi-purpose Hall







The National Catechetical Study (NCS) 2021:  
Pastoral Research and Intervention (PARI) Project

# January 2020 Activities







**January 22, 2020**

Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines,  
Conference Room, Intramuros



**January 23, 2020**

Pope Pius XII Catholic Center, UN Ave, Paco,  
Manila





## **National Catechetical Study 2016-2018: The Case of the Diocese of Dipolog**

**January 27, 2020**

**Our Lady Of The Most Holy Rosary Cathedral,  
Dipolog City**



## **Katekistang Kalakbay sa Pananaliksik Ecclesiastical Province of Cebu**

**January 27, 2020**

Archdiocesan Catechetical Center, C. Borces St.,  
Mabolo, Cebu City





## Strategic Planning on Research-based Intervention Outcomes (RIO)

January 30, 2020

University of Santo Tomas, Manila





**NCS 2021 VISITS ZAMBASULI**  
 (Zamboanga, Basilan, Jolo, and Ipil)  
**February 7 - 12, 2020**





## **The National Catechetical Study (NCS) 2016-2018 The Case of the Archdiocese of Zamboanga**

**February 8, 2020**

**Centro Pastoral Complex, Zamboanga City**





## **NCS 2016-2018 Prelature of Isabela de Basilan**

**February 9, 2019  
Querexeta Formation  
Center**







# **NATIONAL CATECHETICAL STUDY (NCS) 2016** **PAMBANSANG PANANALIKSIK SA KATESISMO (PPK) 2016**

*A project of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP)  
- Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (ECCCE)  
and the UST Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSED)*

## **EMPIRICAL FINDINGS**





# DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF THE CATECHIST RESPONDENTS



**NATIONAL**

**26,978**

surveyed catechists validated for analysis

# Research Story

**In general, catechetical ministry (CM) in the Philippines is being carried-out by older lay educated women volunteers receiving minimal transportation support.**



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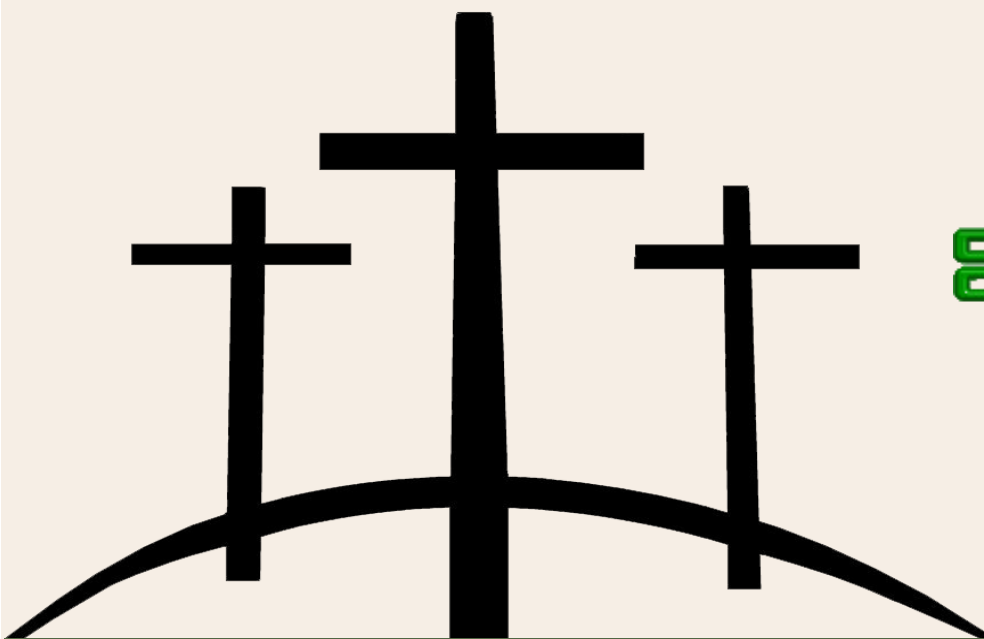




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# I HAPUNAN

Nagulat ang lahat nang  
Sa gitna ng hapunang  
Kanyang hinanda,  
Nagsabi si Nanay -  
Nakangiti, nananabik  
Sa desisyong magturo  
Muli, tulad noon.



# I HAPUNAN

Na muling gawin  
Ang mahal na propesyon -  
Malaking pananagutan  
Misyon sa simbahan,  
Ang maging katekista.  
Di naman nagulat  
Si Tatay at mga anak  
Dahil palagi siyang  
Nasa simbahan.







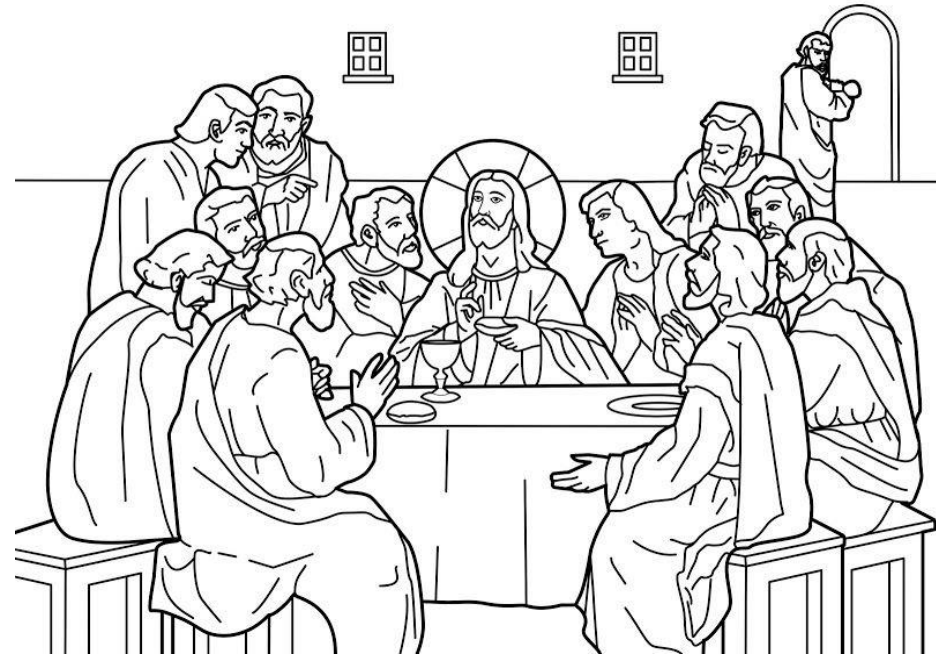
# HAPUNAN

Bilin ni Tatay,  
"Huwag mo lang kaming  
Kalilimutan, isasantabi".  
Tugon ni Nanay,  
"Hindi naman Mahal,  
"Kayo pa rin, una  
"Kong pananagutan".  
Ngumiti ang lahat  
Sa hapunang masarap



# I HAPUNAN

At matapos kumain,  
Si Nanay pa rin  
Nagmismis, naghugas.  
Ito ang unang  
Krus sa daan  
Ng katekistang-lingkod,  
Sakrispiyong makahulugan.



# BIOLOGICAL SEX OF THE CATECHIST RESPONDENTS

**NATIONAL**

n=26,217

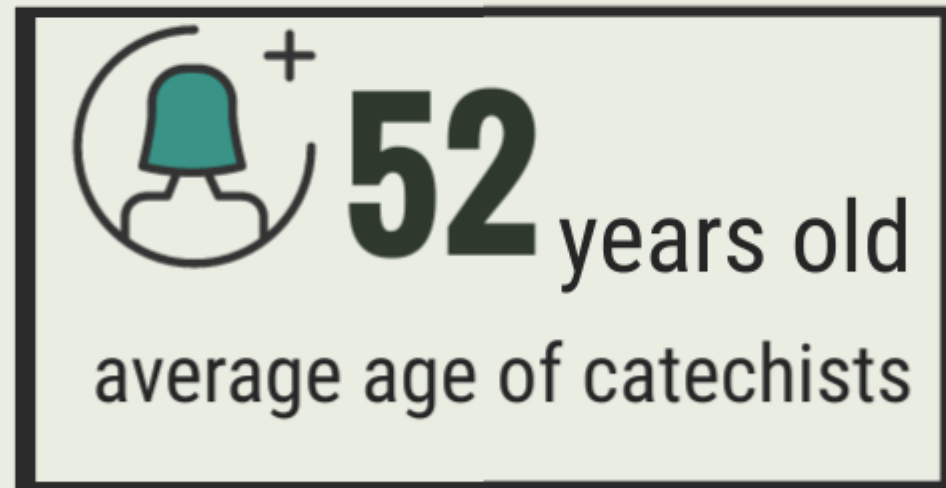


**90%**  
women



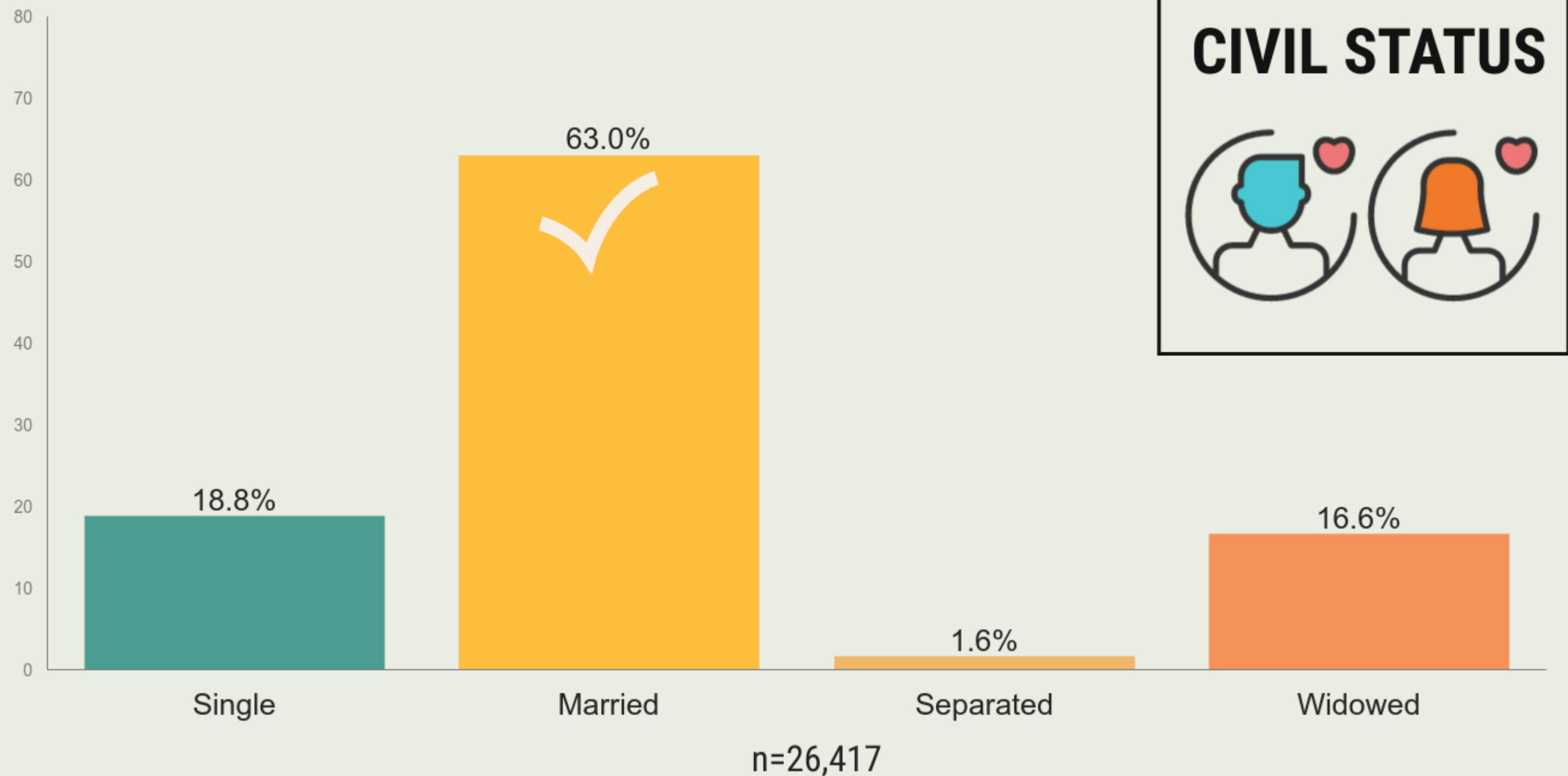
# AGE OF THE CATECHIST RESPONDENTS

## NATIONAL

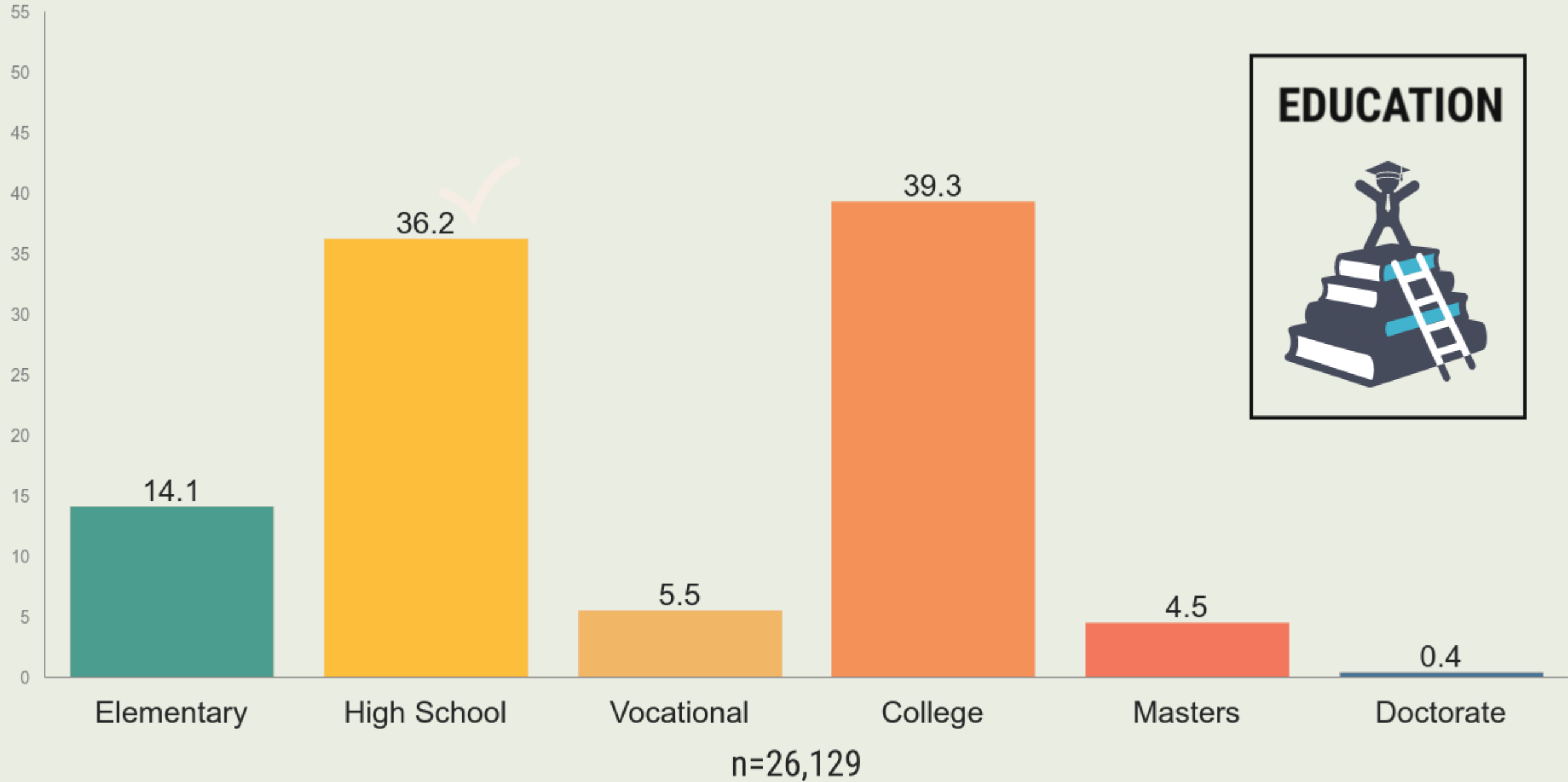


n=26,262

# Civil Status of the Catechist Respondents

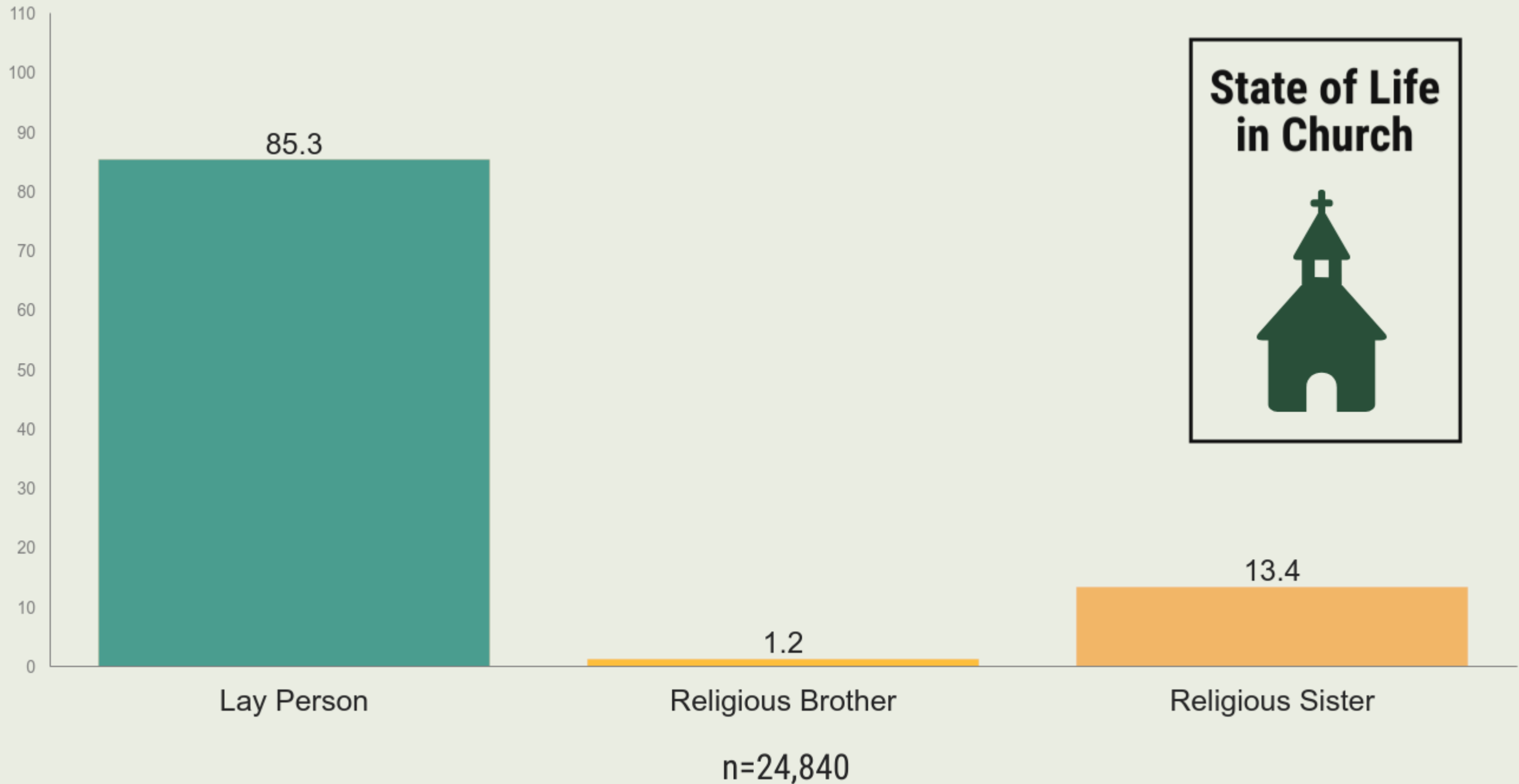


# Highest Educational Attainment of Catechist Respondents





# State of Life in Church of Catechist Respondents



## Discussion point

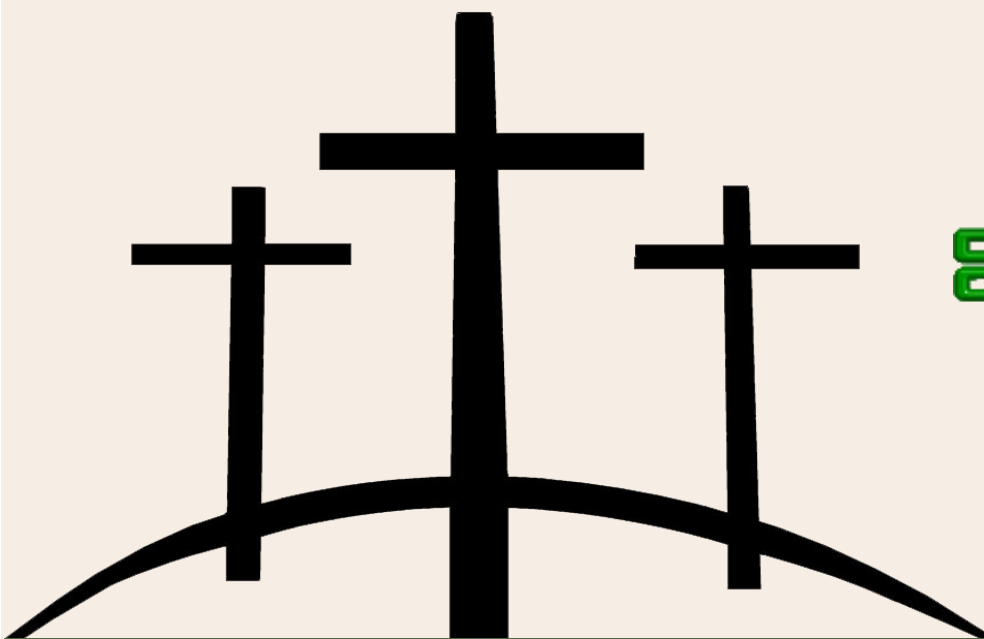
**Hapunan | Filipino women catechists are nurturers of the family and they desire to serve the church even in their old age.**



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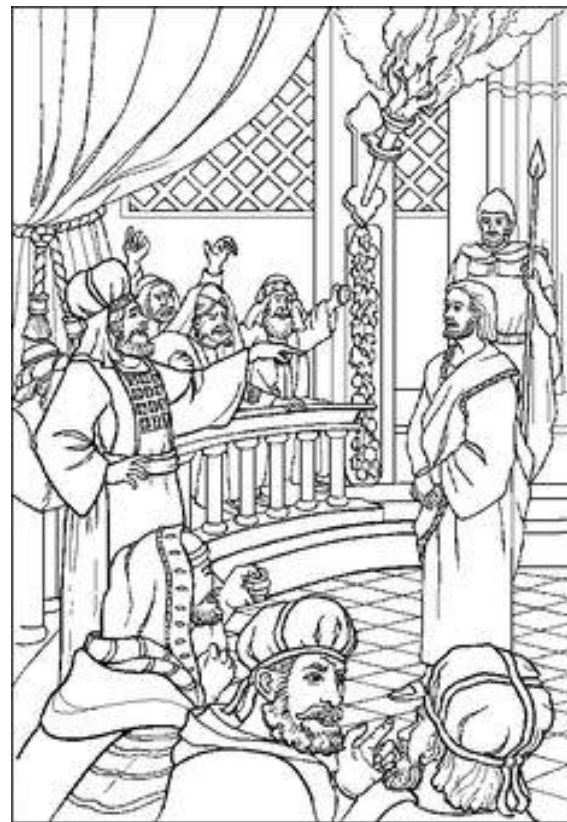






# SANHEDRÍN

Nang masayang matanggap  
Ni Nanay-teacher -  
Ang bagong katekista,  
Ang kanyang assignment  
Sa pampublikong paaralan,  
Pinaghandaan niya ang araw  
Pagdalaw sa school  
Pagharap sa principal  
Upang kunin - schedule.



# III SANHEDRÍN

Apat lang pagpipilian:  
Umagang-umaga,  
Sa pagitan ng recess,  
Matapos ang tanghalian,  
O bago mag-uwian.  
Tulad ni Hesus  
Sa harap ng Sanhedrin,  
Ang mapagkumbabang-tangan





# SANHEDRÍN

Sa harap ng makapangyarihan,  
Waring di pagtutol  
Para misyon matuloy,  
Kahit anong oras,  
Katekesismo matupad.  
Ito ang ikatlong  
Krus sa daan  
Ng katekistang-lingkod,  
Sakrispiyong makahulugan.

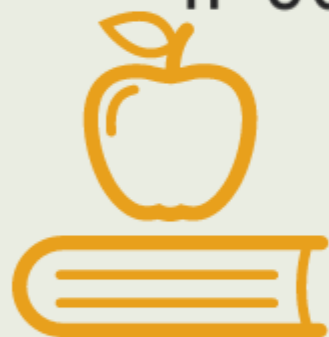




# NATIONAL

Where are you doing catechesis?

n=369 to 18,942



**70%**

Public School



**50%**

Parishes



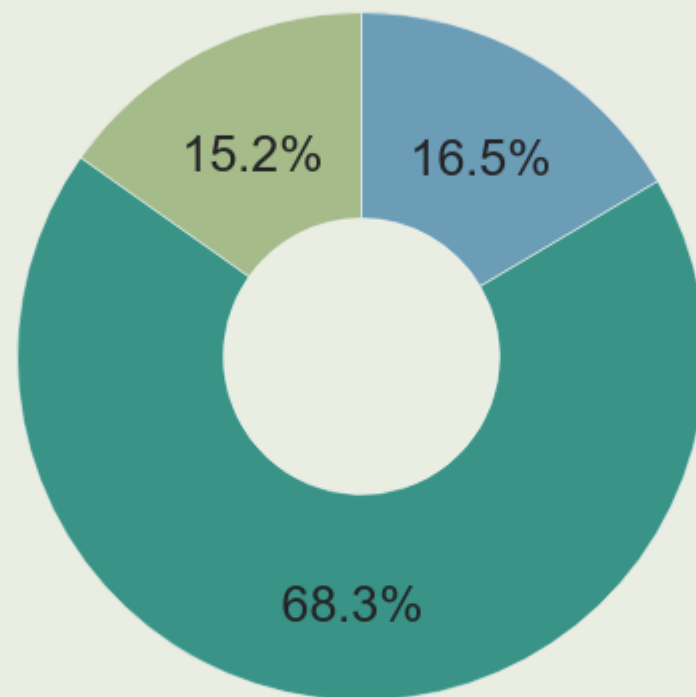
n=313 to 23,410

87% of the  
catechized are  
**elementary  
pupils**

## How are you ministering as a catechist?

### National

n = 24,776



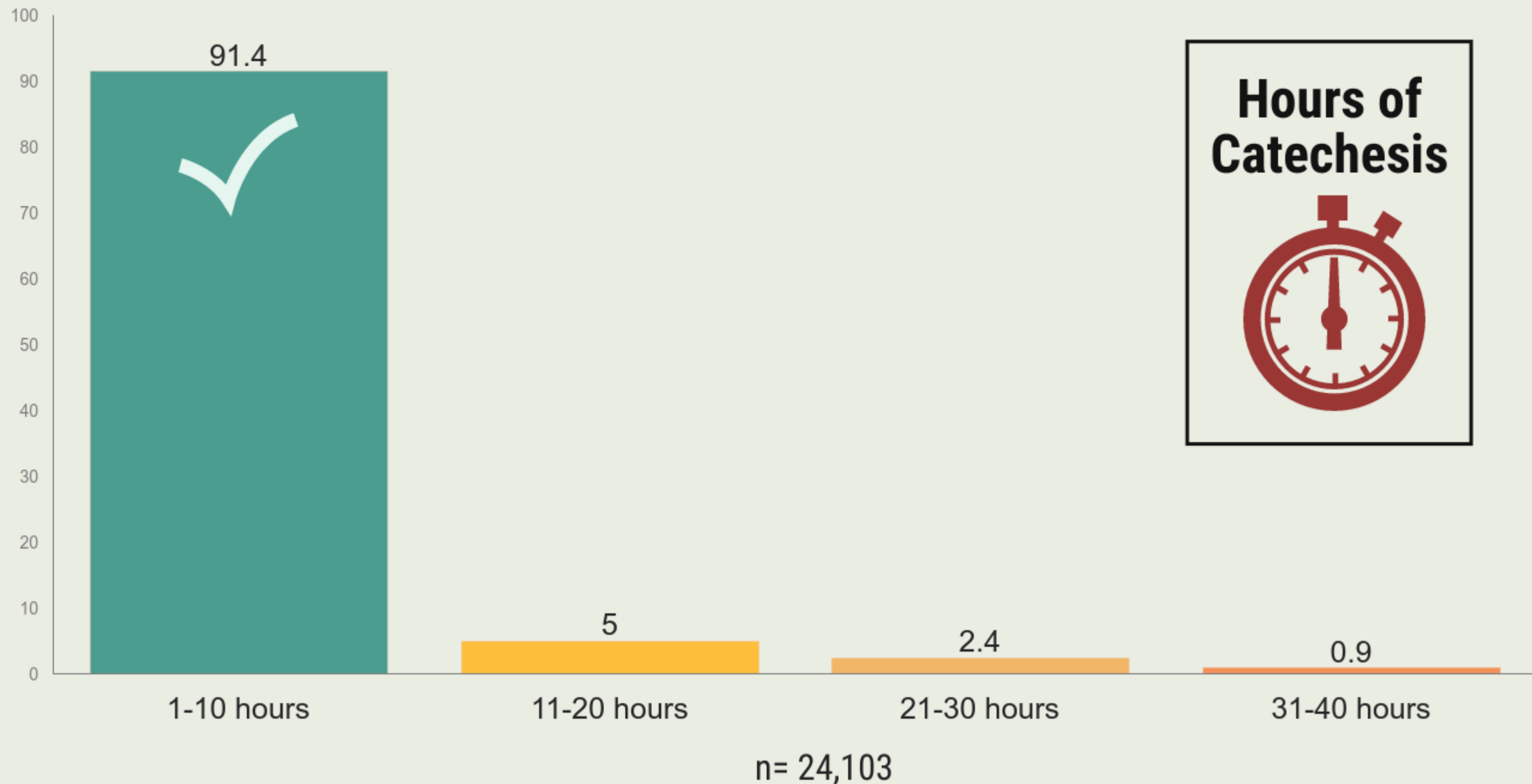
● Full time 16.5%

● Other 15.2%

● Part time 68.3%

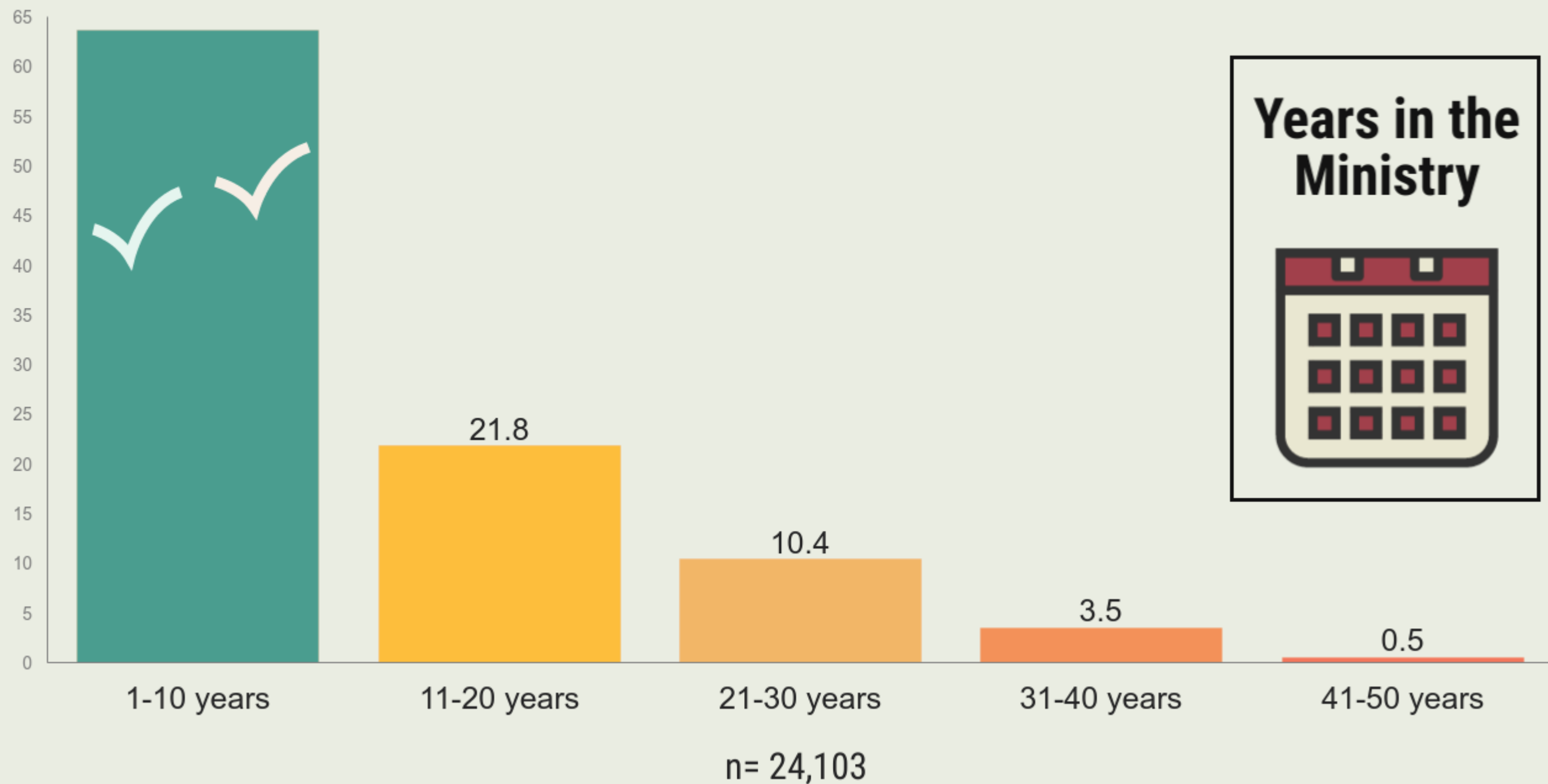


# How many number of hours per week do you catechize?



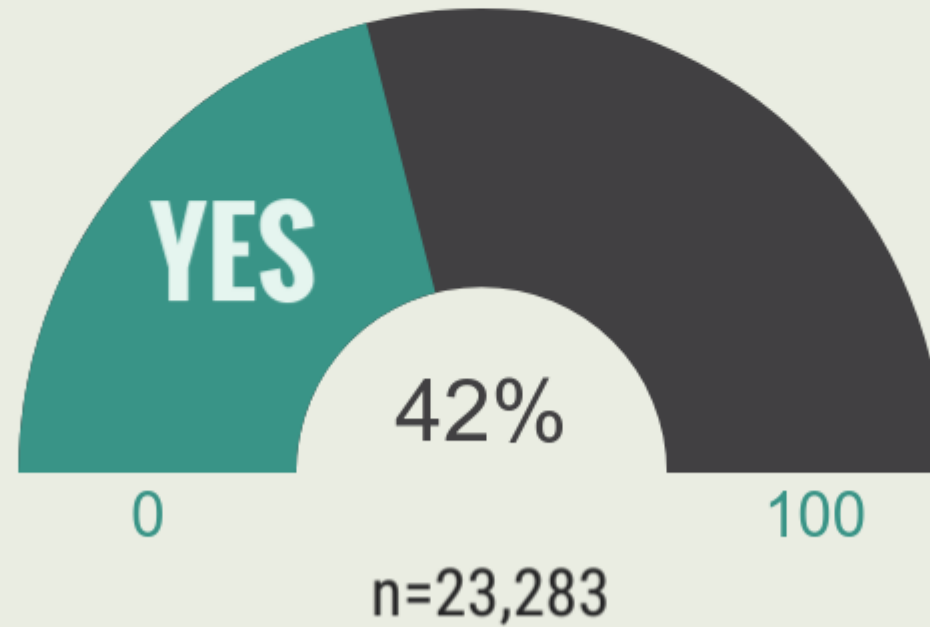


# How many years have been in the ministry as catechist?

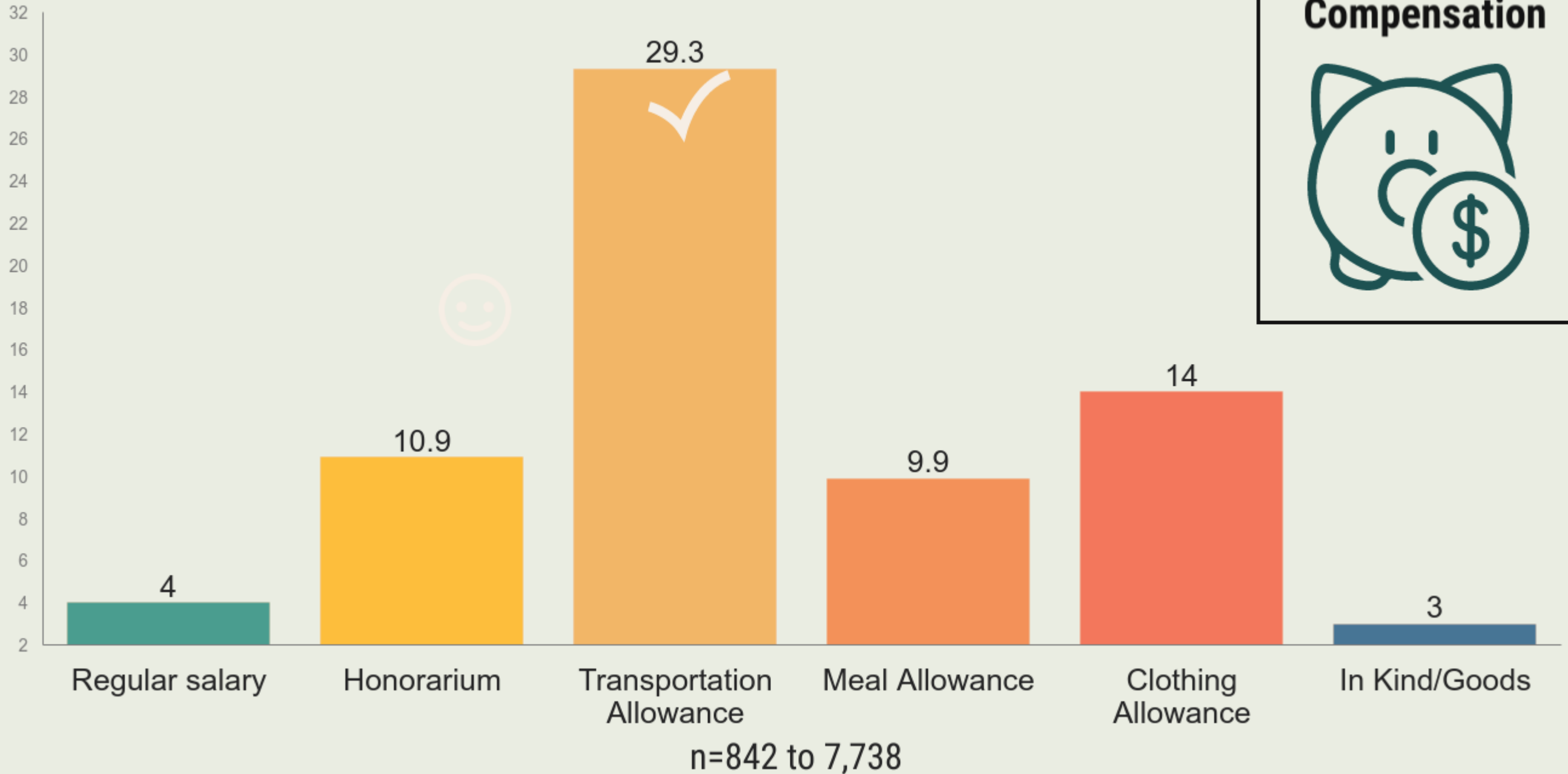


Do you receive compensation?

**NATIONAL**

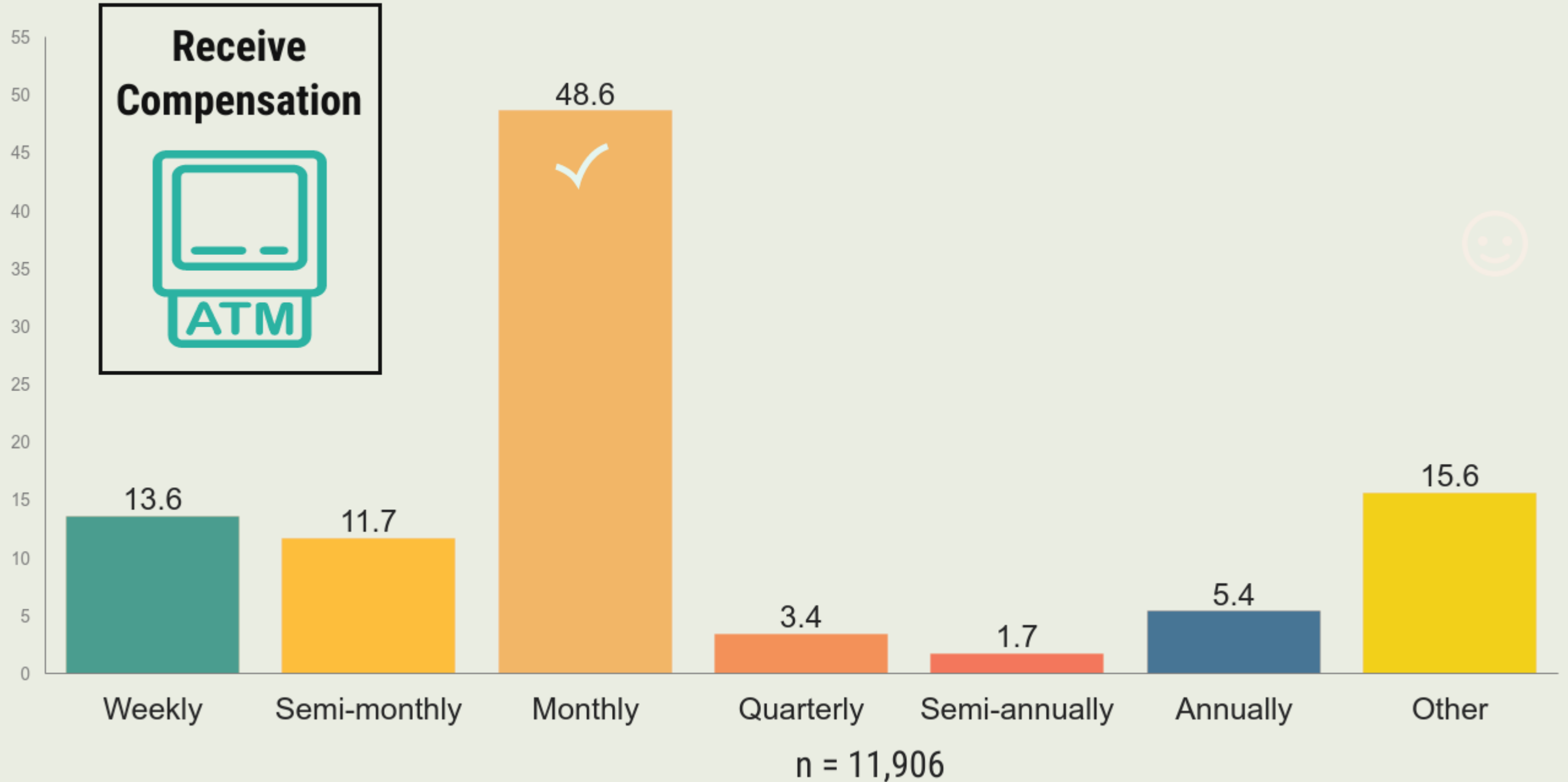


## If yes, what form of compensation?





# How often do you receive compensation?



# At present, what external factors make your ministry difficult?

## NATIONAL

n= 886 to 9,181

1

Passive  
students

2

Passive  
parents of  
students

3

Inaccessibility  
of teaching aids

4

Insufficient  
compensation



In your observation, what issues and concerns do your students usually experience?

**NATIONAL**

n=555 to 18,776



**1**

Parents who  
do not go to  
church

**2**

Jobless  
Parents

**3**

Parents who  
are not  
married

**4**

Separated  
Parents



## Discussion point

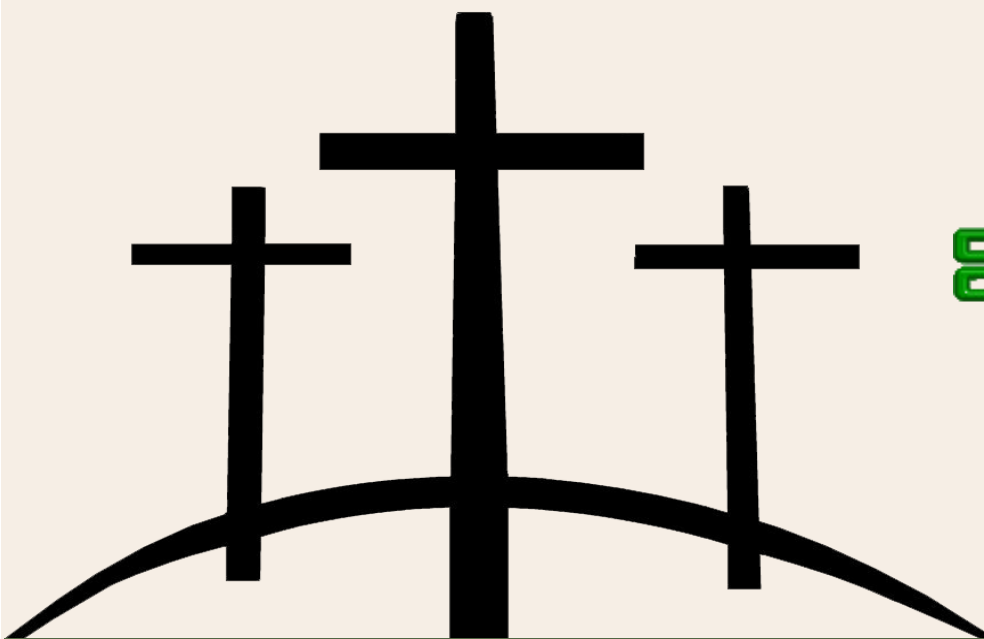
**Sanhedrin | Filipino women catechists experience structural difficulties in the fulfillment of their teaching tasks.**



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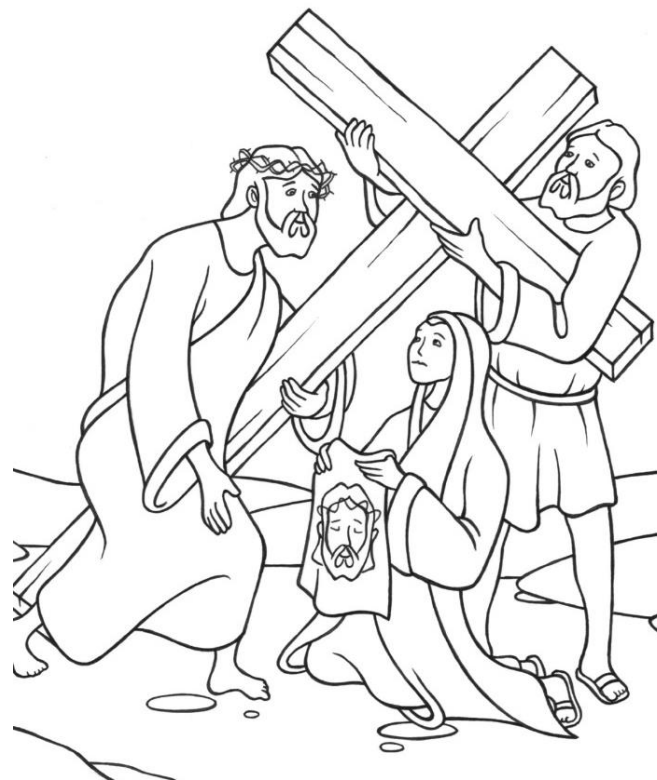
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VII

## SIMÓN SIRENEO

Sa panahon ng  
pangangailangan  
Sa mga gawaing-katesismo  
Maraming Simon Sireneo -  
Mga mabubuting taong  
Sa katekista'y tumutulong.  
Mula sa mga Tatay  
At maraming kasama  
Sa abalang bahay,  
Para libreng ihatid



## SIMÓN SIRENEO

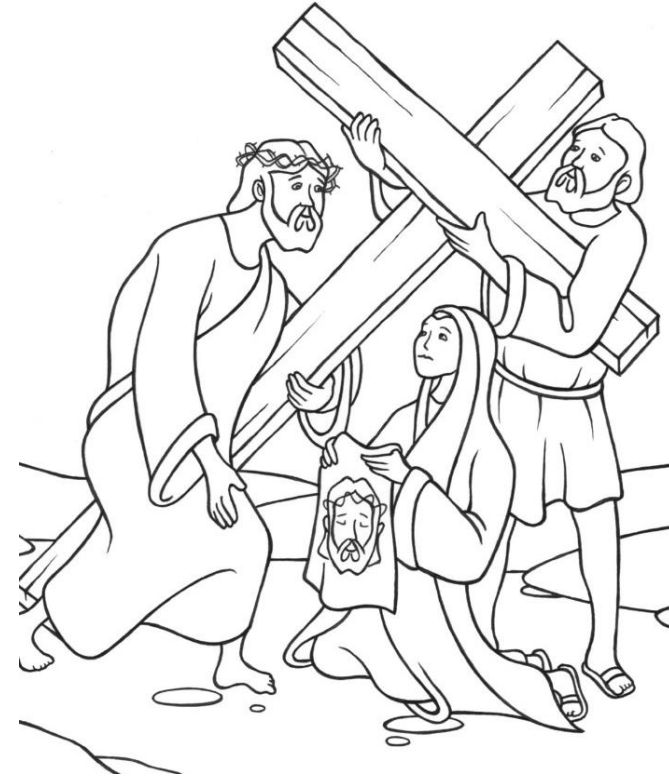
Ang Nanay na katekista  
Sa anumang pagtitipon,  
At libre ding sunduin  
Pagkatapos ng pulong.  
Hanggang sa kasamang  
Kapwa-katekistang  
Kumadre't kaibigan,  
Handang magpautang





# SIMÓN SIRENEO

Kahit bayaran, matagal.  
Itong mysteryong-misyon  
Kung bakit di maiwan  
Ang pagiging katekista  
Ang teacher na Nanay.  
Ito ang ikapitong  
Krus sa daan  
Ng katekistang-lingkod,  
Sakrispiyong makahulugan.



# Who influenced you to be a catechist? (TOP 3)

## NATIONAL



CO-CATECHISTS

▼ 53%



FRIENDS

▼ 36%



PRIESTS

▼ 29%



n=357 to 14,247

# What motivated you to be a catechist? (TOP 3)

**NATIONAL**

n= 240 to 14,554



**1**

**Sense of  
Volunteerism**

**2**

**Deep  
relationship  
with Jesus**

**3**

**Sense of  
Mission**

At present, what external factors contribute most in doing your catechesis effectively?

**NATIONAL**

n=667 to 18,971

**1**

**Family**

**2**

**Parish  
Priest**

**3**

**Co -  
Catechists**

**4**

**Director or  
Coordinator**





# Discussion point

**Simon Sireneo |**

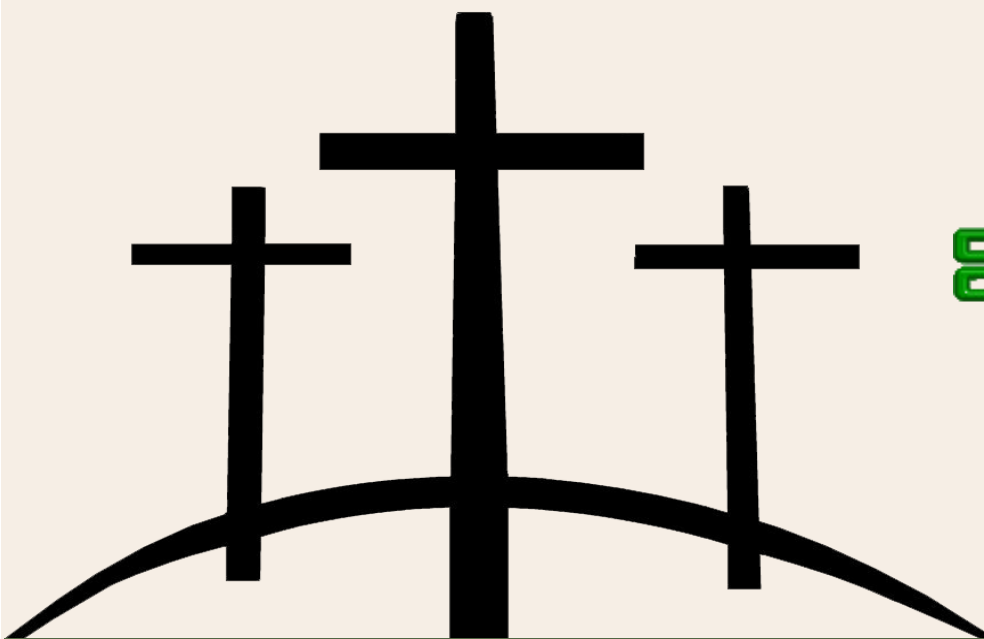
- **The support of family is crucial in their ministry.**
- **They develop long lasting relationships with their co-catechists and find support in them (“kumadre” system).**



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## PAGSALUBONG

Ang pagiging katekista,  
Kahit puno ng sakripisyo'y  
May dulot na galak  
Dahil sa misyong-pagtahak.  
Maraming makakasalubong  
Na palaging magtatanong,  
Kaya't tamang sagot  
Dapat laging tangan.



# PAGSALUBONG

Kailan ang binyag?

Kailan ang kasal?

Sino ang magpapakumpisal?

Ang kumpilan kelan?

Saan ang daan ng prusisyon?

Bakit wala si Father?

Nasaan si Father?

May kasal ba si Father?





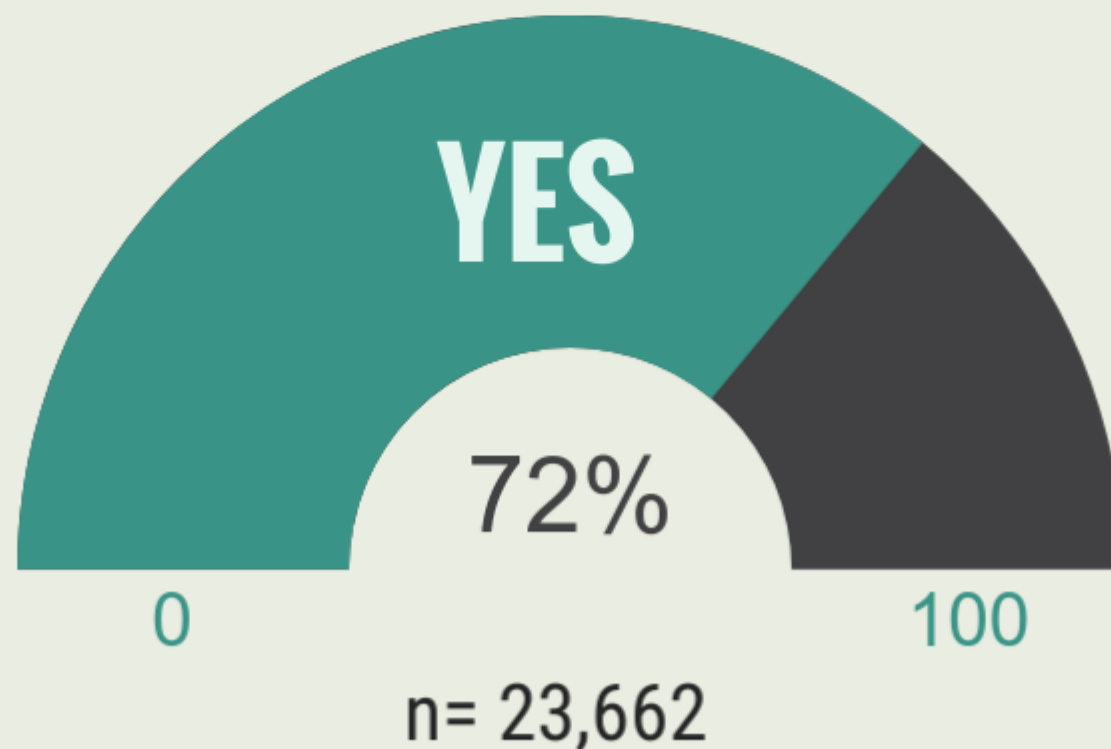
# PAGSALUBONG

Pwede bang magpa-bless  
Kahit nagsi-siesta si Father?  
Lahat ito'y impormasyon  
Na waring pananagutan  
Ng katekistang laging  
Laman ng simbahan.  
Ito ang ikawalong  
Krus sa daan  
Ng katekistang-lingkod,  
Sakrispisyong makahulugan.



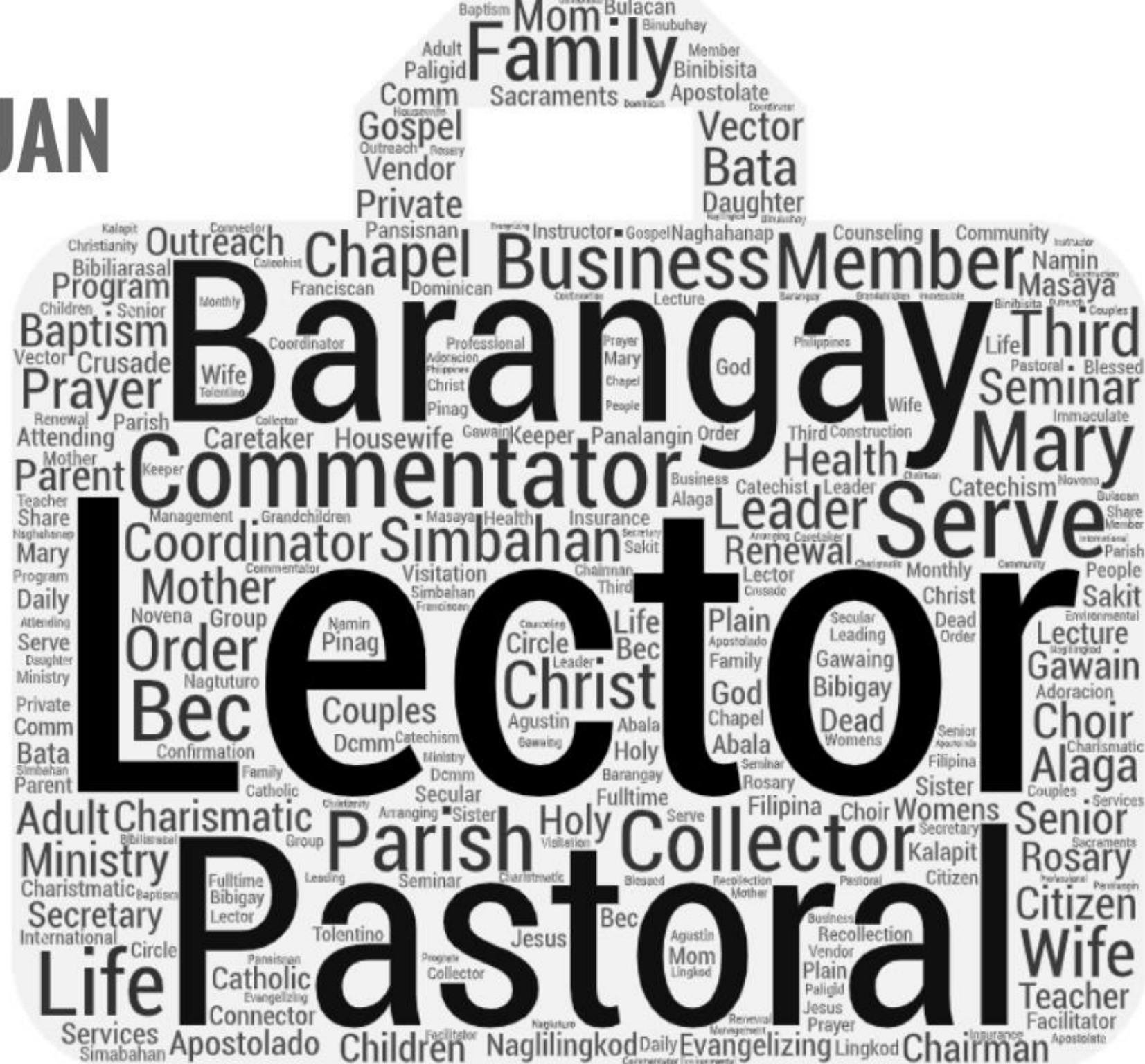
Aside from being a catechist, do you have other works/services?

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# CABANATUAN

Aside from being a catechist, do you have other works/ services? If yes, what are they?



## Discussion point

**Pagsalubong | Filipino women catechists are considered as informal leaders in their respective parishes/communities.**

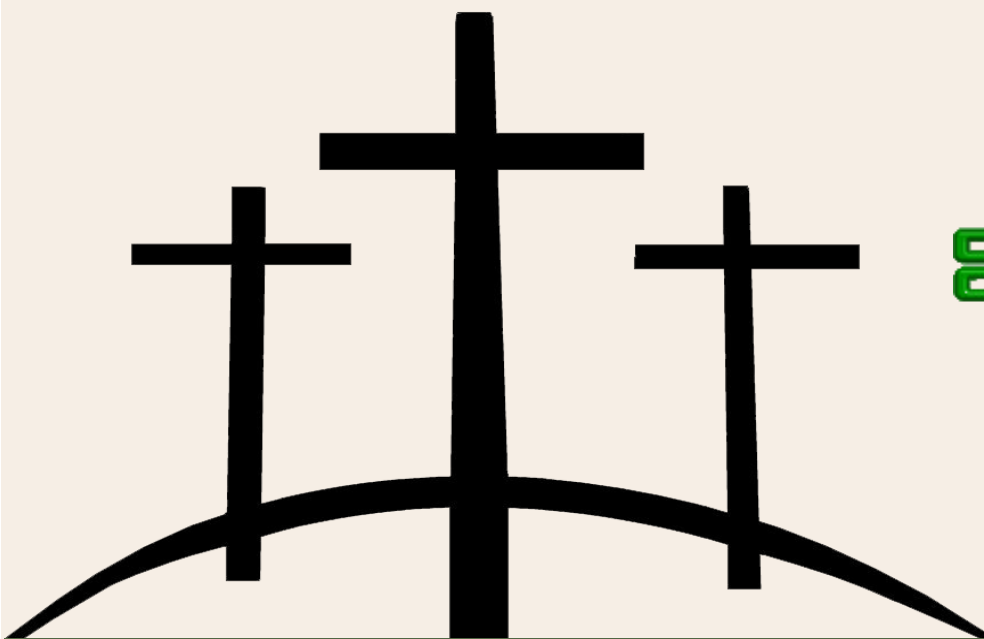




# KRUS NA DAAN NG KATEKISTANG-LINGKOD

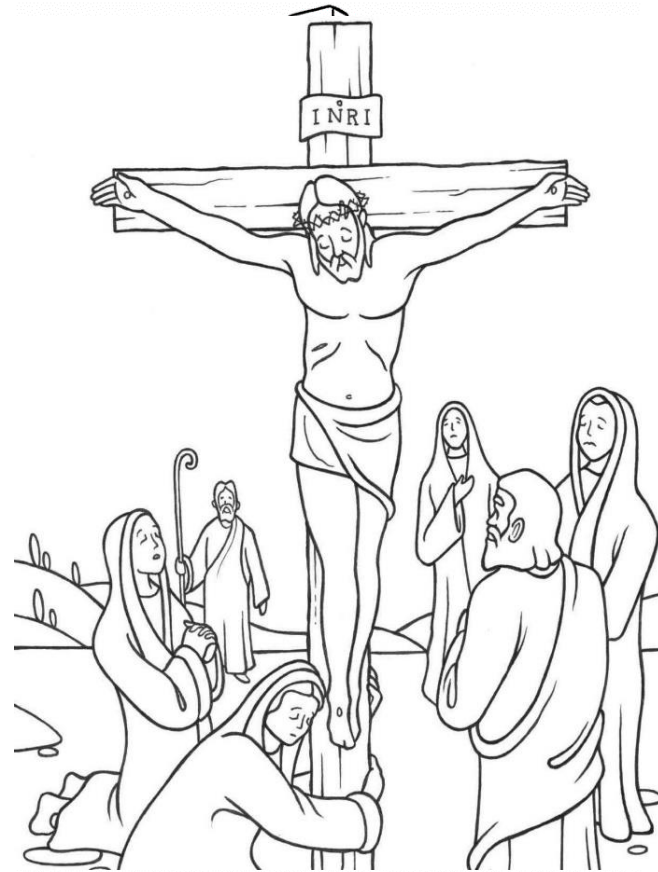
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# XI HABILIN

Ang pagiging katekista  
At tiwalang-bigay  
Habiling-taglay  
Malaking pananagutan  
Upang manatiling-buhay,  
Bawat aral ng ebanghelyo  
Bawat kwento ng bibliya  
Bawat tradisyong turo  
Bawat istorya ng kabanalan



XI

# HABILIN

Katuwang ang patnubay  
Ng apostol na Juan,  
Ang malapit kay Jesus  
Kanyang kaibigan.  
At tangan ang pagmamahal,  
Ni Mariang ating ina  
Na tadtad-dalamhati  
Ang pusong-sinugatan  
Ng hirap ng Anak  
Timping nasaksihan.



XI

# HABILIN

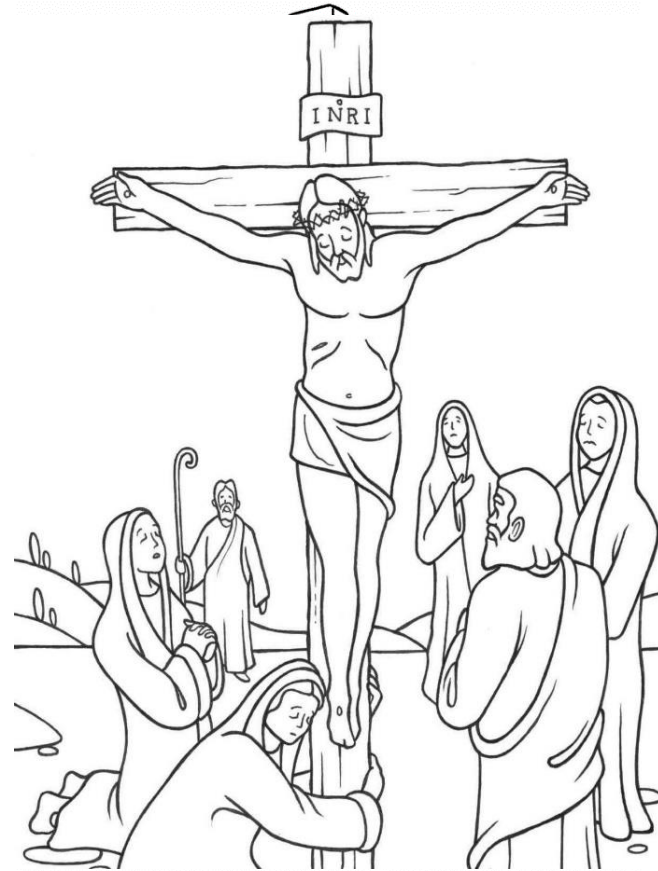
Kay Maria ibinilin  
Ni Hesus ang simbahan  
Sa panahong lumilimlin  
Ang lahat ng pag-asa  
Sa bantang kawalan  
Ng mundong-buhay.



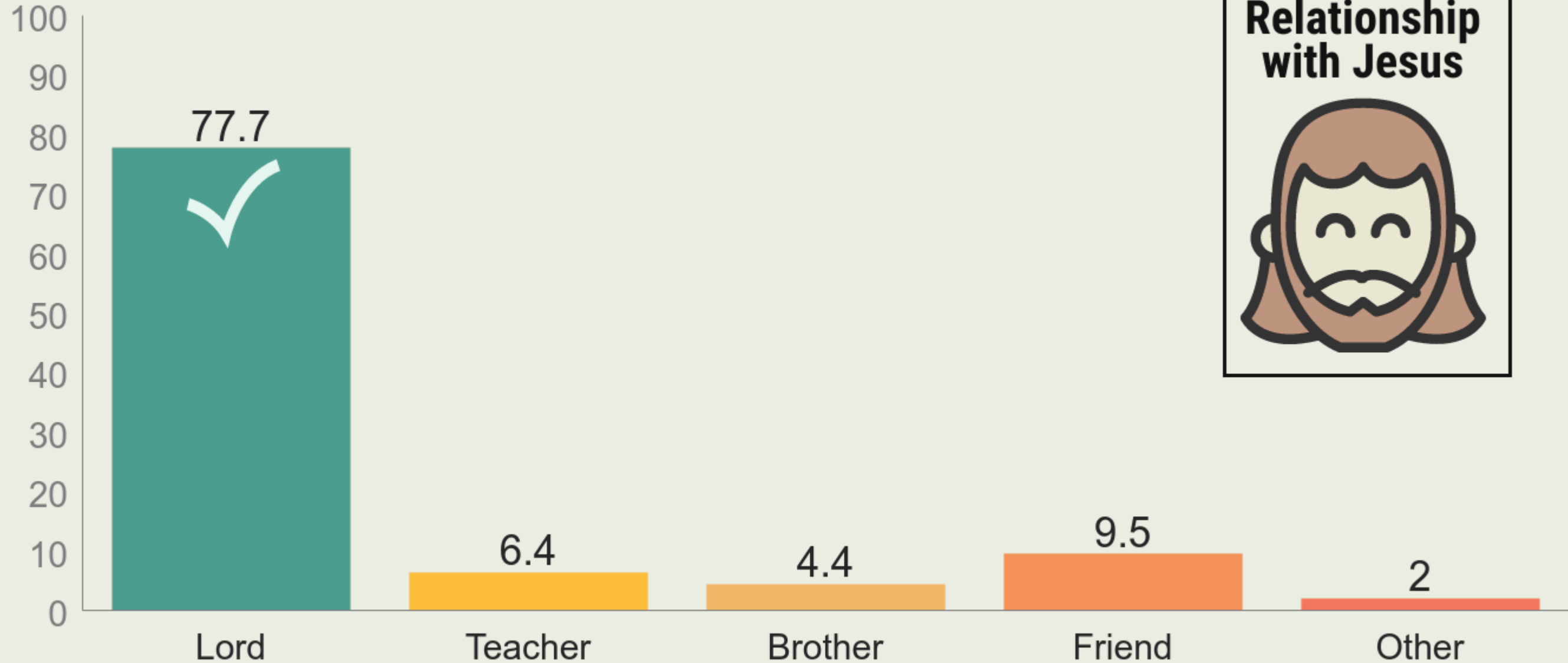


## XI HABILIN

Katekista'y maka-Maria  
Rosaryo laging kapit  
Sa lipunang makulit  
Katesismong himig.  
Ito ang ikalabing-isang  
Krus sa daan  
Ng katekistang-lingkod,  
Sakrispiyong makahulugan.



# Which of these images BEST describe your relationship with Jesus at the moment?



n=25,153

# Which of the following spiritual activities do you do on a daily basis?

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n=131 to 19,868

**1**

Pray the  
Rosary

**2**

Read the  
Bible

**3**

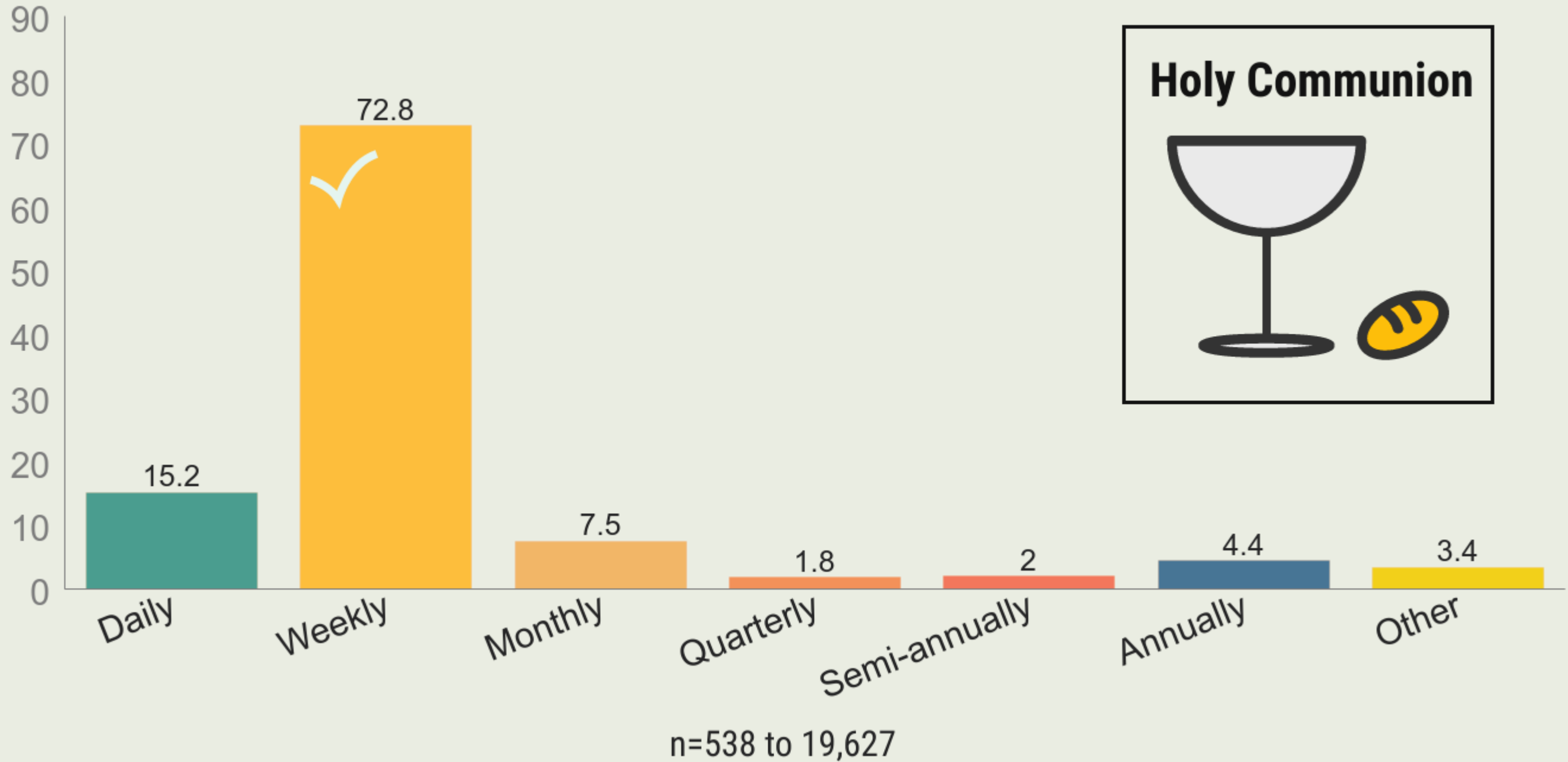
Silent  
Prayer

**4**

Go to  
Mass

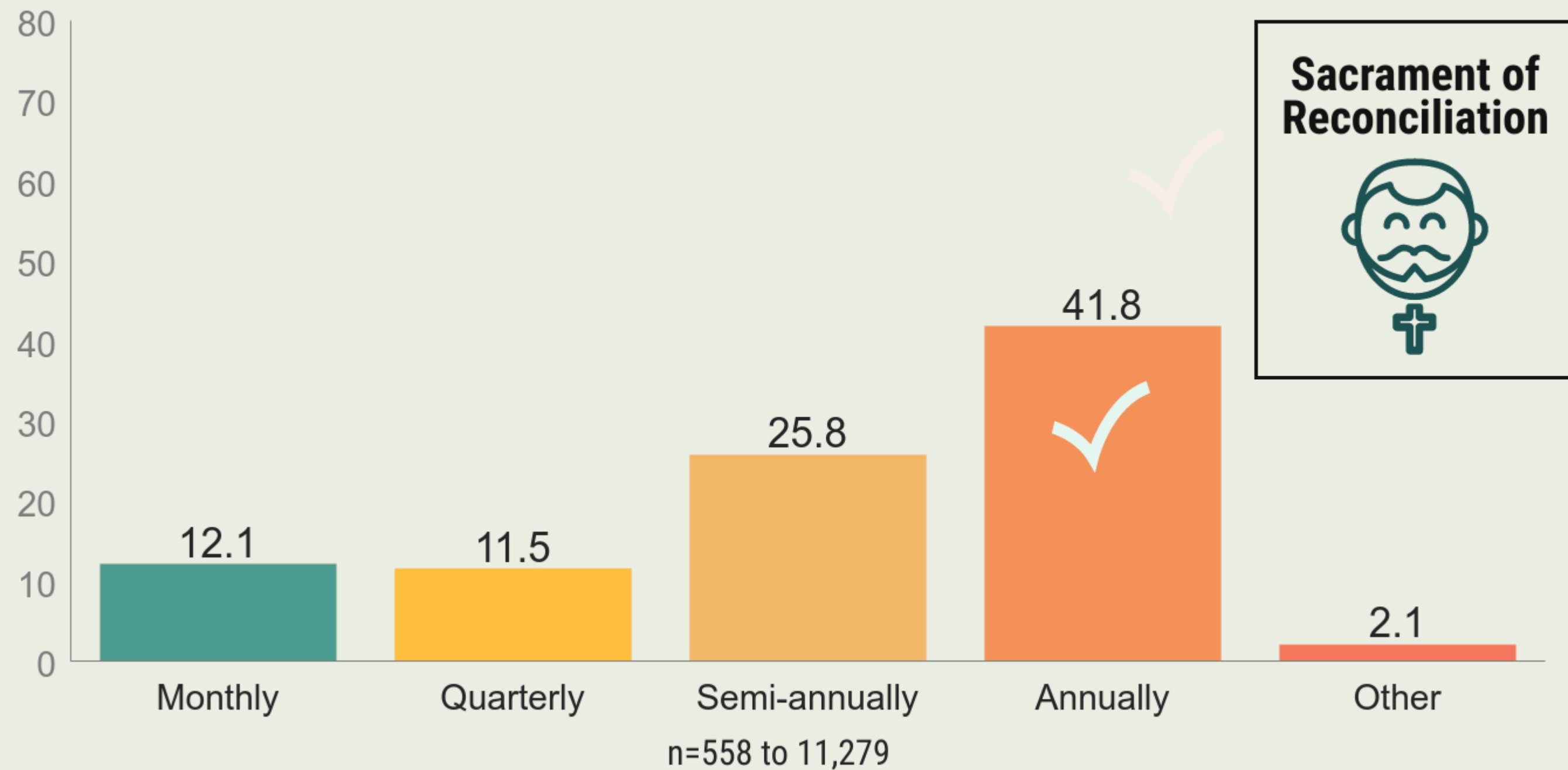


# How often do you receive the Holy Communion?

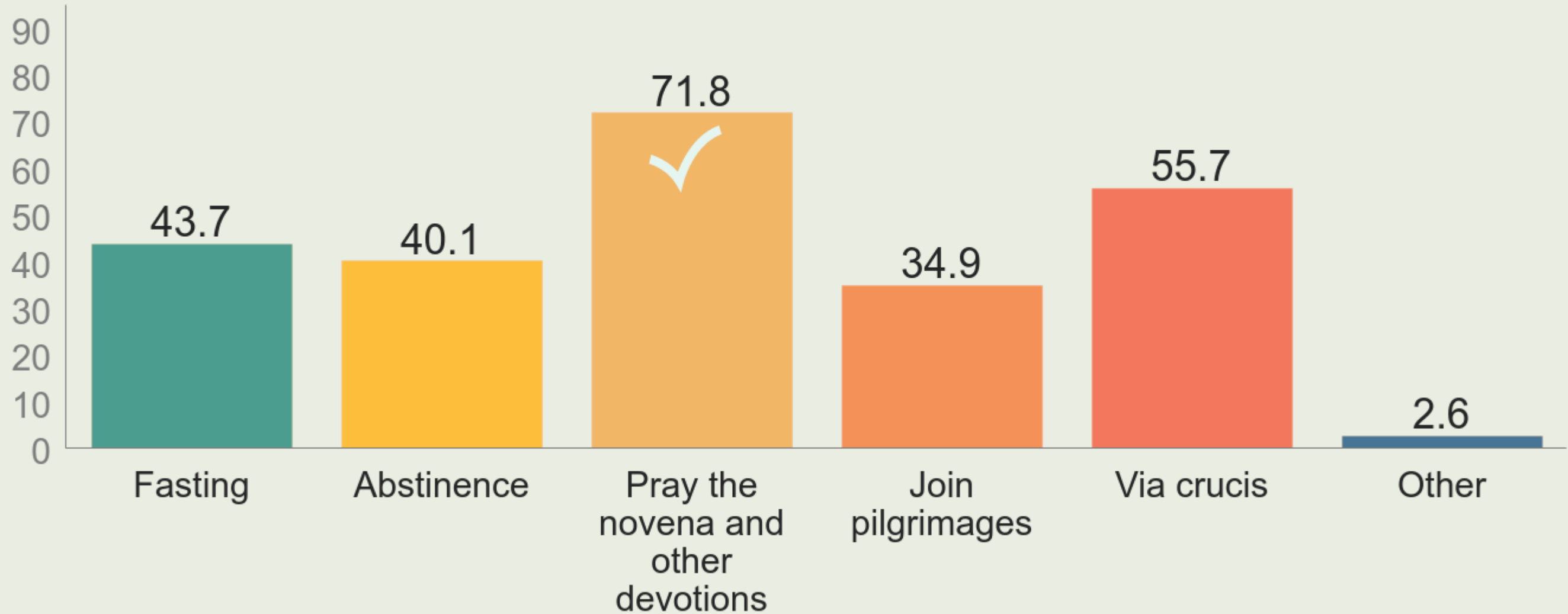




# How often do you receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation?



# Which of the following religious practices do you regularly observe?



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# Discussion point

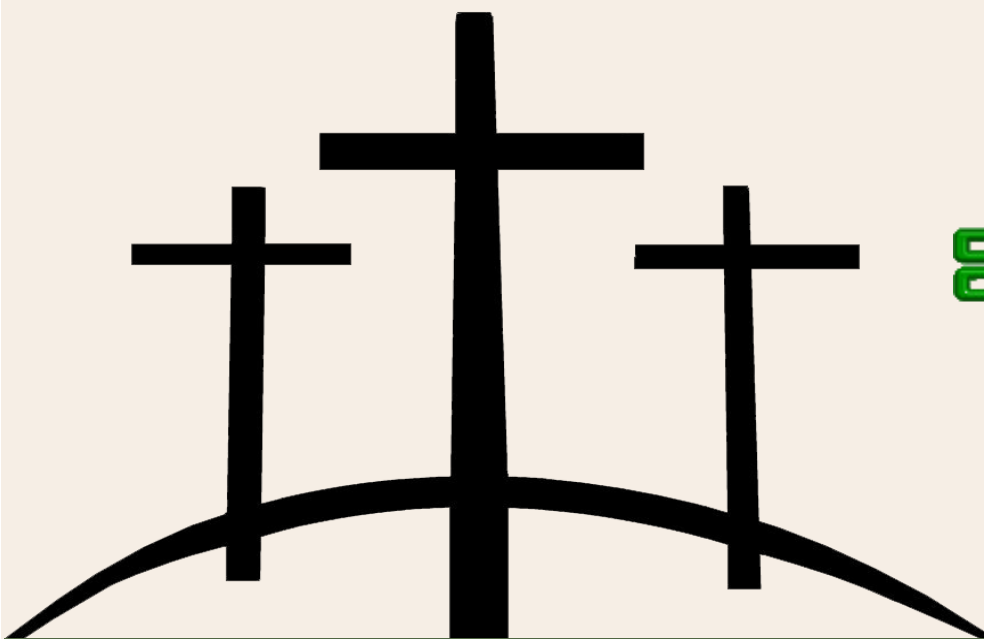
**Habilin | Marian devotion and deep appreciation/relation to the “suffering Christ” (Via Crucis) give hope and strength to Filipino women catechists in being resilient in their services despite of many challenges.**



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# PAGKABUHAY

Piniling misyon ay  
Maging katekista  
Pero ang totoo -  
Sila'y maingat na pinili  
Ng Poong Maykapal,  
Upang maging katuwang  
Sa matiyagang pag-aalaga  
Sa simbahang mahal.



# PAGKABUHAY

Buhayin ang  
pananampalatayang  
Nanamlay at paulit-ulit  
Walang tigil, nagpaalala  
Ng mga mahahalagang aral  
Tungkol sa paghahanda  
Sa muling pagkabuhay!



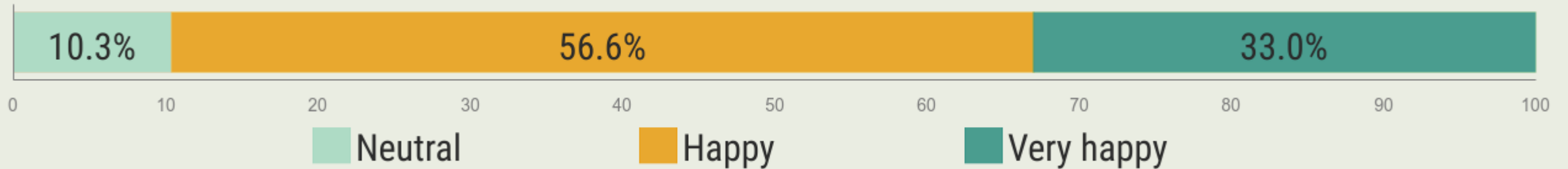
# PAGKABUHAY

Katekistang kayamanan  
Ng ating simbahan.  
Ito ang ikalabing-apat  
Krus sa daan  
Ng katekistang-lingkod,  
Sakrispiyong makahulugan.



# What best describes your life situation at present?

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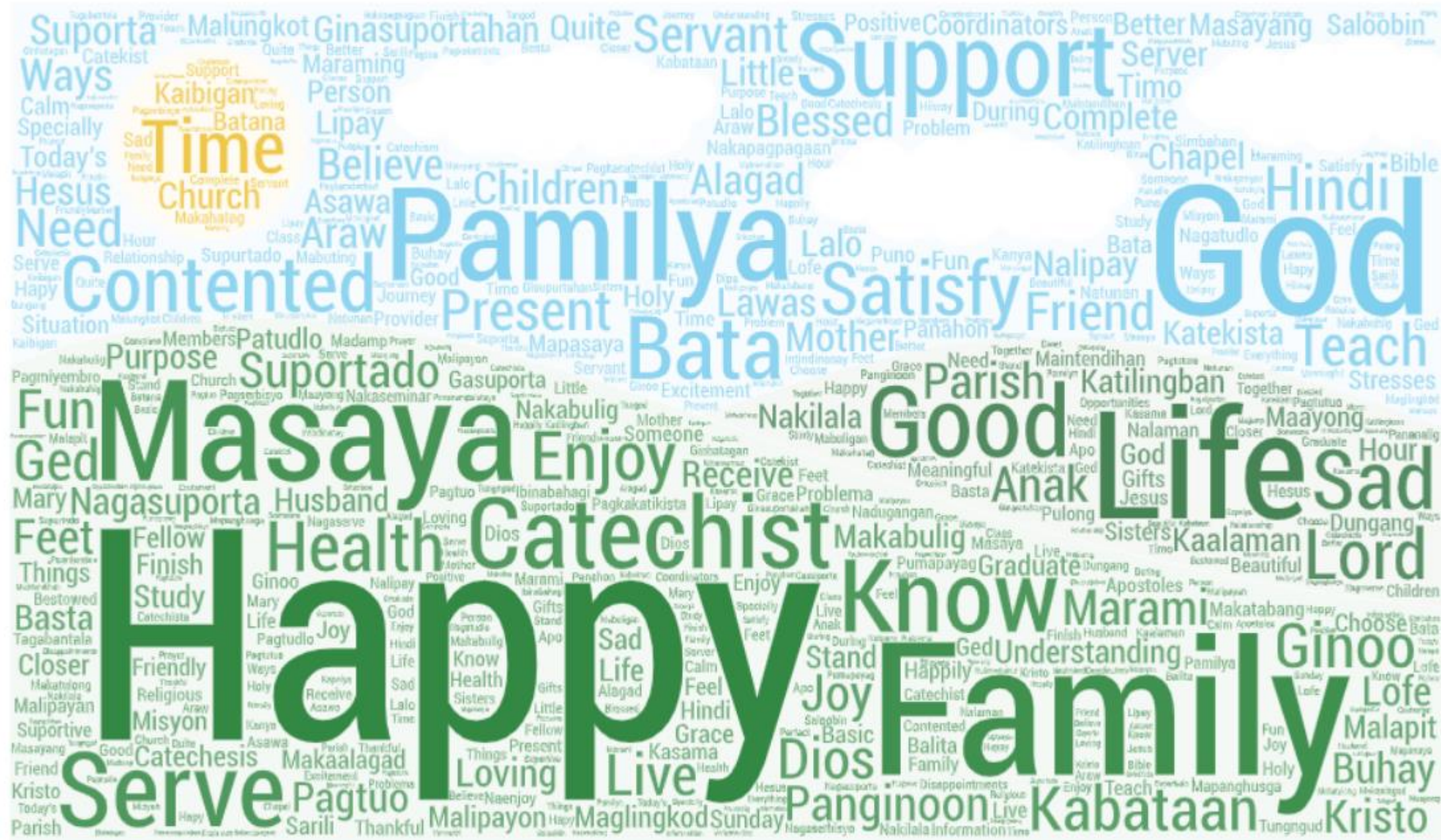


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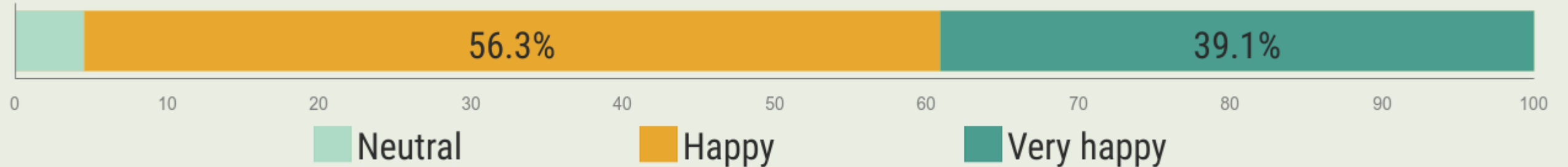
# COTABATO

What best describes your life situation at present?



# Are you happy at the moment as a catechist?

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n=24,967

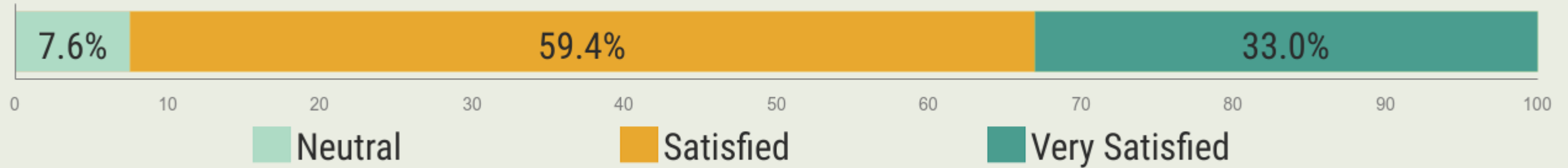


Are you happy at the moment as a catechist?



# How satisfied are you as a catechist?

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n=24,449



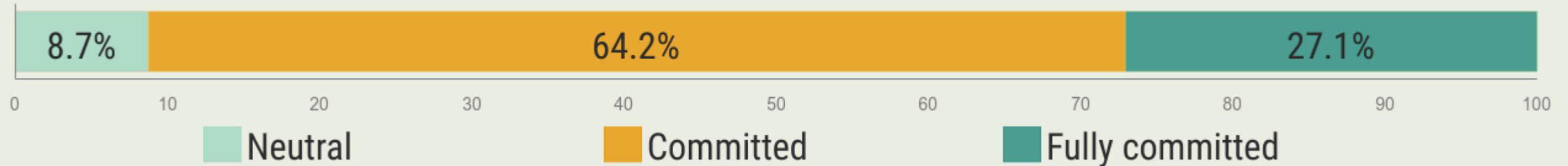
# ANTIPOLO

How satisfied are you  
as a catechist?



# How would you rate your commitment as a catechist at the moment?

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n=23,446



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## Discussion point

**Pagkabuhay | The Filipino women catechists' life is filled with hope like the women in the biblical times who witnessed the resurrection. Their old age do not hinder them in sharing their faith in Jesus, to those whom they catechize.**





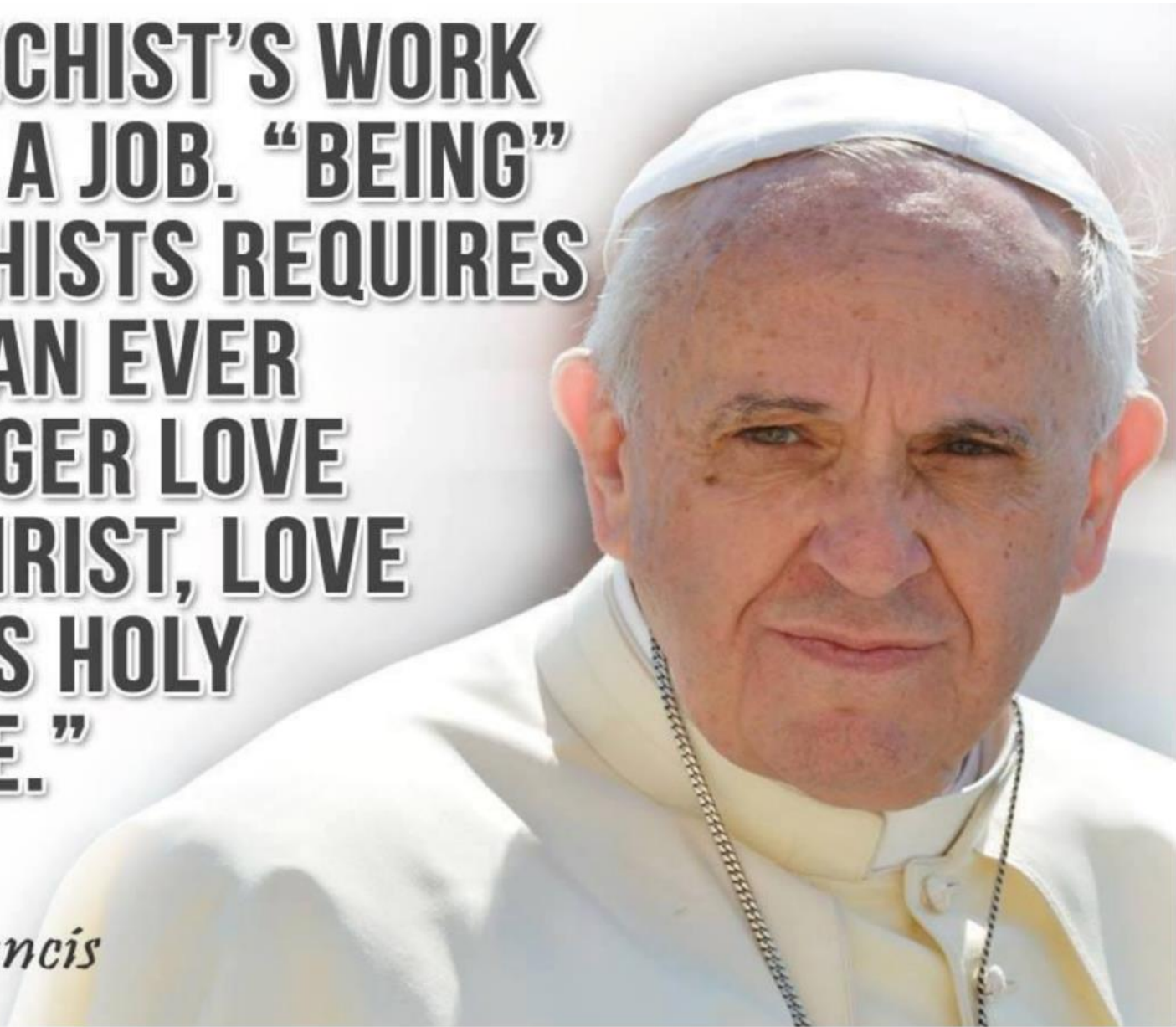
# Data Matrix of Discussion Points

Research Poems Themes	Discussion Points	Argument Points
Hapunan	*Experience of resiliency in the family *Desire to serve the church	Service
Sanhedrin	Women and authority	Service
Simon Sireneo	* Support of Friends	Resilience
Pagsalubong	*Informal leaders *Multi-tasking	Service
Habilin	Marian devotion and deep appreciation/relation to the “suffering Christ” (Via Crucis)	Resilience
Pagkabuhay	Sharing   witness of the resurrection   promise of renewed life	Service & resilience



**A CATECHIST'S WORK  
IS NOT A JOB. "BEING"  
CATECHISTS REQUIRES  
LOVE, AN EVER  
STRONGER LOVE  
FOR CHRIST, LOVE  
FOR HIS HOLY  
PEOPLE."**

*Pope Francis*



*Pope Francis. (September 27, 2013). Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Pilgrimage of Catechists on the Occasion of the Year of the Faith and of the International Congress on Catechesis. Retrieved from [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2013/september/documents/papa-francesco\\_20130927\\_pellegrinaggio-catechisti.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2013/september/documents/papa-francesco_20130927_pellegrinaggio-catechisti.html)*

# Concluding Insights

- **The Filipino women catechists' religious disposition to serve is noteworthy in making catechetical ministry (CM) alive in the Philippines. However, there is a need to explore on how CM invite/include other church members like the males and youth to serve as catechists.**



# Concluding Insights

- Such resiliency calls for research-based interventions that focus on **other forms of catechesis** (for example, catechesis focusing on youth, adult, family and community). This will hopefully make the **Catholic Christian faith more alive and enduring in the Philippines.**





# Concluding Insights

- **Despite persisting & emerging Catholic Church crises** (for example, various church scandals and state indifferences on selected social issues) **and the reality of aging Filipino women** in catechetical ministry, **they are meaningfully keeping the Catholic faith alive.**



# **when research stories are listened to...**

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**CBCP & the power to inspire & change**

**Bishops & priests as first catechists**

**Catechists and catechetical leaders are given attention & resources**

**Hope for effective catechetical ministry**

"Dumadami ang katekista kapag ang pari at obispo ay may pusong katekista."  
("The number of catechists grows when priests and bishops cradle a catechist's heart.")

*Princess, katekista,  
Diocese of San Jose  
(Nueva Ecija)*



# CBCP Statements

## SEEK THE COMMON GOOD

CBCP Statement on the  
May 13 Elections

### Seek the Common Good

Jan 28, 2019

Every election period is a promise of better times or a foreboding of what is worse to come. The choice is in our hands. It is as if God is telling us "I have set before you..."

## CONQUERING EVIL WITH GOOD

CBCP PASTORAL STATEMENT

### Conquering Evil with Good

Jan 28, 2019

Peace be with you. We are aware that many of you have been wondering why your bishops have kept a collective silence over many disturbing issues, about which you may have felt you urgently needed our spiritual and pastoral guidance.



### CBCP statement on the Jolo cathedral bombings

Jan 27, 2019

We, Catholic Bishops gathered in our Plenary Assembly in Manila, received today the sad news from Fr. Romeo S. Saniel, OMI, Apostolic Administrator of Jolo, of the



# Conquering Evil with Good – CBCP Pastoral Statement



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# Faith: Our People's Source of Strength

"When people do not understand our essential doctrines as Roman Catholic Christians, we have also ourselves to blame. It could also mean we have failed in our preaching. **Perhaps we have not been effective enough in our catechesis about the faith?** Perhaps we should find better and more appropriate ways of communicating the faith. Our preparation for the celebration of the **500th year of Christianity in the Philippines** could serve as a perfect opportunity to embark on a **renewed integral evangelization in word and witness.**"

# Translating research insights into pastoral intervention OUTCOMES



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