

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 162 SURVEY 2025**

February 3-9, 2025

N=9,544 (All results here based on 1,787 Catholic respondents)

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "Not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "No answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the Methodology.

PN = Programming note

U.S. Catholic adults	Sample size 1,787	Margin of error at 95% confidence level +/- 3.1 percentage points
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INITIAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**RELIG**

What is your present religion, if any?

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0	Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, etc.)
100	Roman Catholic
0	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)
0	Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian or some other Orthodox church)
0	Jewish
0	Muslim
0	Buddhist
0	Hindu
0	Atheist
0	Agnostic
0	Something else
0	Nothing in particular
0	No answer

INTERVENING QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ATTENDPER**

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services in person?

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4	More than once a week
24	Once a week
10	Once or twice a month
21	A few times a year
26	Seldom
13	Never
<1	No answer

INTERVENING QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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Do you think the Catholic Church should ...

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS, INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**BASED ON U.S. CATHOLICS**

		Yes, the Catholic Church <u>should do this</u>	No, the Catholic Church <u>should not do this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
PRMAR	Allow priests to get married			
	Feb 3-9, 2025	63	35	2
	Feb 13-25, 2024	69	29	2
PRWOM	Allow women to become priests			
	Feb 3-9, 2025	59	39	2
	Feb 13-25, 2024	64	35	2
BC	Allow Catholics to use birth control			
	Feb 3-9, 2025	84	15	1
	Feb 13-25, 2024	83	15	2
SSM	Recognize the marriages of gay and lesbian couples			
	Feb 3-9, 2025	50	47	2
	Feb 13-25, 2024	54	44	2
CCOMU	Allow Catholics to take Communion even if they are unmarried and living with a romantic partner			
	Feb 3-9, 2025	76	23	2
	Feb 13-25, 2024	75	22	3
DEWOM	Allow women to become deacons			
	Feb 3-9, 2025	68	29	3
BLESS	Allow priests to give blessings to same-sex couples			
	Feb 3-9, 2025	60	38	2
IVF	Allow couples to use in vitro fertilization (IVF) to get pregnant			
	Feb 3-9, 2025	83	15	3

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

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

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

CATHWOMEN

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How much influence do you think women have in the Catholic Church?

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5	Women have too much influence in the Catholic Church
51	Women do not have enough influence in the Catholic Church
42	Women have about the right amount of influence in the Catholic Church
2	No answer

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Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

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60	The Catholic Church should be more inclusive, even if that means changing some of its teachings
37	The Catholic Church should stick to its traditional teachings, even if that means the Church gets smaller
3	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE