

PART Three

*This data comes from our Survey Monkey entitled **I am no longer Catholic***

There were 32 respondents

Q1 How do you currently self-identify? Please select all that apply today.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Spiritual but not Religious.	17.24%	5
▼ Christian	17.24%	5
▼ Ex-Catholic	6.90%	2
▼ Secularist	0.00%	0
▼ Catholic, but not practicing.	10.34%	3
▼ Agnostic	10.34%	3
▼ I practice Mindfulness.	0.00%	0
▼ Affiliated with a religion other than Roman Catholicism.	10.34%	3
▼ I have a child (children) in Catholic School/or plan to send my child to Catholic School.	3.45%	1
▼ I have a child (children) in Religion Education/or plan to send my child to Religious Ed.	0.00%	0
▼ Cultural Catholic	10.34%	3
▼ Atheist	10.34%	3
▼ I attend Mass on Christmas and Easter.	0.00%	0
▼ My spouse/partner is Catholic.	3.45%	1
TOTAL		29

Q2 Is there anything you miss about being Catholic? Please mark all statements that apply to you today.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Belonging to a community.	42.86%	12
▼ Scheduled time to pray and reflect.	17.86%	5
▼ Being part of a world care organization.	0.00%	0
▼ The security of believing in an afterlife.	10.71%	3
▼ I don't miss anything.	35.71%	10
▼ Certain rituals.	35.71%	10
▼ Receiving the Eucharist.	14.29%	4
▼ Being associated with an historical religion.	7.14%	2
▼ Having a spiritual path for myself.	3.57%	1
▼ Praying with other people.	14.29%	4
▼ Social functions.	10.71%	3
▼ Homilies that help me grow spiritually.	3.57%	1
▼ Going to confession.	3.57%	1
▼ A tie to family members.	3.57%	1
▼ A spiritual path for my children.	10.71%	3
▼ Having something to believe in.	10.71%	3
Total Respondents: 28		

Q3 We'd like to understand your spirituality and your beliefs. Please mark all responses that apply to you today.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ I pray when I'm worried or anxious.	29.03% 9
▼ I don't believe there is anything "out there" to pray to.	6.45% 2
▼ I meditate to center myself.	41.94% 13
▼ I struggle with exploring my spirituality.	6.45% 2
▼ I don't believe in God.	9.68% 3
▼ I believe the universe/ creation is dynamic and that a person can tap into that energy.	35.48% 11
▼ I talk/pray to deceased relatives and friends.	9.68% 3
▼ I sometimes sense a transcendent presence.	32.26% 10
▼ I pray/talk to Jesus.	35.48% 11
▼ I pray/talk to God.	51.61% 16
▼ I believe in the Spirit.	35.48% 11
▼ I believe in a Divine presence.	35.48% 11
▼ I don't know if there is a God.	19.35% 6
▼ I believe God is love.	54.84% 17
▼ I believe that God engages us at our deepest levels in dreams, internal "prodding" and through other people.	32.26% 10
▼ I believe that God engages us at our deepest levels through scripture and devotional practices.	25.81% 8
▼ I believe there is an extra dimension to reality.	29.03% 9
▼ My beliefs about God change all the time.	19.35% 6
▼ I only trust science and what can be proven.	19.35% 6
▼ I find God in nature.	45.16% 14
▼ My spirituality encompasses multiple religious traditions and culture views.	19.35% 6
▼ I do not pray.	9.68% 3
▼ I worry that there is nothing beyond this life.	9.68% 3
▼ If God exists, why is the world in such bad shape?	19.35% 6
▼ I find myself praying sometimes even though I don't believe.	22.58% 7
▼ I don't know how to pray.	3.23% 1
Total Respondents: 31	

Q4 What could the Church do to invite you back with a sense of relevance and belonging?

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Nothing.	4/6/2022 8:06 PM
2	Nothing	4/1/2022 5:13 PM
3	To provide context, I identify as a bisexual male. My experience at Holy Family was one of exclusion. I was constantly reminded by those around me and working for the church that I either should not exist, or was living a sinful life. As a high school going through confirmation, the leader expressed vehemently that acting on any of these thoughts would guarantee me a spot in hell. Holy family's appointed staff ruined my relationship with God. I felt hated and discarded. As soon as I went to college, I found a community of non-religious peers who were more accepting than the community at Holy Family ever was. This group of people, whom I love with all my heart, gave me the courage to leave Holy Family, since this community outcasts anyone like me. I cannot attend a parish that preaches acceptance but fills itself that preach messages contrary to Jesus' teachings. I was also incredibly disappointed to hear about the treatment of Cambria Smith. Her Homilies were the one part of the service that cause me to be excited. These are the reasons I no longer attend. I also adamantly tell those in my age group who are spiritual to find a faith outlet at another parish. I do not want others to feel as unwelcome as I did. The culture at the parish would need to change drastically before I would consider returning.	3/28/2022 5:56 PM
4	nothing for I know where I and God are 1.	3/26/2022 4:03 PM
5	Make it more comfortable for my disabled family members to join me. More importantly follow the words of Jesus, not man made rules that fly in the face of what Jesus taught.	3/26/2022 12:41 AM
6	Accept all. Starting with the presence of women in the church. They can star with that. Giving women their place. If it was not for women there will be no communities. We have not rights no respect from the church. We are always in the background being judged. If we are bad or not, if we are worthy or not. While the Priests run wild braking all the church's rules giving the church a bad name. The problem with boy clubs is that there is no check and balances.	3/25/2022 12:41 PM
7	Accept responsibility for past wrongs and make meaningful change.	3/24/2022 2:12 PM
8	Accept women in leadership roles; suspend clergy guilty of sexual abuse; include everyone to partake of the Eucharist; allow priests to marry	3/24/2022 1:52 PM
9	More frequent shorter Masses	3/24/2022 1:36 PM
10	The inclusion of women as priests, the revamping of the male dominated hierarchy, a more liberal management without the overarching dominance of old white men in the church.	3/24/2022 11:02 AM
11	not be homophobic or transphobic. but its also boring and suffocating. i feel like the people are judging me all the time and peopple interpret the bible in ways i dont appreciate	3/24/2022 8:32 AM
12	Allow female priests, homosexuals, married clergy	3/24/2022 6:27 AM
13	Not be so judgemental.	3/24/2022 1:28 AM
14	Absolutely nothing. To imply that a person needs the church in order to feel at peace and feel hope is very much guilt tripping people into something they may not even want to do and this should NEVER be done regardless of what religion it is. To force what helps you onto others is not what compassion and empathy is and even just this question is giving me the impression that the catholic church is somehow superior with power in terms of spiritual hiearchy, which for a religion that thinks they are loving and equal, it is beyond weird that power and guilt force is used to bring people in.	3/23/2022 10:07 PM
15	i am anxious about the historical and social violence of the institution of the church	3/23/2022 9:40 PM

(colonization, abuse, homophobia, anti-abortion, misogyny). I think the Catholic Church should use its power to repay to communities it has oppressed. One such Avenue is by opening homeless shelters in cities like Los Angeles and providing to the impoverished. I think the church has enough money and resources and property to tackle the homelessness crisis with care and compassion. I would be interested in a bible study or informal prayer group but at this time I feel disconnected from mass and the orthodox teachings of the church.

16	Honestly, nothing. Catholicism and Christianity have just caused too much harm in the world (ie missionary work as imperialism) and as a WOC I just cannot overlook it, especially with how the world is right now. Church was also not a welcoming space - my confession classes consisted of TWO YEARS of being completely ignored by my classmates and then having to go on that trip with them. I am also part of the LGBTQ community and I'm well aware that I am not really welcome in religious spaces, which is fine with me because I have no desire to be anywhere that I'm not accepted. Lastly, I just don't have the heart to believe in a higher power with everything that is going on now. I would like to, but I can't accept that if there was really such a kind and benevolent God, then all of this would be happening. Sorry to be depressing but that's just how I feel and I think it would be good for the church to address these sorts of things rather than being optimistic. Oh, and mass was really boring. I wish there was another way to do it that would be more engaging, but maybe I'm just biased because I haven't believed in a very long time.	3/23/2022 9:17 PM
17	Nothing, frankly. I just don't think it was for me.	3/23/2022 9:02 PM
18	Nothing I can think of	3/23/2022 8:35 AM
19	Don't know what it could do	3/23/2022 4:41 AM
20	In all honesty, it's a little bit too little too late for the church. For decades the church was complicit in the sexual abuse of minors and took very little steps to stop it. There are thousands upon thousands of cases — at some point you don't have bad apples anymore, the tree is rotten.	3/22/2022 10:35 PM
21	Ordain people of all genders, offer the sacrament of marriage to people of all genders, return to the translation of "pro multis" as "for all" instead of "for many" in the language of the Eucharist. All should be welcome at all levels of the church and church leadership.	3/22/2022 8:07 PM
22	Proof	3/22/2022 6:37 PM
23	Online sermons	3/22/2022 5:59 PM
24	Nothing	3/22/2022 5:22 PM
25	Really Nothing. I didn't think confession what's right and praying to Mary.	3/22/2022 5:22 PM
26	Spirituality should be transformative, not transactional. The RC church fosters a banking ledger spirituality. Debits (sin) on one side; indulgences (grace) on the other side. Just keep the bottom line in the black. Spirituality should be a continuous journey of internal change, becoming more God-like, i.e. more loving, more agape centered. The RC church is hung up on dogma and has forgotten relationships. God is love not dogmatic formulas.	3/18/2022 11:01 AM
27	Emphasize true metanoia or divinization. Become less dogma focused and more agape focused. Stop emphasizing Mary as a way to Christ. Christ is brother and our way to God as well as our God.	3/17/2022 4:26 PM
28	not much	3/17/2022 12:43 PM
29	The Church could better mirror the teachings of Jesus. Love your neighbor, your homosexual neighbor, your unwed pregnant neighbor, your divorced neighbor. Deal more openly and honestly with the pedophile priest problem. Embrace all of God's children.	3/17/2022 11:57 AM
30	Turn pedophile clergy over for criminal prosecution; defrock any bishop or higher that covered up the pedophilia; allow priests to marry; fully accept women as priests, bishops and cardinals; support Pro-Choice positions; sell off the Church's vast wealth and give to the poor (what is so unclear about Christ's exhortation to the young man to "go, sell what you have, give it to the poor, and then come follow me?"); refuse to be involved in politics and political lobbying; refuse to endorse any politician/candidate; refuse to promote any politician/candidate; regularly audit all church monies and make the information public, including the Vatican Bank;	3/17/2022 11:51 AM