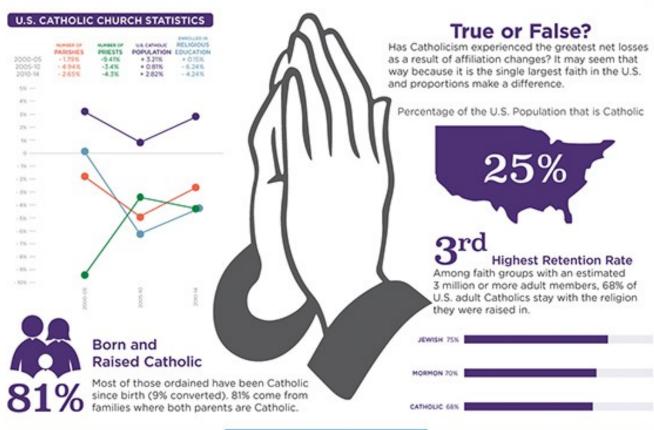
# **Cultivating Vocations**

Trends in the Catholic Church and the call to priesthood



## EDUCATION



Families have less money to send their children to Catholic school.



More than 50% of those considering religious orders attended a Catholic elementary school. Men who attended a Catholic secondary school are more than six times as likely as those who did not to consider a vocation. 70% of ordinands have a bachelors degree and most have more than \$20k STUDENT LOAN DEBT

### **ORDINATES**

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AVERAGE AGE when considering priesthood.

AVERAGE ENTRY AGE 34 of ordinands in 2014.

53% UNDER 30

**MILLENIALS** 

(born after 1982) are even more likely than the previous generation to consider a vocation.



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Communities have turned away some inquirers (about vocation pursuit) within the last 10 years because of educational debt.

### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**



INCREASE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

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INCREASE SUPPORT



MORE SUPPORT TO AND FROM THE CHURCH

Provide more education and structures of support for parents and families in their role of vocation promotion. Only 30% of newer entrants to religious life indicate their parents

encouraged them in their desire to pursue a vocation. The Church needs to support more structured outreach to younger people to ensure their integration into a Catholic culture.

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