

2. What vocation intere	sts you most?		
		Response Percent	Response Count
religious brother		17.7%	37
religious priest		12.4%	26
diocesan priest		7.7%	16
religious sister		47.4%	99
secular institute		8.1%	17
lay minister		6.7%	14
		answered question	209
		skipped question	0

3. What kind of community do you feel most drawn to? Please choose of								
		Response Percent	Response Count					
apostolic/evangelical		24.4%	51					
monastic		15.8%	33					
cloistered/semi-cloistered		15.8%	33					
missionary		8.1%	17					
contemplative/contemplative- active		35.9%	75					
	answere	ed question	209					
	skippe	d question	0					

# 4. Please identify and rate what most attracts you to a particular religious community.

	essential	very important	important	somewhat important	not important at all	Rating Average	Response Count
Praying with members of the community	55.0% (111)	22.8% (46)	14.4% (29)	6.4% (13)	1.5% (3)	1.77	202
Devotional prayer	52.0% (105)	24.3% (49)	15.8% (32)	6.9% (14)	1.0% (2)	1.81	202
Being able to do ministry with other members of the congregation	31.6% (62)	26.0% (51)	20.4% (40)	13.3% (26)	8.7% (17)	2.41	196
Wearing a religious habit	25.5% (51)	15.0% (30)	13.5% (27)	22.0% (44)	24.0% (48)	3.04	200
Living in community	37.2% (74)	23.1% (46)	13.1% (26)	14.6% (29)	12.1% (24)	2.41	199
Justice and peace outreach	25.7% (49)	22.5% (43)	27.2% (52)	14.7% (28)	9.9% (19)	2.61	191
Living a life of faithfulness to the church and its teachings	72.0% (144)	15.0% (30)	9.0% (18)	3.5% (7)	0.5% (1)	1.46	200
The community's particular charism or mission	47.0% (95)	27.7% (56)	19.8% (40)	4.5% (9)	1.0% (2)	1.85	202
					Other (pleas	e specify)	23
					answered	question	206
					skipped	question	3

# 5. Please identify and rate resources you have found most helpful in gathering vocation information.

	essential	very important	important	somewhat important	not at all important	Rating Average	Response Count
A religious community's website	27.2% (53)	40.0% (78)	19.0% (37)	10.8% (21)	3.1% (6)	2.23	195
Community/Discerners' blogs	5.1% (9)	18.9% (33)	21.1% (37)	31.4% (55)	23.4% (41)	3.49	175
Vocation-related websites	18.7% (36)	34.2% (66)	29.0% (56)	13.5% (26)	4.7% (9)	2.51	193
Vocation periodicals, spiritual books, brochures	18.6% (35)	33.0% (62)	27.1% (51)	15.4% (29)	5.9% (11)	2.57	188
Come and see weekends/discernment retreats	32.6% (59)	29.8% (54)	15.5% (28)	14.4% (26)	7.7% (14)	2.35	181
Parish priest	18.6% (35)	25.0% (47)	21.8% (41)	19.7% (37)	14.9% (28)	2.87	188
Vocation director	28.0% (52)	28.0% (52)	20.4% (38)	13.4% (25)	10.2% (19)	2.50	186
Campus/youth/young adult minister	3.5% (6)	5.9% (10)	17.6% (30)	24.1% (41)	48.8% (83)	4.09	170
Personal contact with a religious priest, sister, or brother	46.2% (86)	27.4% (51)	14.0% (26)	8.6% (16)	3.8% (7)	1.96	186
Parents/family	7.7% (14)	16.0% (29)	18.8% (34)	22.1% (40)	35.4% (64)	3.61	181
Teacher/spiritual director	30.3% (56)	28.6% (53)	18.9% (35)	14.6% (27)	7.6% (14)	2.41	185
					Other (pleas	e specify)	23
					answered	question	198
					skipped	question	11

# 6. Please identify and rate what you would find most helpful in making a decision about your vocation.

	essential	very important	important	somewhat important	not at all important	Rating Average	Response Count
Prayer	85.9% (171)	8.0% (16)	6.0% (12)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.20	199
Talking with other seekers like myself	27.0% (53)	38.3% (75)	21.9% (43)	9.2% (18)	3.6% (7)	2.24	196
Spiritual direction	50.3% (99)	35.5% (70)	10.7% (21)	3.0% (6)	0.5% (1)	1.68	197
Opportunities to experience community life	47.2% (92)	30.8% (60)	15.9% (31)	2.6% (5)	3.6% (7)	1.85	195
Greater understanding about what community/vocation would be a good fit for me	51.0% (100)	34.7% (68)	11.2% (22)	2.6% (5)	0.5% (1)	1.67	196
Information about the requirements and steps necessary to enter religious life	55.6% (109)	30.1% (59)	9.7% (19)	4.1% (8)	0.5% (1)	1.64	196
A structured discernment process	35.4% (69)	34.4% (67)	20.0% (39)	8.7% (17)	1.5% (3)	2.07	195
Working with and/or getting to know the vocation director	37.4% (71)	35.8% (68)	14.2% (27)	11.1% (21)	1.6% (3)	2.04	190
					Other (pleas	e specify)	16
					answered	question	203
					skipped	question	6

# 7. Please identify and rate what you consider the most challenging aspects of being a religious priest, brother, or sister.

	essential	very important	important	somewhat important	not at all important	Rating Average	Response Count
Amount of time one can spend with family and friends	6.9% (13)	12.8% (24)	21.8% (41)	39.9% (75)	18.6% (35)	3.51	188
Living in community	20.9% (39)	24.6% (46)	28.3% (53)	11.2% (21)	15.0% (28)	2.75	187
The vow of celibacy	33.0% (63)	11.5% (22)	16.8% (32)	11.5% (22)	27.2% (52)	2.88	191
The discipline of prayer	42.5% (79)	15.6% (29)	15.1% (28)	10.2% (19)	16.7% (31)	2.43	186
Sharing resources and living simply	27.5% (52)	19.6% (37)	21.7% (41)	13.2% (25)	18.0% (34)	2.75	189
A life of service	28.9% (54)	23.5% (44)	18.7% (35)	7.0% (13)	21.9% (41)	2.70	187
Restrictions on personal freedom	14.8% (28)	18.0% (34)	24.3% (46)	24.9% (47)	18.0% (34)	3.13	189
Living with people who are not my age	7.1% (13)	9.2% (17)	21.7% (40)	23.9% (44)	38.0% (70)	3.77	184
					Other (pleas	e specify)	27
					answered	question	193
					skipped	question	16

8. Since you have beguabout religious life?	un your discernment, what has most surprise	d you
		Response Count
		156
	answered question	156
	skipped question	53

9. What is your greatest fear about living the religious life?						
	Response Count					
	164					
answered question	164					
skipped question	45					

# 10. In the past few years communities overall have reported an increase in inquiries into religious life. To what do you attribute this increase?

	essential	very important	important	somewhat important	not at all important	Rating Average	Response Count
Easy availability of information via the Internet	27.6% (51)	29.2% (54)	28.6% (53)	10.8% (20)	3.8% (7)	2.34	185
Improved promotion and recruitment methods	15.2% (28)	27.2% (50)	33.7% (62)	15.2% (28)	8.7% (16)	2.75	184
Desire for deeper spirituality	62.2% (117)	27.7% (52)	9.0% (17)	1.1% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.49	188
Desire for community and identity	45.2% (84)	28.5% (53)	16.1% (30)	8.6% (16)	1.6% (3)	1.93	186
Desire for economic stability or security	11.2% (20)	11.8% (21)	22.5% (40)	27.5% (49)	27.0% (48)	3.47	178
					Other (pleas	e specify)	54
					answered	question	192
					skipped	question	17

### 11. Please rate what impact the following recent events have had on your vocation discernment?

	negative	somewhat negative	no impact	somewhat positive	positive	Rating Average	Response Count
World Youth Day	2.1% (4)	0.5% (1)	76.4% (146)	12.6% (24)	8.4% (16)	3.25	191
New revelations regarding the church sexual-abuse scandal	11.4% (22)	13.5% (26)	65.8% (127)	6.7% (13)	2.6% (5)	2.76	193
New Vatican guidelines for sex- abuse cases	5.3% (10)	4.2% (8)	64.2% (122)	15.8% (30)	10.5% (20)	3.22	190
Canonization/Beatification of a particular saint	3.1% (6)	1.0% (2)	63.7% (123)	18.7% (36)	13.5% (26)	3.38	193
Pope's call for atonement for church's failings	2.1% (4)	2.1% (4)	41.1% (79)	34.4% (66)	20.3% (39)	3.69	192
Vatican investigations into women's religious communities	11.5% (22)	7.3% (14)	55.0% (105)	15.7% (30)	10.5% (20)	3.06	191
Year for Priests	1.6% (3)	1.6% (3)	51.3% (98)	20.9% (40)	24.6% (47)	3.65	191
				(	Other (pleas	e specify)	33
					answered	question	196
					skipped	question	13

# 12. Identify and rate your usage of the following communication devises, programs, or accounts.

	Use all the time	very frequently	frequently	somewhat frequently	not frequently	Response Count
Smart phone (iPhone, Droid, Blackberry, etc.)	13.3% (25)	4.3% (8)	2.7% (5)	3.7% (7)	76.1% (143)	188
Skype or other computer phone	3.7% (7)	2.7% (5)	4.8% (9)	7.0% (13)	81.8% (153)	187
Cell phone	35.9% (71)	13.6% (27)	12.1% (24)	19.2% (38)	19.2% (38)	198
Landline phone	18.2% (36)	7.6% (15)	15.7% (31)	21.7% (43)	36.9% (73)	198
iPad	1.1% (2)	1.1% (2)	1.7% (3)	1.7% (3)	94.4% (168)	178
Email	57.6% (118)	13.7% (28)	16.1% (33)	9.8% (20)	2.9% (6)	205
Facebook	17.2% (33)	7.8% (15)	5.2% (10)	13.0% (25)	56.8% (109)	192
Twitter	1.1% (2)	0.5% (1)	2.2% (4)	4.9% (9)	91.3% (168)	184
YouTube	7.0% (13)	6.5% (12)	11.8% (22)	21.5% (40)	53.2% (99)	186
				Other (p	lease specify)	19
				answe	red question	205
				skipp	oed question	4

# 13. Please identify and rate the methods you would prefer Vocation Directors use to communicate with you.

	Essential	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Rating Average	Response Count
Email	56.8% (113)	26.6% (53)	13.1% (26)	2.5% (5)	1.0% (2)	1.64	199
Text Message	7.3% (13)	7.8% (14)	11.2% (20)	10.1% (18)	63.7% (114)	4.15	179
Telephone call	28.6% (52)	24.7% (45)	20.9% (38)	12.6% (23)	13.2% (24)	2.57	182
Facebook postings	2.2% (4)	5.0% (9)	11.0% (20)	11.6% (21)	70.2% (127)	4.43	181
Twitter postings	0.6% (1)	1.7% (3)	3.4% (6)	4.5% (8)	89.9% (161)	4.82	179
U.S. Mail	22.3% (41)	18.5% (34)	25.0% (46)	11.4% (21)	22.8% (42)	2.94	184
Smartphone App	1.1% (2)	3.4% (6)	4.0% (7)	3.4% (6)	88.1% (155)	4.74	17€
Community website postings	19.9% (36)	19.9% (36)	21.0% (38)	9.9% (18)	29.3% (53)	3.09	181
Community e-newsletter	21.5% (38)	26.0% (46)	20.9% (37)	13.6% (24)	18.1% (32)	2.81	177
					Other (pleas	e specify)	12
					answered	question	199
					skipped	question	10

14. What is your gender?						
			Response Percent	Response Count		
female			57.9%	121		
male			42.1%	88		
		answere	d question	209		
		skippe	d question	0		

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15. What is your age range?				
		Response Percent	Response Count	
Under 18		0.0%	0	
18-22		0.0%	0	
23-29		0.0%	0	
30-39		0.0%	0	
40-49		36.4%	76	
50-59		45.9%	96	
60+		17.7%	37	
	answere	ed question	209	
	skippe	d question	0	