

NACS Conference

June 2021



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Executive Director

Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations



Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations (CCLV)

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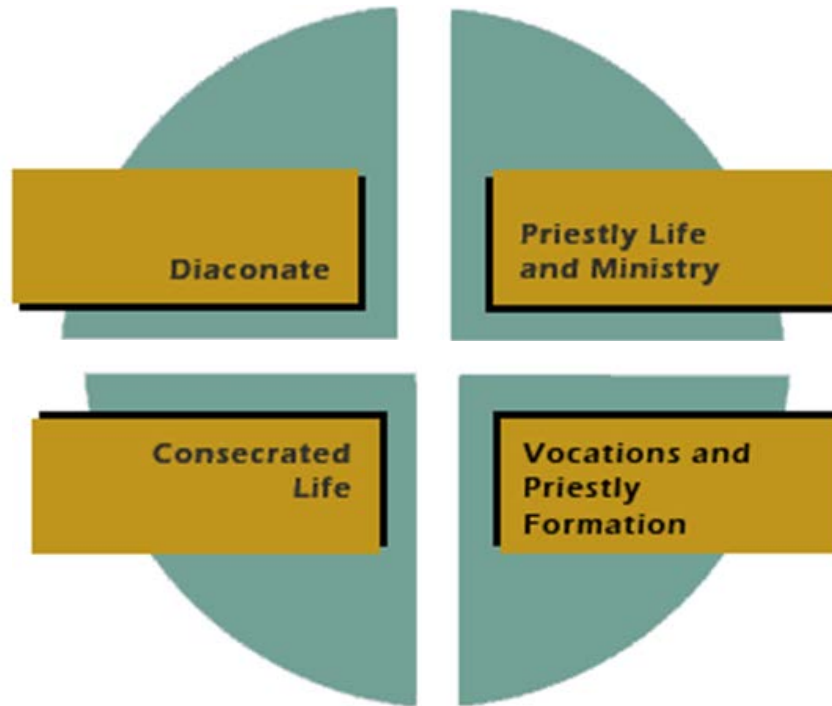
- Bishop James Checchio,
Chairman
- Bishop Earl Boyea,
NACS Episcopal Liaison
- +6 Bishops

▶ Secretariat

- Rev. Luke Ballman,
Executive Director
- Rev. Daniel Hanley,
Associate Director
- Ms. Casey Brusnahan,
Administrative
Assistant



CCLV Committee Mandate



CCLV Annual Projects

Vocation Events

- National Vocation Awareness Week: Nov. 7-13, 2021
- World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: February 2, 2022
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations: May 8, 2022

Surveys

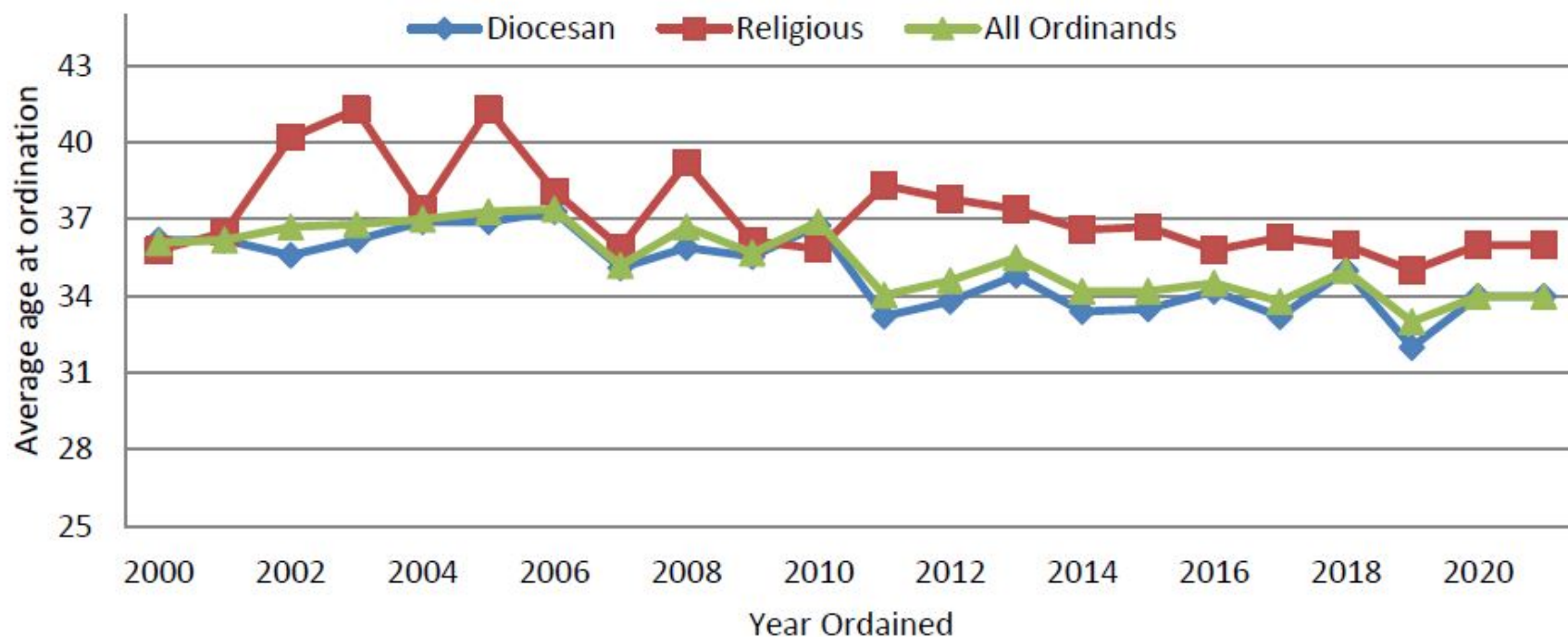
- Ordination Class of 2021
- Profession Class of 2020



Ordination Class of 2021



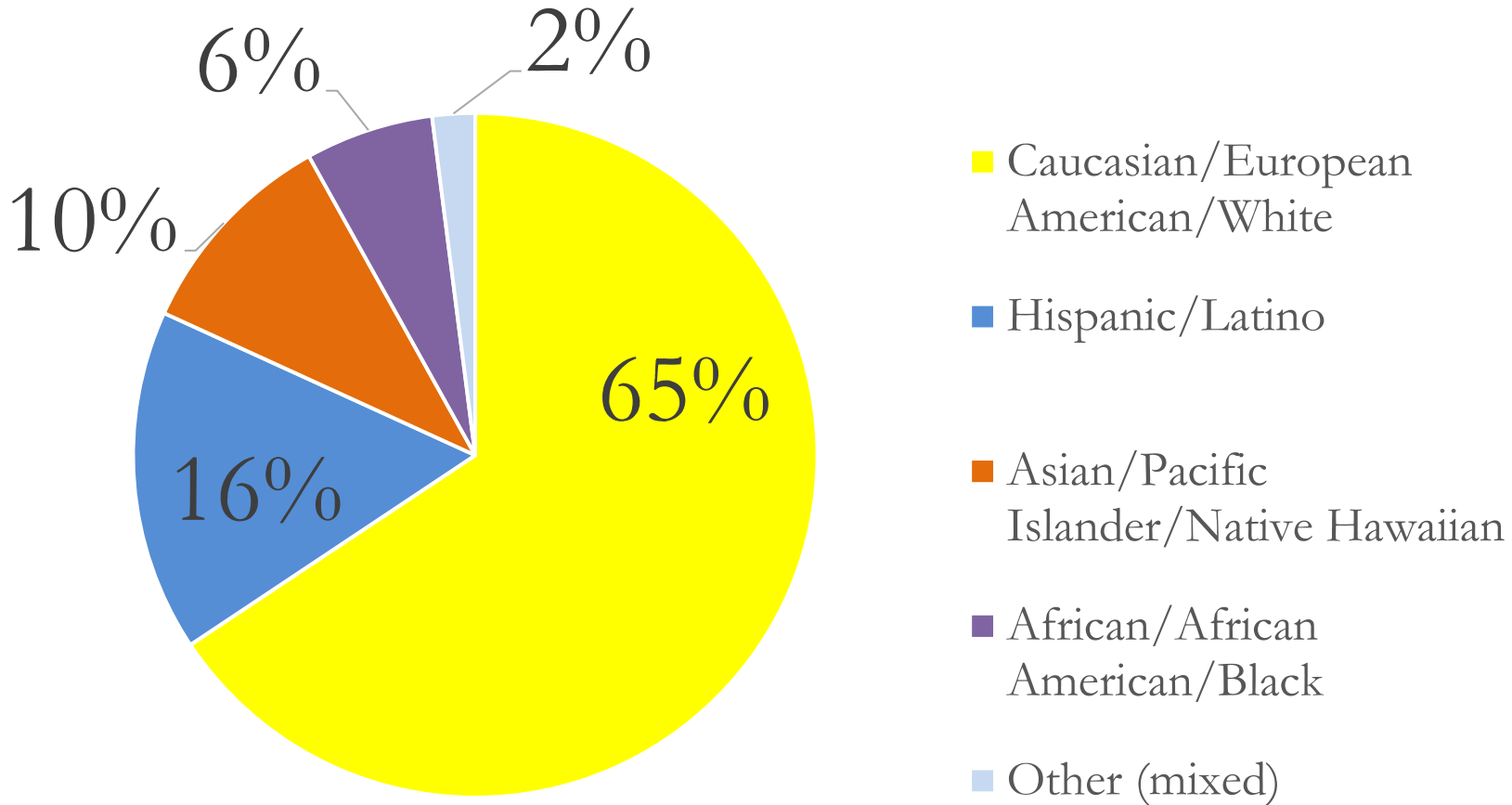
Average Age of Responding Ordinands Between 2000 and 2021



The Class of 2021 follows the pattern in recent years of average age at ordination in the mid-thirties. The average age among all responding ordinands is 34 years old this year (Ordination Class of 2021). By comparison, responding ordinands were 34 years old on average in previous year (Ordination Class of 2020), and 33 years old on average two years ago (Ordination Class of 2019).

Due to relatively small number of responding ordinands in religious institutes, their average age is relatively volatile from one year to another.

Race & Ethnicity

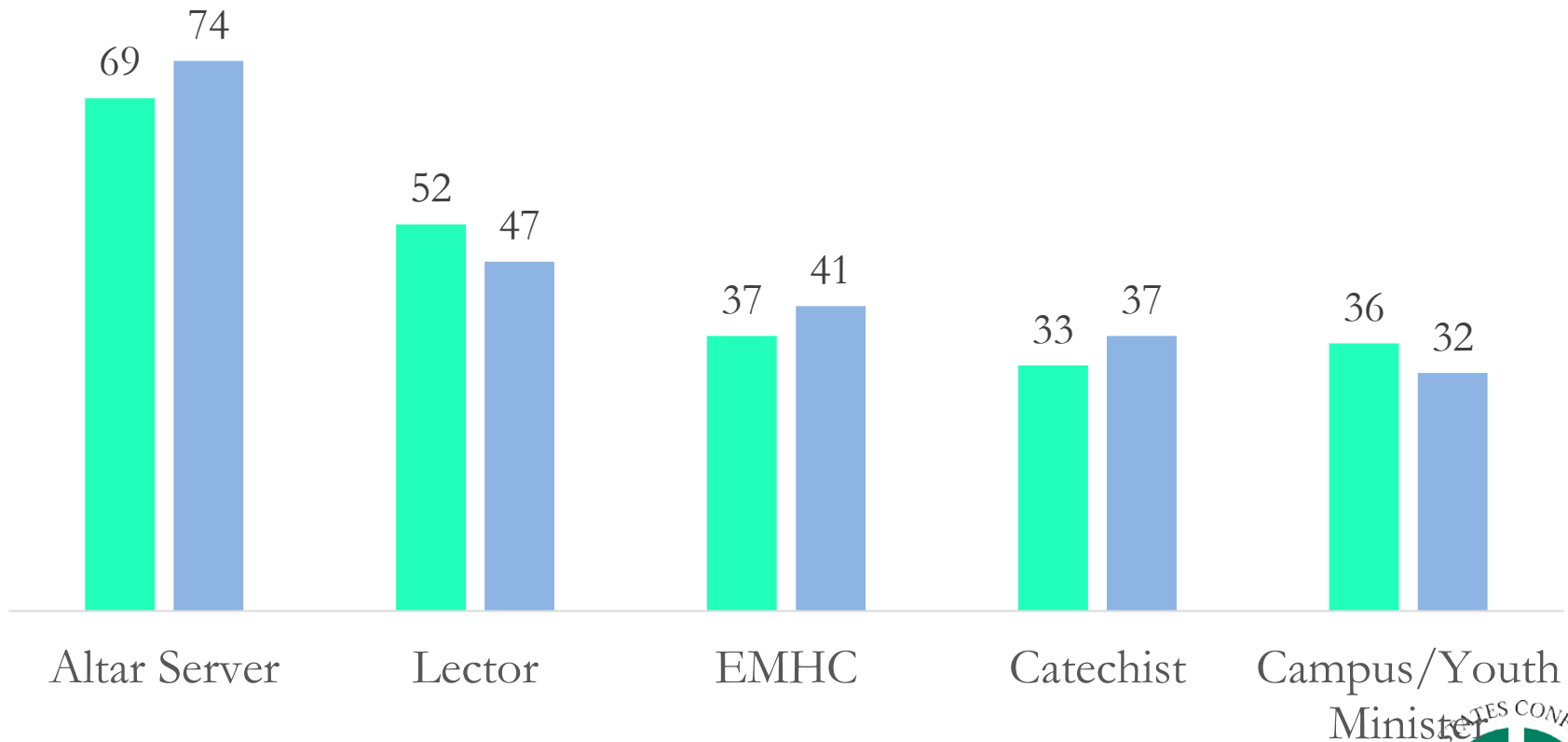


Other than the United States, the most common countries of origin are Mexico, Vietnam, Philippines, and Poland.



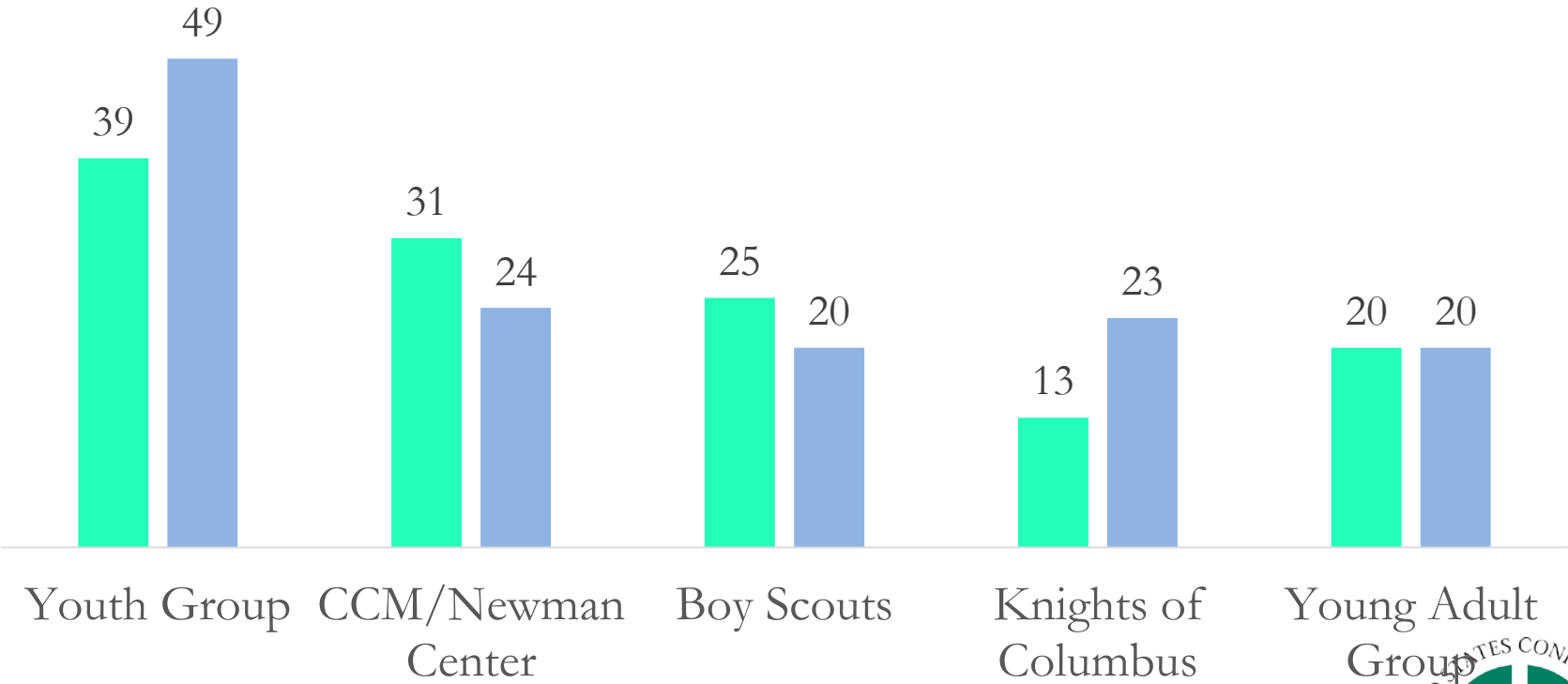
Participation in Parish Ministries

■ Religious % ■ Diocesan %



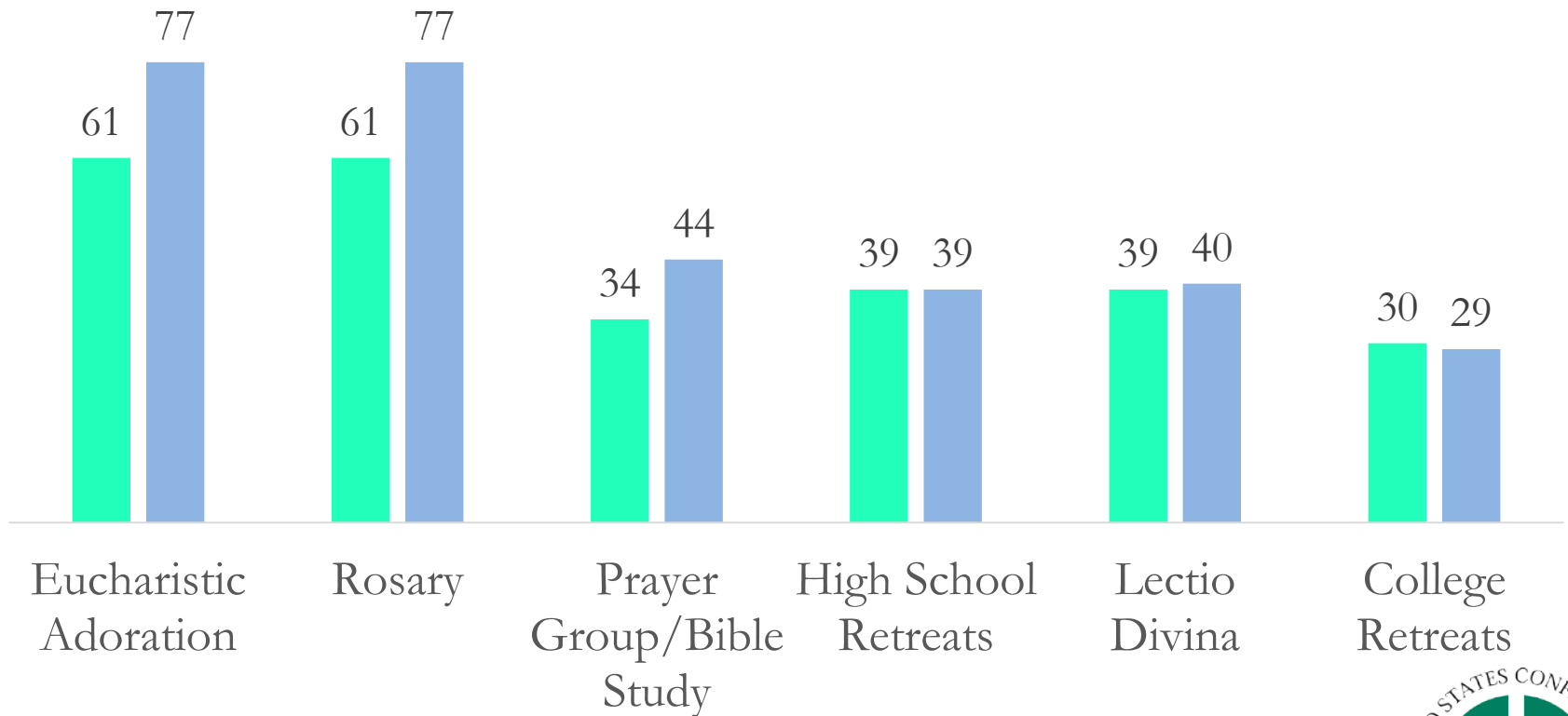
Participation in Faith-Related Activities

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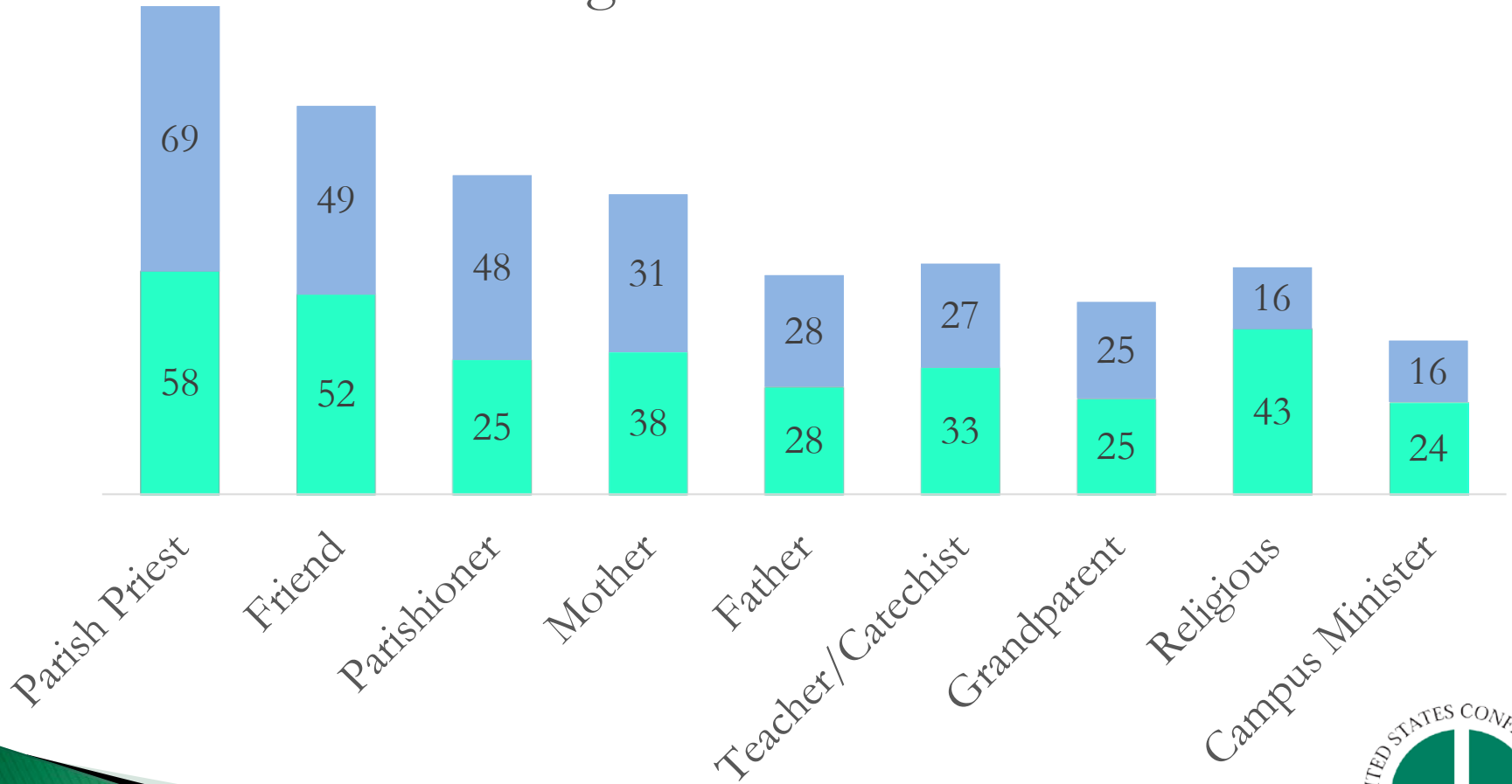
Pre-Seminary Prayer Practices

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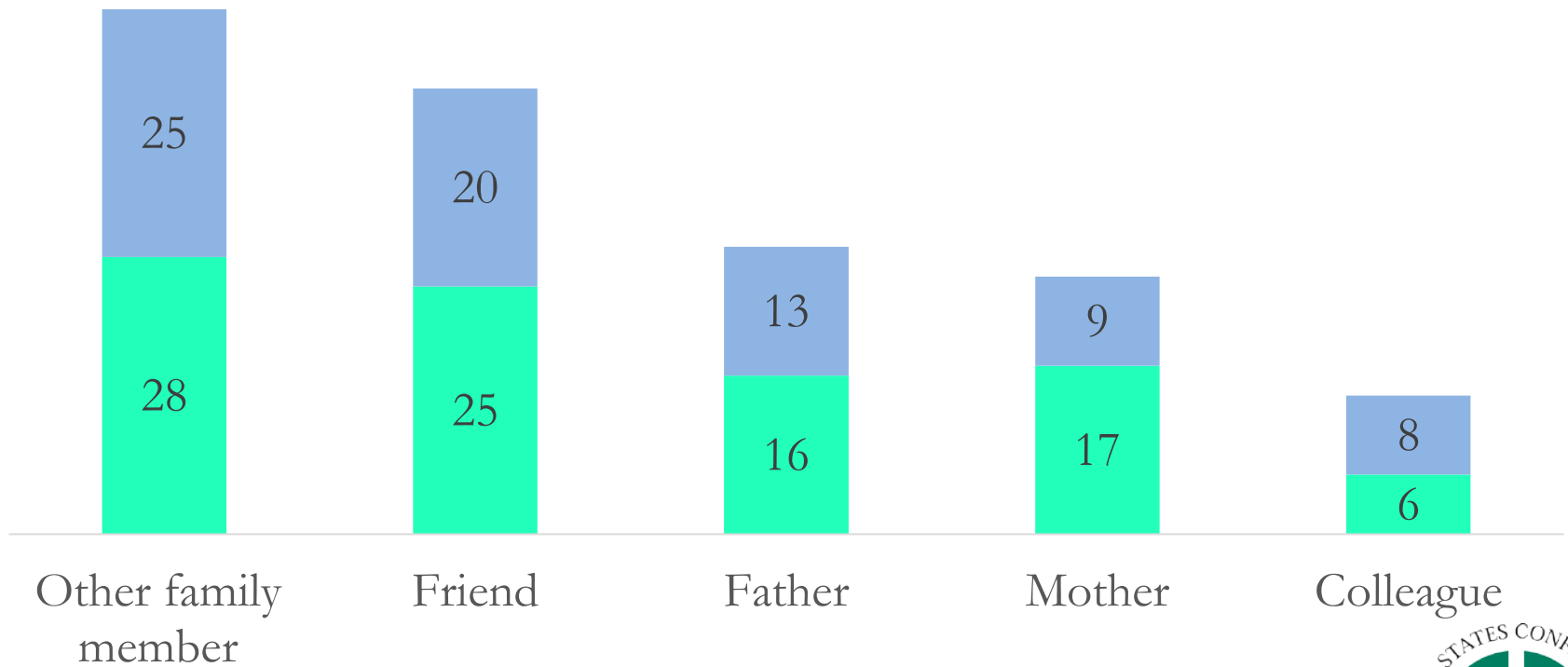
Sources of Encouragement

■ Religious % ■ Diocesan %



Sources of Discouragement

■ Religious % ■ Diocesan %



Contribution of Formation Activities (“Somewhat” or “Very Much” %)

Activity	2020	2021
Pastoral Year Internship	89	86
Spirituality Year	76	74
Thirty Day Retreat	70	71
Clinical Pastoral Education	70	78
Priestly fraternity group	65	71
Pastoral Language Immersion	64	64
IPF	69	69
ESL	56	54



"I have been thinking about becoming a priest ever since I was eight years old. This fascination with the priesthood came from observing the heroic work of priests in my hometown and the importance my family placed on the Mass."



LEONEL SEPULVEDA

Archdiocese of Chicago

"I was born in India, grew up in England and now, being ordained for the Diocese of Columbus in America. Ultimately God is in control of our lives, and the sooner we realize it, the less we will struggle with our lives. Nevertheless, we do have the responsibility to be faithful to him each day – this never changes – our call to holiness."



EUGENE JOSEPH

Diocese of Columbus

"My vocation was born out of having experienced the visceral and unconditional love of God when I needed it most in my life. It is only by the grace of God that I'm alive today and am now a Capuchin brother whose future priesthood is to share this love of God with all of creation!"



MIKE DORN

Order of Friars Minor Capuchin