

Vocations in the United States

Serra Rally: January 14, 2022

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Agenda

- Overview of CCLV
- Seminary Enrollment
- Ordination / Profession Class Findings



CCLV Committee & Staff

- Bishop James Checchio
(Chairman)
- Bishop Earl Boyea
(Chairman-elect)
- Bishop Ronald Hicks
(Serra episcopal liaison to
CCLV) + 5 Bishops
- Rev. Luke Ballman,
Executive Director
- Rev. Daniel Hanley,
Associate Director
- Ms. Casey Brusnahan,
Administrative Assistant



CCLV Mission

- *Promotion, support, and formation* for those in the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life
- Address issues concerning the life and ministry of bishops
- Develop foundation documents (e.g., PPF, *National Directory, Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests*)



CCLV 2021-2024 Strategic Priorities

- Foster a Stronger Culture of Vocations in Youth/Young Adult and Campus Ministry
- Increase the Ethnic Diversity of New Vocations, especially among Hispanics
- National Directory (Deacons)
- Program of Priestly Formation (Seminarians)
- Basic Plan for Ongoing Formation (Priests)



CCLV Annual Projects

- World Day for Consecrated Life (Feb. 2, 2022)
- World Day for Vocations (May 8, 2022)
- World Day for the Sanctification of Priests (June 24, 2022)
- National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 6-12, 2022)
- CARA Annual Surveys (Profession, Ordination, Diaconate)



Asociación Nacional
de Sacerdotes
Hispanos en Estados
Unidos

Clergy

National Association
of Diaconate
Directors

National Organization for
the Continuing Education
of Roman Catholic
Clergy

United States
Conference of
Secular Institutes

Conference of
Major Superiors
of Men

Conference of
Major Superiors of
Women Religious

Consecrated
Life

United States
Association of
Consecrated
Virgins

National
Conference of
Vicars for
Religious

Leadership
Conference of
Women Religious

Institute for Priestly
Formation

Priestly
Formation

National Association of
Catholic Theological
Schools

National Association of
College Seminaries

Serra International

Vocations

National Conference of
Diocesan Vocation
Directors

National Religious
Vocation Conference

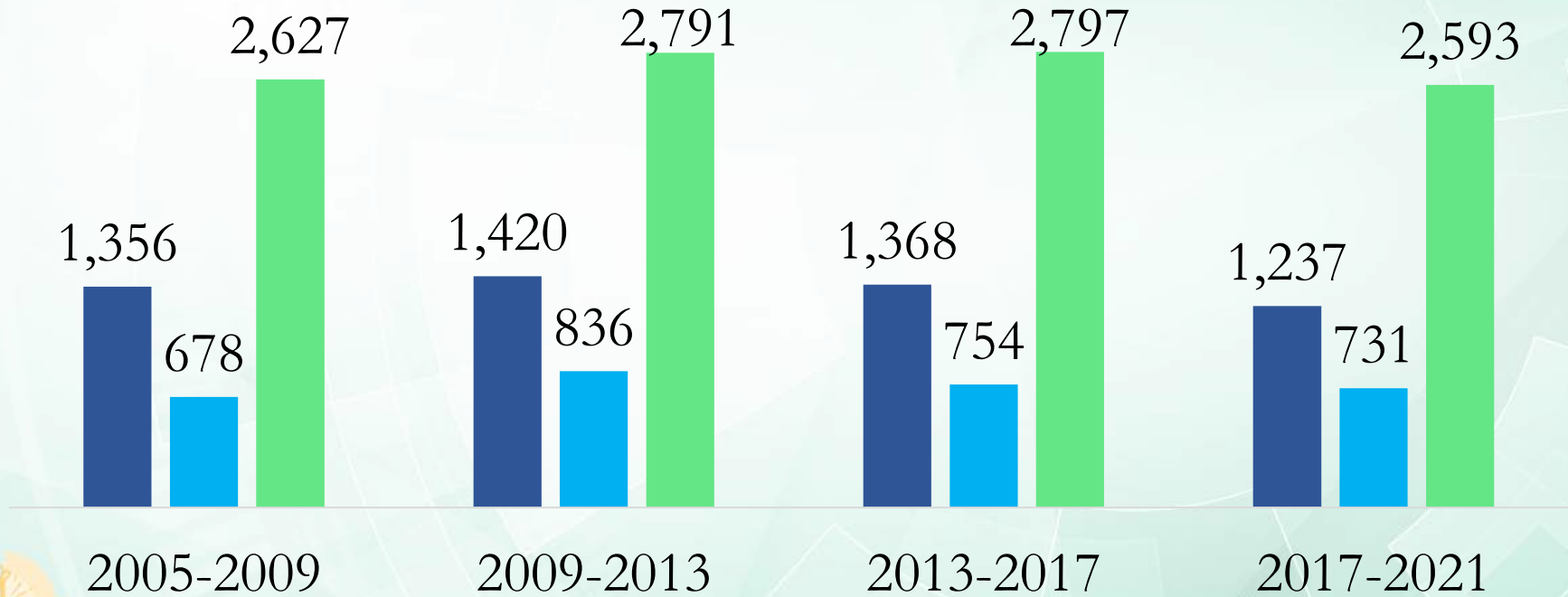
Seminary Enrollment Trends

June 2021

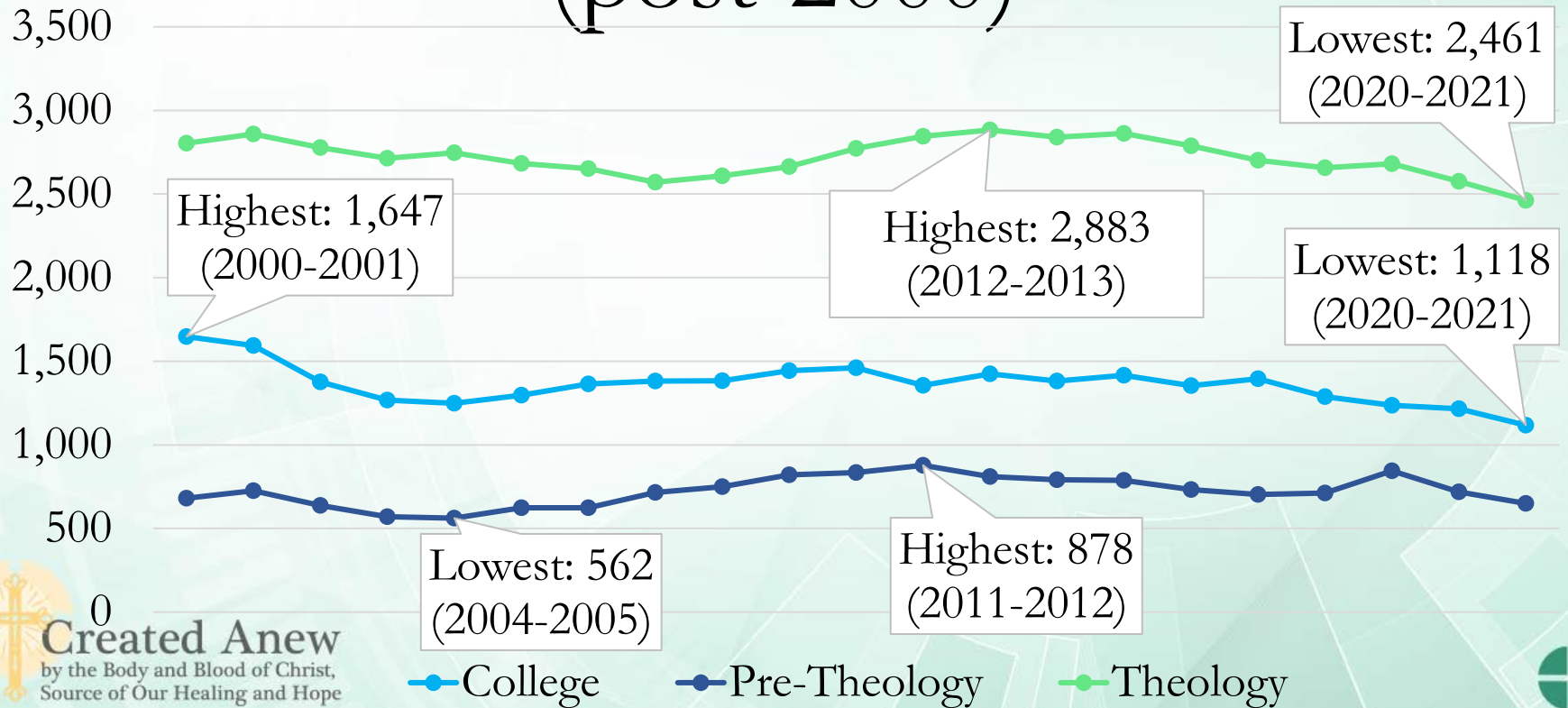
Source: Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, *Catholic Ministry Formation Directory*. Edited by Michal J. Kramerek, Ph.D; Thomas P. Gaunt, SJ, Ph.D.
Washington, DC: Georgetown University, 2021.



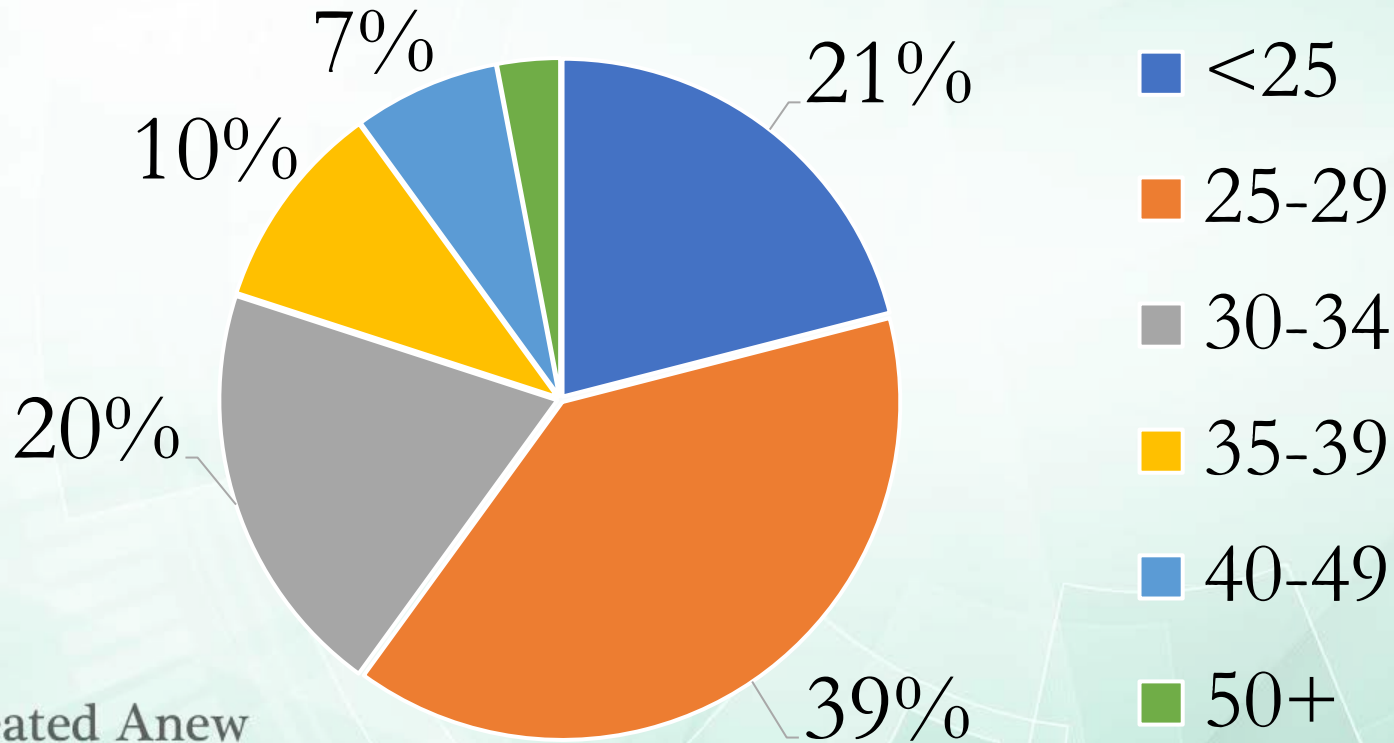
Seminary Enrollment (post-2005 average)



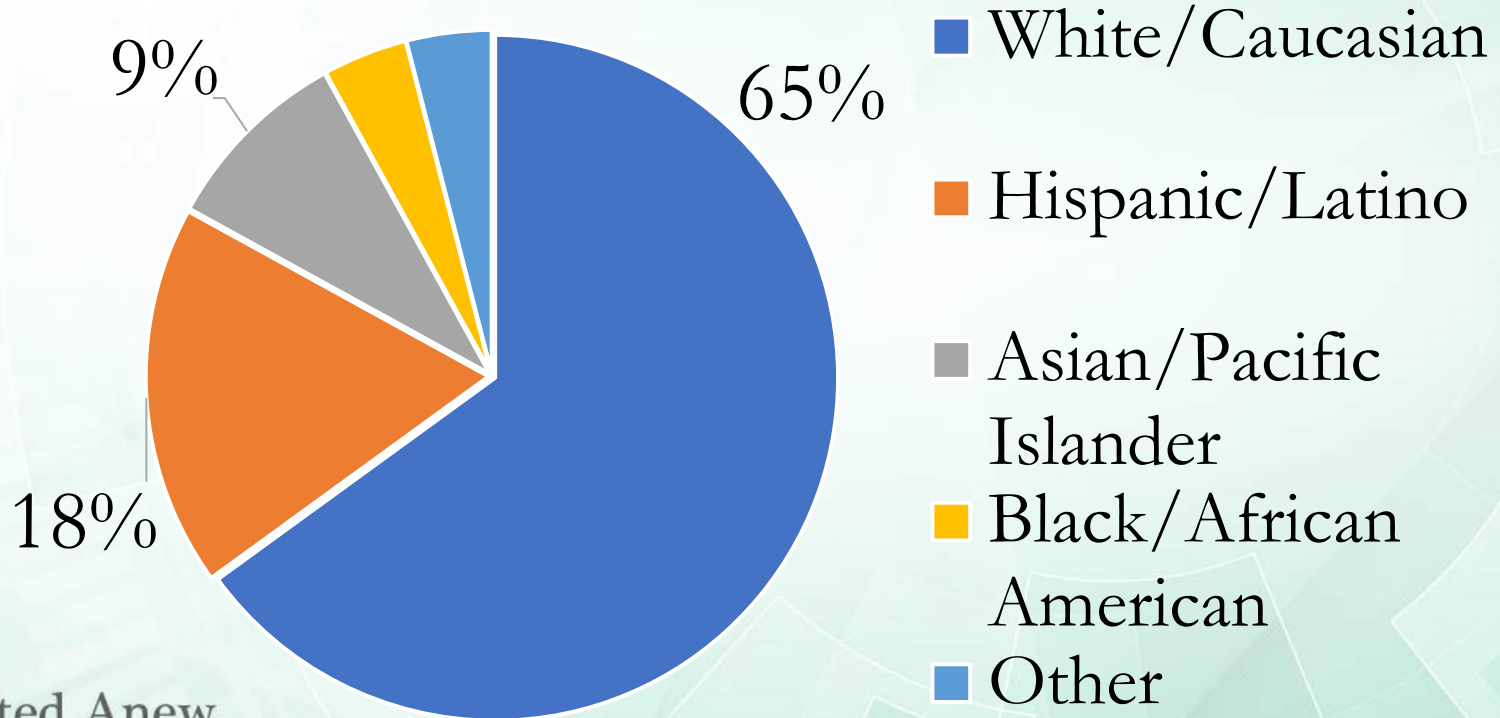
Seminary Enrollment (post-2000)



Age Distribution of Theologate



Race & Ethnicity of Theologate

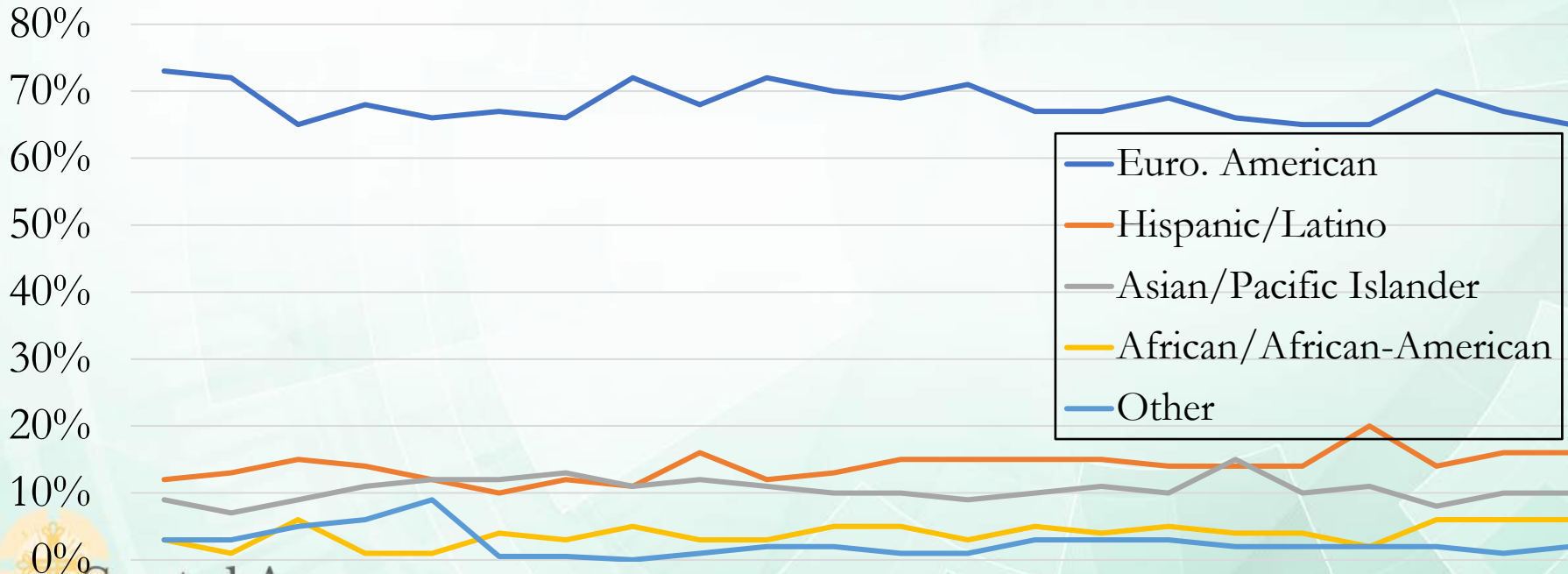




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by the Body and Blood of Christ,
Source of Our Healing and Hope



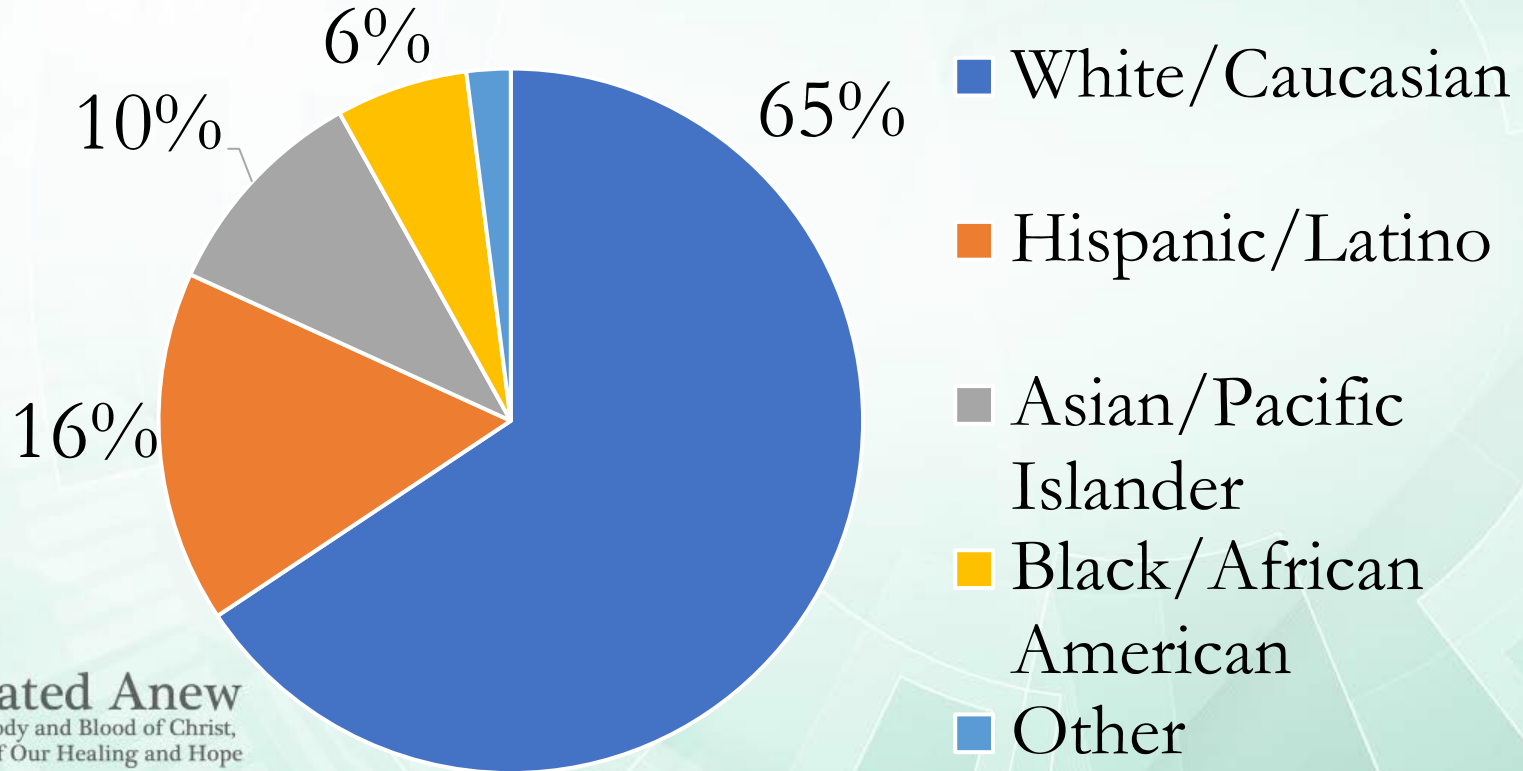
Racial/Ethnic Diversity of Ordinands (post-2000)*



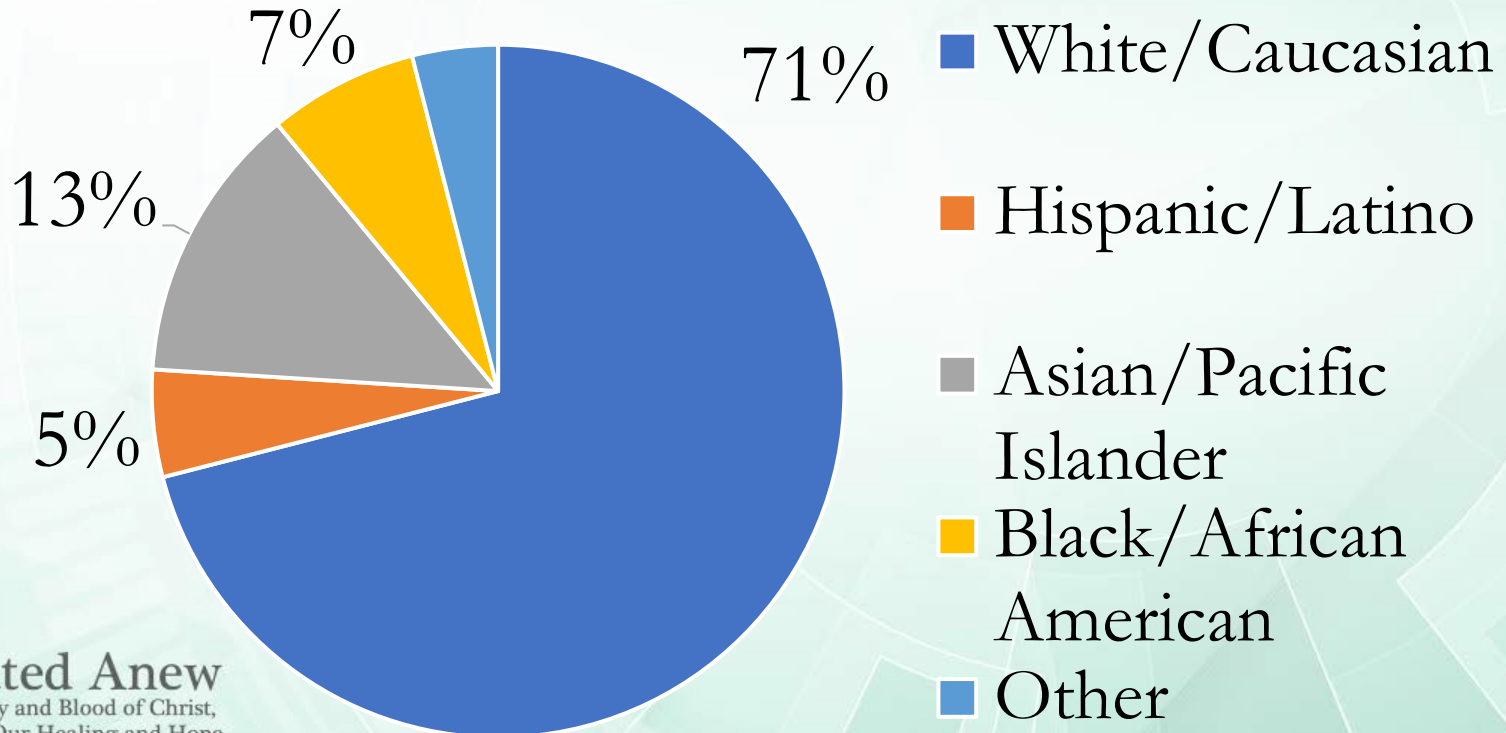
*from Ordination Class Of surveys



Ordination Class of 2021: Race & Ethnicity

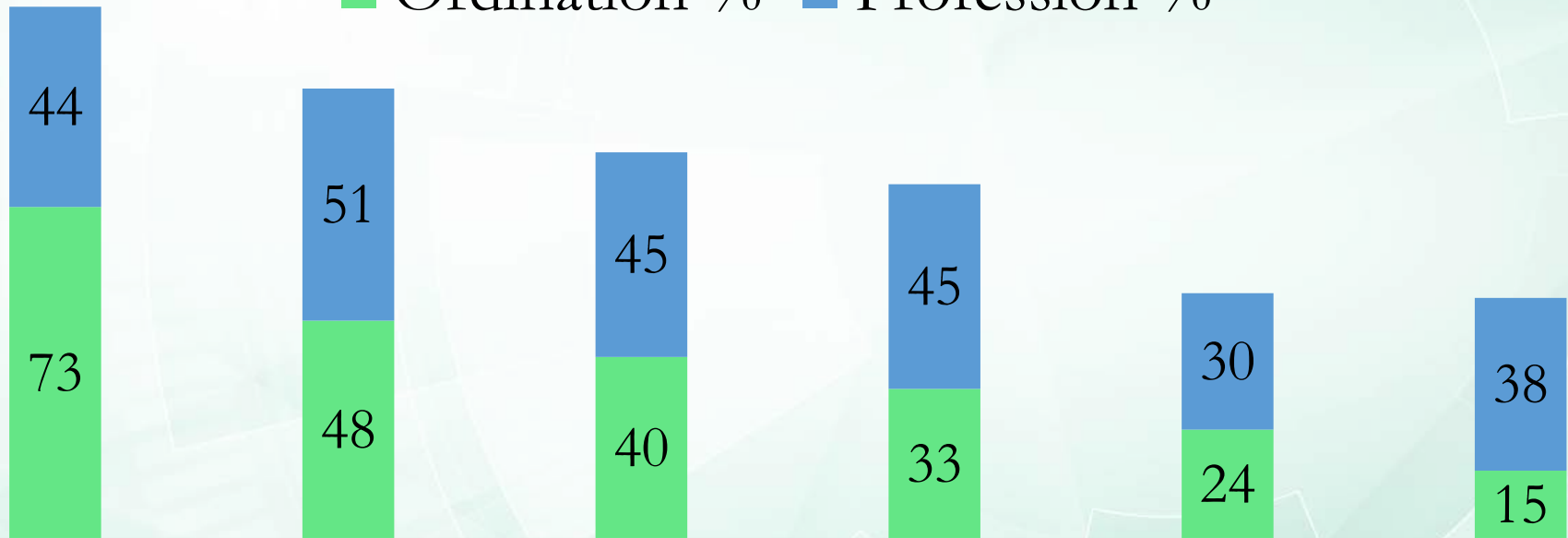


Profession Class of 2020: Race & Ethnicity



Participation in Parish Ministries

■ Ordination % ■ Profession %



Altar Server

Lector

EMHC

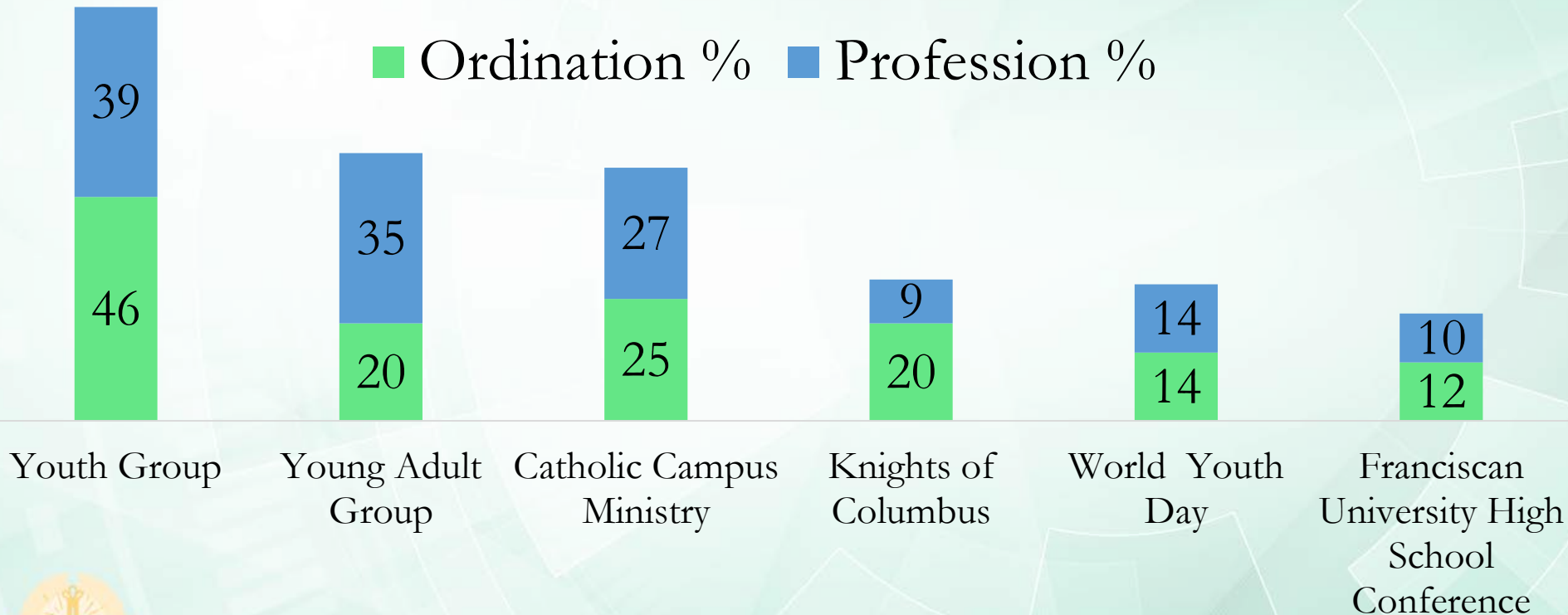
Campus/Youth
Ministry

Music Ministry

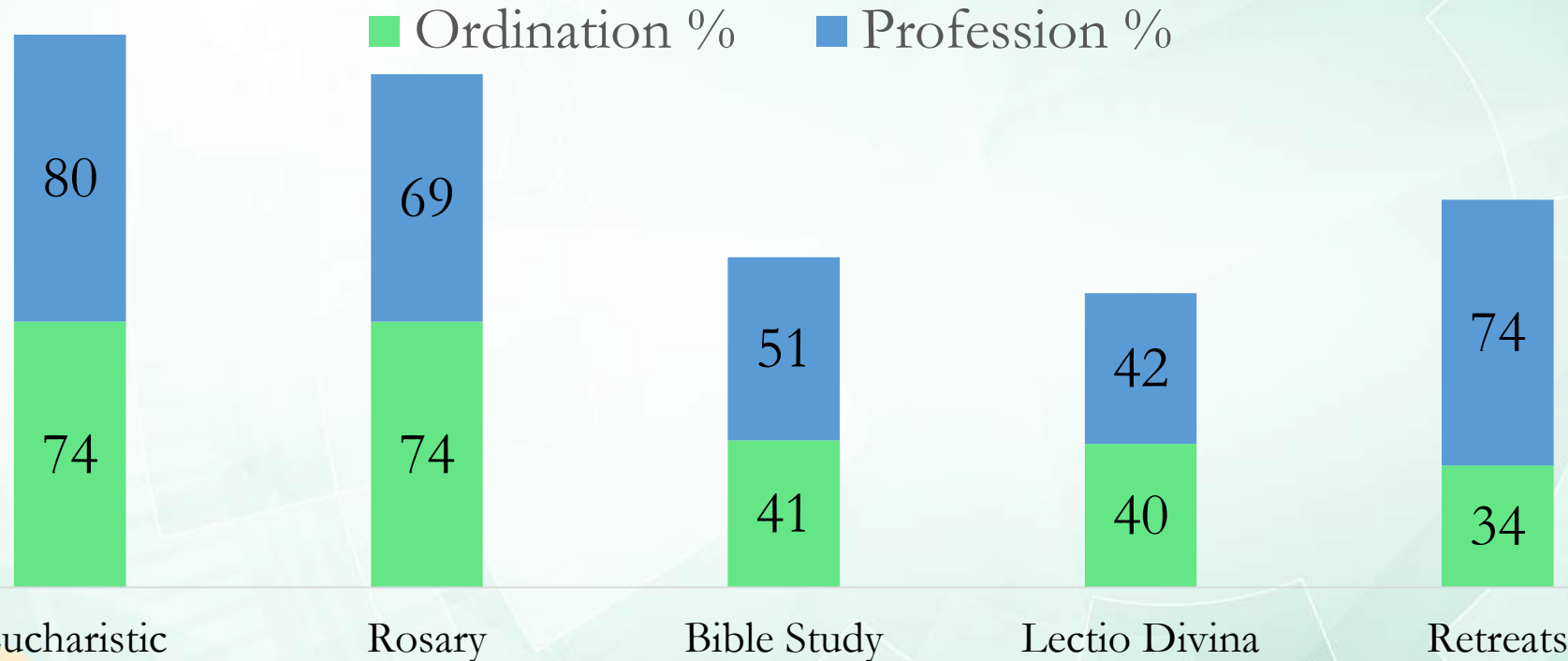
Faith Formation
Ministry



Participation in Faith-Related Activities

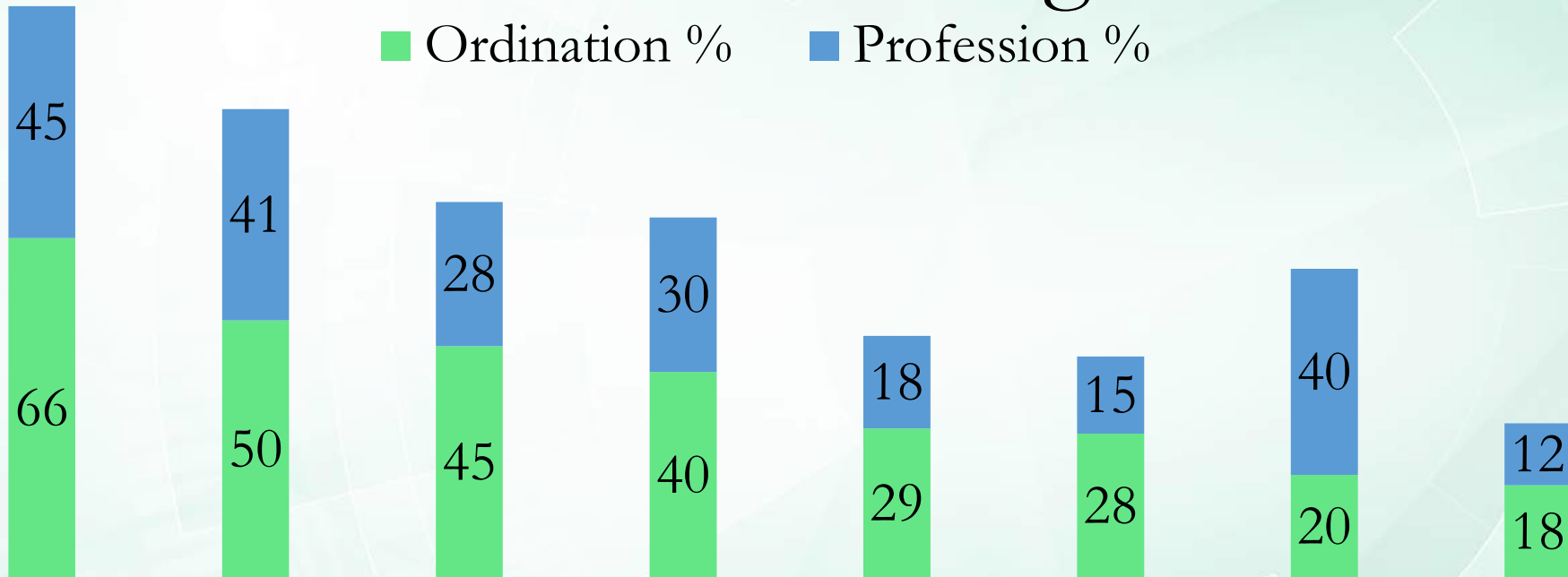


Prayer Practices before Entrance



Sources of Encouragement

■ Ordination % ■ Profession %



Parish Priest

Friend

Parishioner

Mother

Father

Teacher

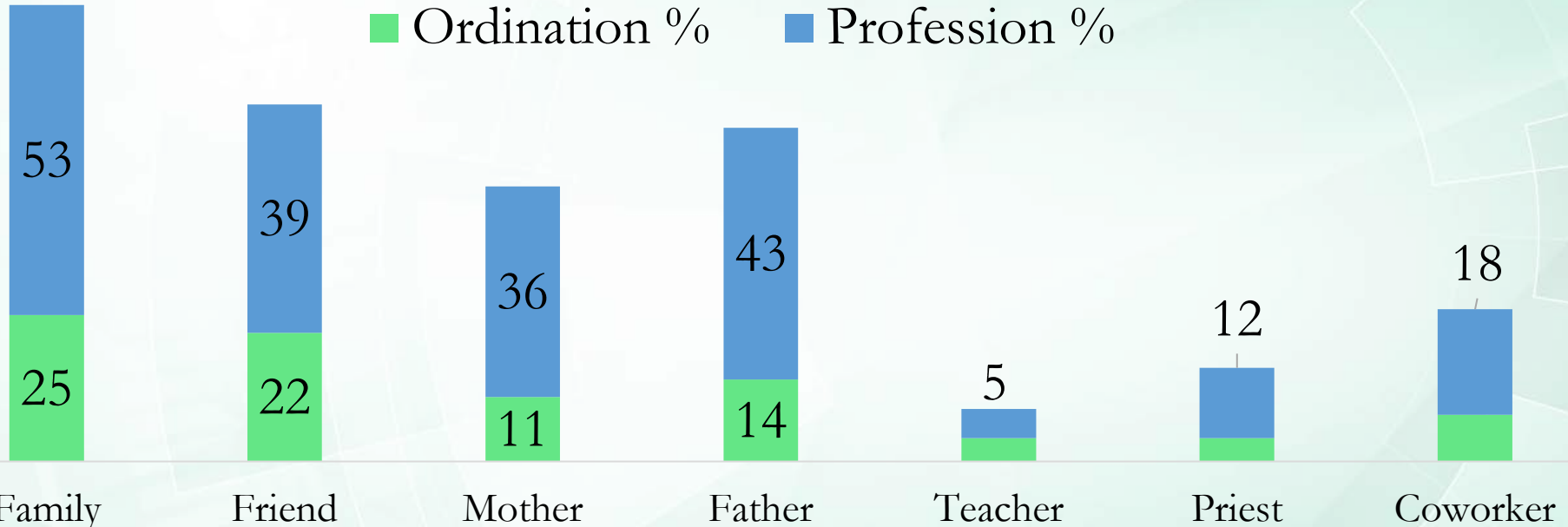
Religious

Campus Minister



Sources of Discouragement

■ Ordination % ■ Profession %



Family member (not parents)

Friend

Mother

Father

Teacher

Priest

Coworker

