## Methodology

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<th><strong>Sample size</strong></th>
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Field Partners

Due to the global nature of the project, B&A has assembled a team of top-notch professionals around the world to assist with the logistics of conducting the research. In addition to our own staff of experienced researchers we have enlisted the expertise of in-country polling research partners who assisted in the data collection process.

- Ales Market Research
- Efficienc3
- Field-LinQ
- Hugo Haime & Asociados
- IMAS International
- Latin Field
- Prestige Research
- SDR Consulting
- Smart Outcome Services
Methodology
The world was divided into 5 “continents”

North America
Latin America
Europe
Africa
Asia-Pacific
Methodology

Twelve countries were chosen for the interviews because they were (a) representative of all Catholics in their “continents” and (b) either had the largest number of Catholics in each “continent” or the highest concentration of Catholics in each “continent”:

- **North America (8%)**
  - United States

- **Latin America (39%)**
  - Argentina
  - Brazil
  - Colombia
  - Mexico

- **Europe (24%)**
  - France
  - Italy
  - Poland
  - Spain

- **Africa (17%)**
  - Democratic Republic of the Congo
  - Uganda

- **Asia-Pacific (12%)**
  - Philippines
Catholic Doctrine
Major Finding

• The majority of Catholics worldwide disagree with Catholic doctrine on divorce, abortion, and contraceptives.

• The majority of Catholics in Europe, South America and the United States disagree with Catholic doctrine on the marriage of priests and on women becoming priests.
DIVORCE
Do you agree or disagree with Catholic Church policy on divorce that says: “An individual who has divorced and remarried outside of the Catholic Church, is living in sin which prevents them from receiving Communion”?

- 58% Agree
- 38% Disagree
- 4% No answer
**DIVORCE**

Do you agree or disagree with Catholic Church policy on divorce that says: “An individual who has divorced and remarried outside of the Catholic Church, is living in sin which prevents them from receiving Communion”?

**By Continent**

- **Europe**
  - Agree: 19%
  - Disagree: 75%
  - No answer: 6%

- **Latin America**
  - Agree: 30%
  - Disagree: 67%
  - No answer: 3%

- **North America**
  - Agree: 32%
  - Disagree: 60%
  - No answer: 8%

- **Asia-Pacific**
  - Agree: 50%
  - Disagree: 46%
  - No answer: 4%

- **Africa**
  - Agree: 75%
  - Disagree: 19%
  - No answer: 6%
DIVORCE

Do you agree or disagree with Catholic Church policy on divorce that says:
“An individual who has divorced and remarried outside of the Catholic Church, is living in sin which prevents them from receiving Communion”?

By Church Attendance

- Frequent:
  - Support: 45%
  - Oppose: 50%
  - No answer: 5%

- Infrequent:
  - Support: 20%
  - Oppose: 75%
  - No answer: 5%
**ABORTION**
Do you think that abortions should be allowed in all cases, allowed in some cases, or should it not be allowed at all?

- **Allowed in all/some cases**: 65%
  - 57%: Allowed in some cases
  - 8%: Allowed in all cases
- **Not allowed at all**: 33%
- **No answer**: 2%
ABORTION
Do you think that abortions should be allowed in all cases, allowed in some cases, or should it not be allowed at all?

By Socio-Economic Status

- **Upper class / Upper middle class**
  - Allowed in all/some cases: 77%
  - Not allowed at all: 20%
  - No answer: 3%

- **Middle class**
  - Allowed in all/some cases: 69%
  - Not allowed at all: 29%
  - No answer: 2%

- **Lower class**
  - Allowed in all/some cases: 57%
  - Not allowed at all: 42%
  - No answer: 1%
**ABORTION**
Do you think that abortions should be allowed in all cases, allowed in some cases, or should it not be allowed at all?

**By Country**

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CONTRACEPTIVES
Do you support or oppose the use of contraceptives?

- Support: 78%
- Oppose: 19%
- No answer: 3%
CONTRACEPTIVES
Do you support or oppose the use of contraceptives?
By Church Attendance

- Frequent: 72% Support, 24% Oppose, 3% No answer
- Infrequent: 90% Support, 8% Oppose, 2% No answer
MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS
Do you think that Catholic priests should be allowed to marry?

- Yes: 50%
- No: 47%
- No answer: 3%
MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS
Do you think that Catholic priests should be allowed to marry?

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MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS

Do you think that Catholic priests should be allowed to marry?

By Age

18-34
- Yes: 45%
- No: 52%
- No answer: 3%

35-54
- Yes: 51%
- No: 46%
- No answer: 3%

55 or over
- Yes: 54%
- No: 42%
- No answer: 4%
MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS

Do you think that Catholic priests should be allowed to marry?

By Marital Status

- Single (Never married): 48% Yes, 48% No, 4% No answer
- Married: 49% Yes, 47% No, 3% No answer
- Divorced / Separated: 61% Yes, 35% No, 4% No answer
WOMEN BECOMING PRIESTS
Do you think that women should be allowed to become Catholic priests?

- Yes: 51%
- No: 45%
- No answer: 4%
**WOMEN BECOMING PRIESTS**
Do you think that women should be allowed to become Catholic priests?

*By Continent*

- **Europe**: 64% Yes, 30% No, 6% No answer
- **North America**: 59% Yes, 36% No, 5% No answer
- **Latin America**: 49% Yes, 47% No, 4% No answer
- **Asia-Pacific**: 21% Yes, 76% No, 3% No answer
- **Africa**: 17% Yes, 80% No, 3% No answer

![Graph showing the breakdown by continent](image-url)
WOMEN BECOMING PRIESTS

Do you think that women should be allowed to become Catholic priests?

*By Church Attendance*

- **Frequent**
  - Yes: 37%
  - No: 60%
  - No answer: 3%

- **Infrequent**
  - Yes: 63%
  - No: 32%
  - No answer: 5%
WOMEN BECOMING PRIESTS
Do you think that women should be allowed to become Catholic priests?

By Gender

- **Male**
  - Yes: 45%
  - No: 51%
  - No answer: 4%

- **Female**
  - Yes: 44%
  - No: 52%
  - No answer: 4%
GAY MARRIAGE
Major Finding

• The majority of Catholics worldwide oppose marriage between two persons of the same sex.
Do you support or oppose marriage between two persons of the same sex?

- Support: 30%
- Oppose: 66%
- No answer: 4%
Do you support or oppose marriage between two persons of the same sex?

*By Continent*

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By Age

- **18-34**: 65% Support, 4% Oppose, 6% No answer
- **35-54**: 64% Support, 5% Oppose, 6% No answer
- **55+**: 67% Support, 6% Oppose, 6% No answer

Support | Oppose | No answer
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65% | 4% | 6%
64% | 5% | 6%
67% | 6% | 6%
Do you support or oppose marriage between two persons of the same sex?

By Socio-Economic Status

- **Upper class / Upper middle class**: 47% Support, 6% Oppose, 4% No answer
- **Middle class**: 29% Support, 4% Oppose, 4% No answer
- **Lower class**: 25% Support, 4% Oppose, 4% No answer
Do you think that the Catholic Church should perform marriages between two persons of the same sex?

- Yes: 76%
- No: 19%
- No answer: 5%
Pope Francis
Major Finding

- 10 months into his Papacy, Pope Francis enjoys almost unanimous positive ratings among Catholics worldwide.
How would you rate the job that Pope Francis has been doing since he was elected Pope earlier this year?

- Excellent / Good: 41% (46%)
- Mediocre / Poor: 5% (6%)
- No answer: 7%
How would you rate the job that Pope Francis has been doing since he was elected Pope earlier this year?

**By Continent**

- **Europe**
  - Excellent / Good: 90%
  - Mediocre / Poor: 2%
  - No answer: 8%

- **North America**
  - Excellent / Good: 89%
  - Mediocre / Poor: 3%
  - No answer: 8%

- **Latin America**
  - Excellent / Good: 88%
  - Mediocre / Poor: 9%
  - No answer: 3%

- **Africa**
  - Excellent / Good: 85%
  - Mediocre / Poor: 4%
  - No answer: 11%

- **Asia-Pacific**
  - Excellent / Good: 82%
  - Mediocre / Poor: 3%
  - No answer: 15%
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Demographics
Gender

- Female: 52%
- Male: 48%
Age

- 35% (35-54)
- 28% (18-34)
- 36% (55+)

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Church Attendance

- Frequent: 69%
- Infrequent: 30%
- No answer: 1%
- Other: 40%
Marital Status

- 47% Single
- 8% Married
- 1% Divorced
- 44% No answer
Socio-Economic Status

- 43% Upper/Upper Middle
- 41% Middle
- 15% Lower/Poor
- 1% No answer