

Survey on partnership, marriage and family in a Roman-Catholic context

Thank you for participating in this survey. We kindly ask you to fill out the entire questionnaire. The results are to be published before the ordinary world Synod of Bishops on the theme of partnership, marriage and the family in autumn 2015. The results are also to be made available to the Pope in an appropriate form.

We would like to give you an opportunity to express your opinion on these issues.

Questions about marriage:

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
1) Is marriage within the Catholic Church important to you personally?					

	Yes	No
2) Did you get married in the Catholic Church?		

If not, please skip to question 4).

	Yes	No	No answer
3a) Do you remember the preparation provided by the Catholic Church prior to your church wedding?			

If not, please skip to question 3c).

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
3b) Was that preparation helpful for your future married life?					

	Yes	No
3c) Have you <i>asked for</i> help from a pastor during your marriage (e.g. during a marital crisis)?		

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
3d) Regardless of whether you have asked for help or not, have you <i>received</i> help from a pastor or from the Church in any other way during your marriage (e.g. during a marital crisis)?					

If not, please skip to question 4).

3e) What kind of help have you received? Please describe.

	In favour	Somewhat in favour	Somewhat against	Against	No answer
4) What do you think in principle about a couple living together "on a trial basis" before marriage?					

5) What do you think the Church should do to support couples in their relationship / marriage?

Questions about the importance of belief in the family

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
6) Is a Christian education of children important to you?					

	Yes	No
7) Do you have children?		
	How many?	

If not, please skip to question 11).

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
8) If Christian education of children is important to you, do you feel as a parent that you manage to pass on the aspects of catholic belief that are important to you to your children?					

	At least once a day	At least once a week	At least once a month	At least once a year	Never	No answer
9) How often do you pray together with your children?						

10) What religious rituals do you practice with your children (e.g. grace before or after meals, singing Christian songs, saying the rosary, evening prayer or similar activities)?

Questions about remarried divorcees

	In favour	Somewhat in favour	Somewhat against	Against	No answer
11) What is your opinion on the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church that says divorcees who remarry outside the Church live in sin and are therefore excluded from the Eucharist?					

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
12) Would you like the Roman Catholic Church to approve and bless the remarriages of divorcees?					

Questions about contraception

	Yes	No
13) Do you know of any natural methods of contraception?		

	Yes	No
14) Do you know of any artificial methods of contraception?		

If not, please skip directly to question 17).

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
15) If so, do you prefer the use of artificial methods of contraception to the use of natural methods?					

16) If you prefer one of the two types of contraceptives to another, why do you prefer it?

Questions about homosexual couples

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
17) Would you like the Church to approve and bless same-sex partnerships?					

If not or no answer, please skip directly to question 19).

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
18) Do you think same-sex couples should be allowed to marry in the Catholic Church?					

Questions about official positions of the Roman Catholic Church on partnership, marriage and family

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
19) Do you know the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church on family issues?					

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
20) If you know any of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church on family issues, do you agree with them?					

21) In your opinion, what are the greatest obstacles to establishing the ideal family according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church?

	In all cases	In some cases	Under no circumstances	No answer
22) Do you think abortion should be allowed in all cases, in some cases (e.g. when the mother's life is in danger), or under no circumstances?				

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
23) Do you think Roman Catholic priests should have the choice between either celibate or married life?					

	Yes	Somewhat	Not really	No	No answer
24) Do you think women should be allowed to be deacons within the Roman Catholic Church?					

25) Is there anything you would like to tell the Pope and the authorities in the Roman Catholic Church concerning family and partnership issues?

26) Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Information about the participant (Please fill out - important):

- 1) Age (in years) _____
- 2) Sex
 - Male
 - Female
 - No answer
- 3) Marital status
 - Single
 - Married
 - Separated / Divorced
 - Widowed
 - In a same-sex partnership
- 4) Denomination / religious affiliation
 - Roman Catholic
 - Other Christian denomination
 - Non-Christian religion
 - No religious affiliation
- 5) How often do you attend mess?
 - Every week
 - More than once a month
 - More than once a year
 - Never
- 6) How would you describe the place you live?
 - Metropolis or city
 - Town
 - Village

Thank you for your participation!