

Belief in Real Presence Corresponds to Frequency of Mass Attendance

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Question / Response	<p>Regardless of the official teaching of the Catholic Church, what do you personally believe about the bread and wine used for Communion? During Catholic Mass, the bread and wine...</p> <p>1. Actually become the body and blood of Jesus Christ (31%) 2. Are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ (69%)</p>	<p>Do you personally believe in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist?</p> <p>1. Yes, completely (97%) 2. Yes, but with some reservations (3%) 3. No (1%<)</p>																																																												
Completed Responses	1,835	12,680																																																												
Demographics	<p>GENDER Men: 45% Women: 55%</p> <p>AGE 18 – 29: 4% 30 – 49: 22% 50 – 64: 35% 65+: 39%</p> <p>RACE White: 43% Black: 3% Hispanic: 40% Other: 10% Refused: 4%</p>	<p>GENDER Men: 37% Women: 63%</p> <p>AGE < 25: 6% 25 – 44: 20% 45 – 54: 12% 55 – 64: 23% 65 – 74: 24% 75+: 16%</p> <p>RACE White: 85% Hispanic: 6% Other: 15%</p>																																																												
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