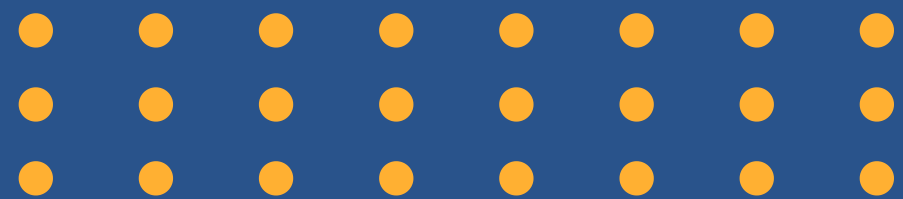
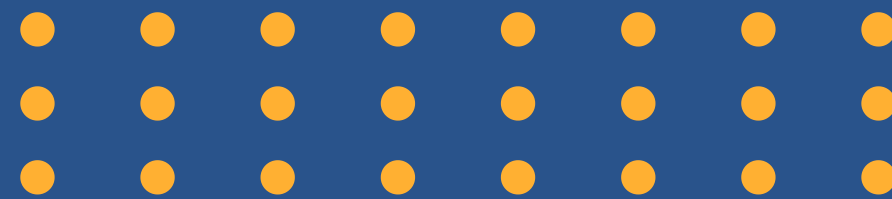


2025 CARA REPORT



**THE CENTER FOR APPLIED
RESEARCH IN THE
APOSTOLATE SOUGHT
SURVEY RESPONSES
FROM 140 RELIGIOUS
MEN AND WOMEN WHO
PROFESSED VOWS IN 2024.**

It received **140** responses, a response rate of **72%**.
Responses came from **73 sisters** and
67 brothers and priests.



Conclusion: **FAMILY** and
PARISH PRIESTS, alongside **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**, provide
optimal environments for a vocational call to growth.

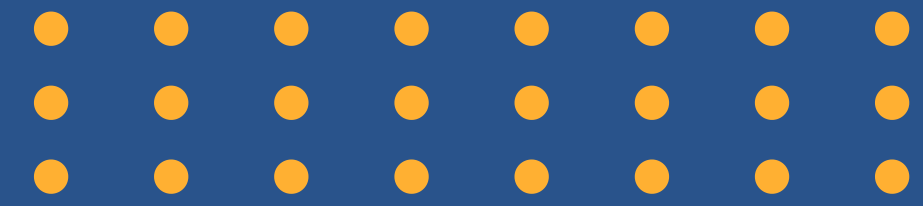


59% OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

**SAID A RELIGIOUS SISTER OR BROTHER
HAD BEEN AN ENCOURAGING
INFLUENCE ON THEIR VOCATION**

followed by a friend (59%), a parish priest (38%),
their mother (27%), their campus minister (25%),
or a parishioner (24%).

THE CALL



**18- AVERAGE AGE WHEN ORDINANDS FIRST
HEARD CALL TO RELIGIOUS LIFE**

37- AVERAGE AGE AT PROFESSION

BEFORE ENTERING SEMINARY

54% HAD **SERVED AT THE ALTAR**

73% REGULARLY TOOK PART IN
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

BEFORE ENTERING SEMINARY

43% HAD ATTENDED A CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-8)

64% PARTICIPATED IN RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION AT THEIR PARISH

49% HAD PARTICIPATED IN
THEIR PARISH YOUTH GROUP

DISCOURAGING INFLUENCES

**57% WERE DISCOURAGED FROM
CONSIDERING RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Friend or Classmate: 47%

Other Relative: 44%

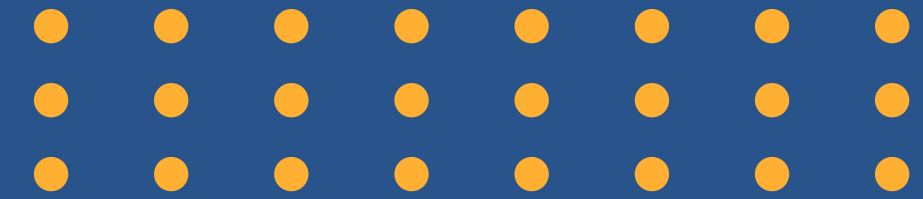
Mother: 44%

Father: 34%

Coworker: 20%

Priest: 4%

FAMILY LIFE



**90% WERE RAISED BY PARENTS
WHO WERE MARRIED AND LIVING
TOGETHER.**

**87% HAD PARENTS WHO WERE
BOTH CATHOLIC**

69% HAD TWO OR MORE SIBLINGS

FULL-TIME WORK EXPERIENCE BEFORE ENTERING SEMINARY

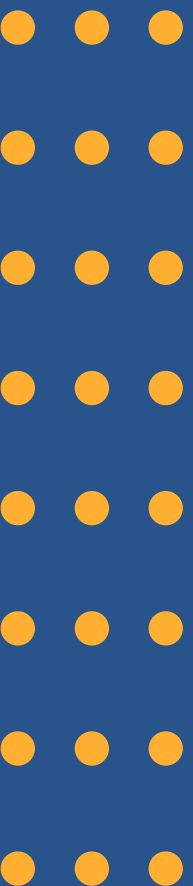
BUSINESS: 39%

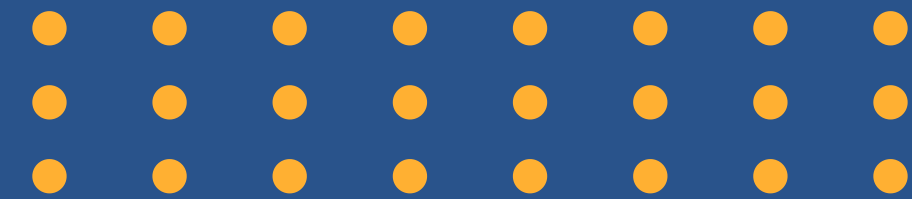
EDUCATION: 32%

CHURCH MINISTRY: 20%

HEALTHCARE: 6%

OTHER: 4%





HELP US BUILD A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS