

Catholics in favour of Church reform

Results of the International Study by Prof. Andrew Greeley and Prof. Michael Hout

	Spain	Ireland	USA	Italy	Poland	Philippines	Germany
Life of Laity Which would you consider more important in choosing a pope, that the pope show more concern about what life is like for ordinary people or that the pope should show more concern about religious issues?	87%	75%	69%	77%	51%	47%	79%
Married Priests Would you favor or oppose the next pope permitting priests to marry?	79%	82%	69%	67%	50%	21%	83%
Elect Bishops Currently Catholic bishops are appointed by the Vatican. In the past bishops were elected by priests and people within their own dioceses. Would you prefer the next pope to continue to appoint bishops or would you prefer to have bishops chosen by priests and people within their own diocese?	58%	63%	65%	67%	55%	51%	75%
Lay Advisers How would you feel about letting representative lay people have more of a voice in the Catholic Church for example by serving as advisors to the pope. Would you favor this.?	77%	82%	65%	62%	49%	68%	81%
Local Bishops Would you like to see the next pope give more decision making power to the bishops in this country or do you think the pope should continue to make most of the decisions for the church?	74%	63%	58%	48%	53%	37%	75%
Women Priests Would you favor or oppose the next pope allowing the ordination of women to the priesthood?	71%	67%	65%	58%	24%	18%	71%
More Change Would you like the next pope to be more open to change in the church or do you think things are OK the way they are?	74%	79%	65%	51%	56%	48%	76%
Average	74%	73%	65%	61%	48%	41%	78%

Statistical results of: THE LAITY AND REFORM IN THE CHURCH: A SIX NATION STUDY by the US religious sociologists Prof. Andrew Greeley and Prof. Michael Hout, 1996, <http://www.agreeley.com/articles/laity.html> Figures for Germany by Zentrum für Umfragen, Methoden und Analysen, Mannheim