

# Youth Ministry Survey 2010-2011

Diocese of Phoenix

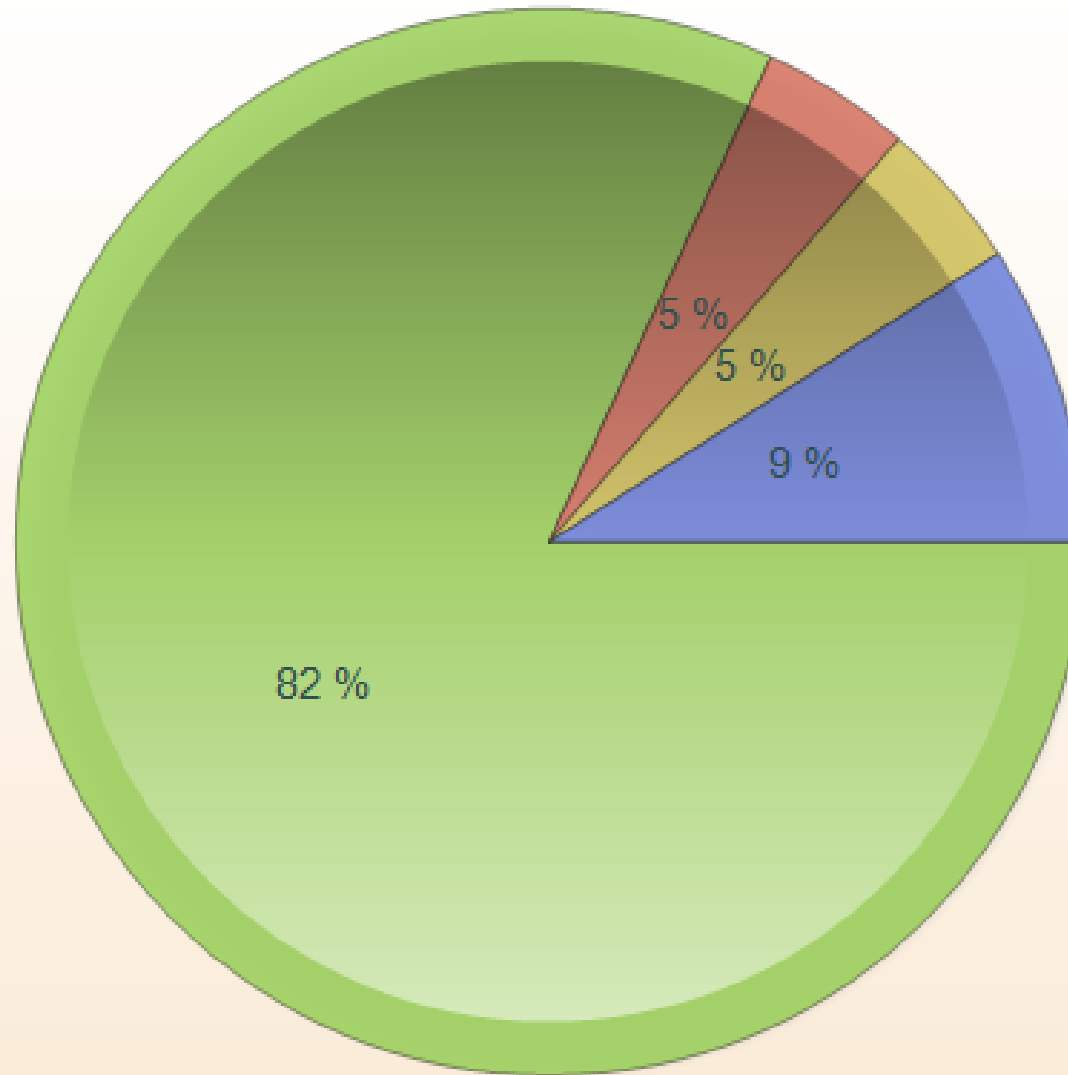


# Snapshot

- 92 Parishes
- 13 Missions
- 72 Youth Ministry Programs
- Youth Leaders
  - 28 Full Time Youth Leaders
  - 27 Part Time Youth Leaders
  - 9 Full Time DRE's in charge of Youth Ministry
  - 7 Volunteer Youth Leaders
- Average Youth Leader Salary \$43,560\*
  - \*includes spiritual benefits, actual fiscal salary varies

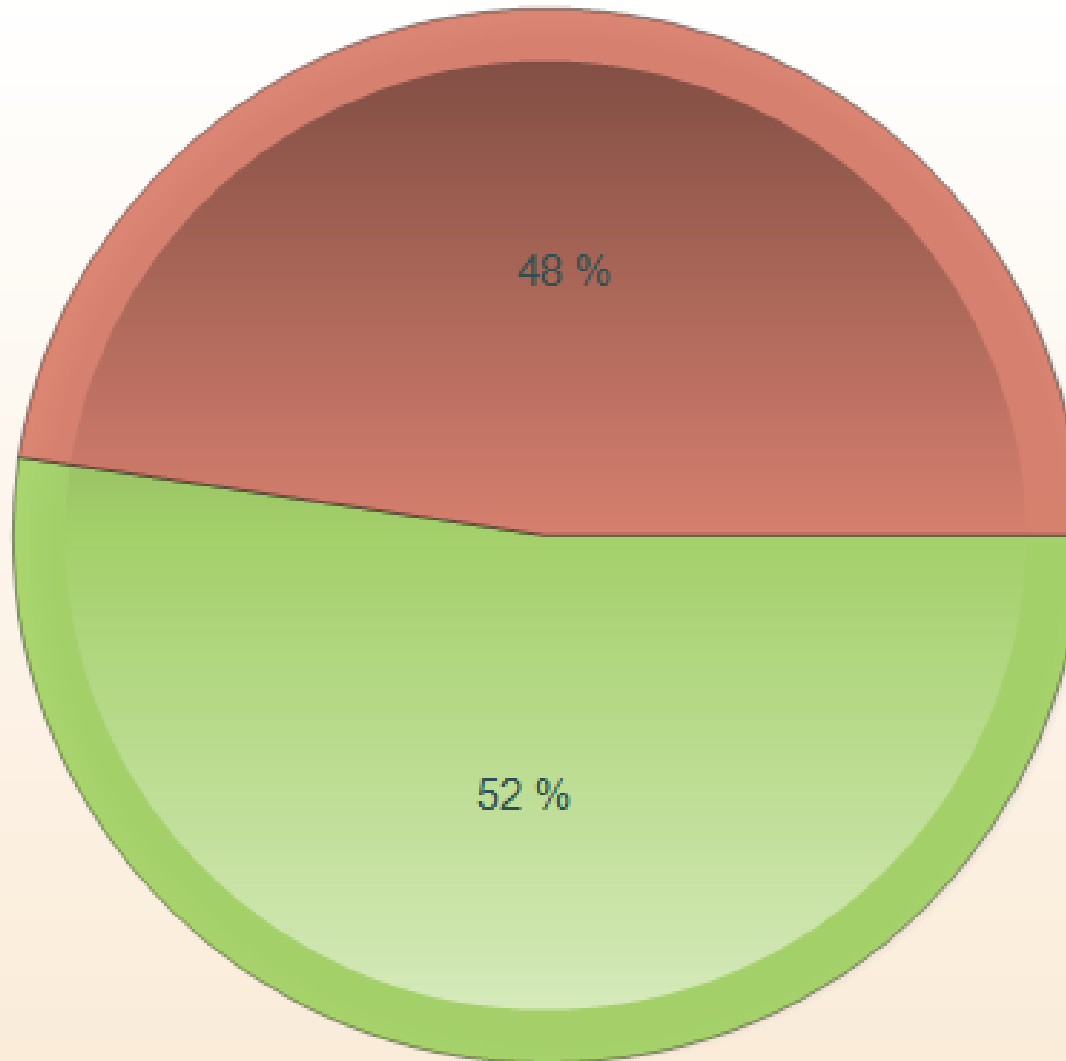
**How often does your teen program meet?**

Weekly Monthly A few times per year Other, please specify



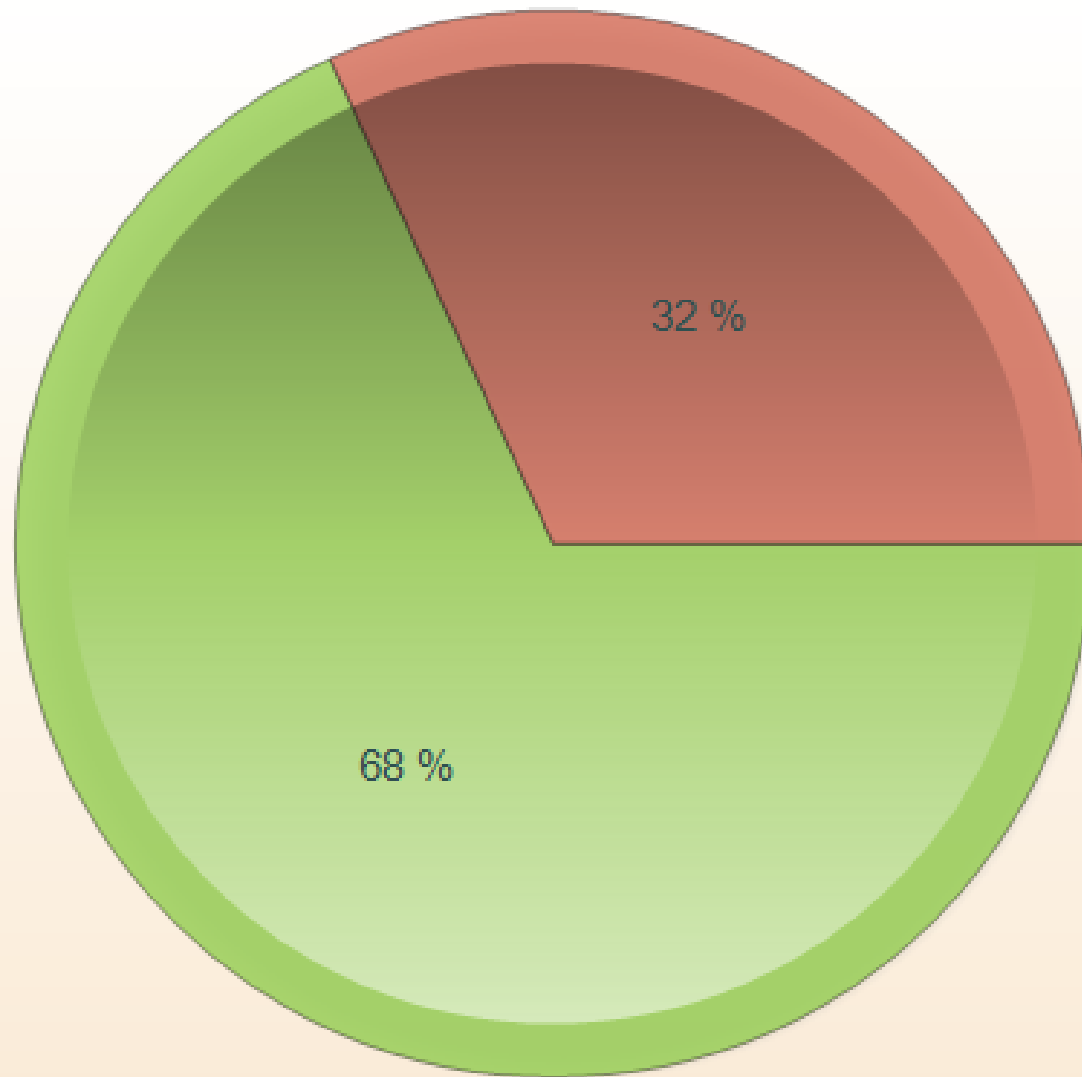
Does your parish offer a Mass connected to the Youth Program?

Yes No



**In addition to your regular meeting do you offer Bible Study or other activities?**

Yes    No    If yes, describe.



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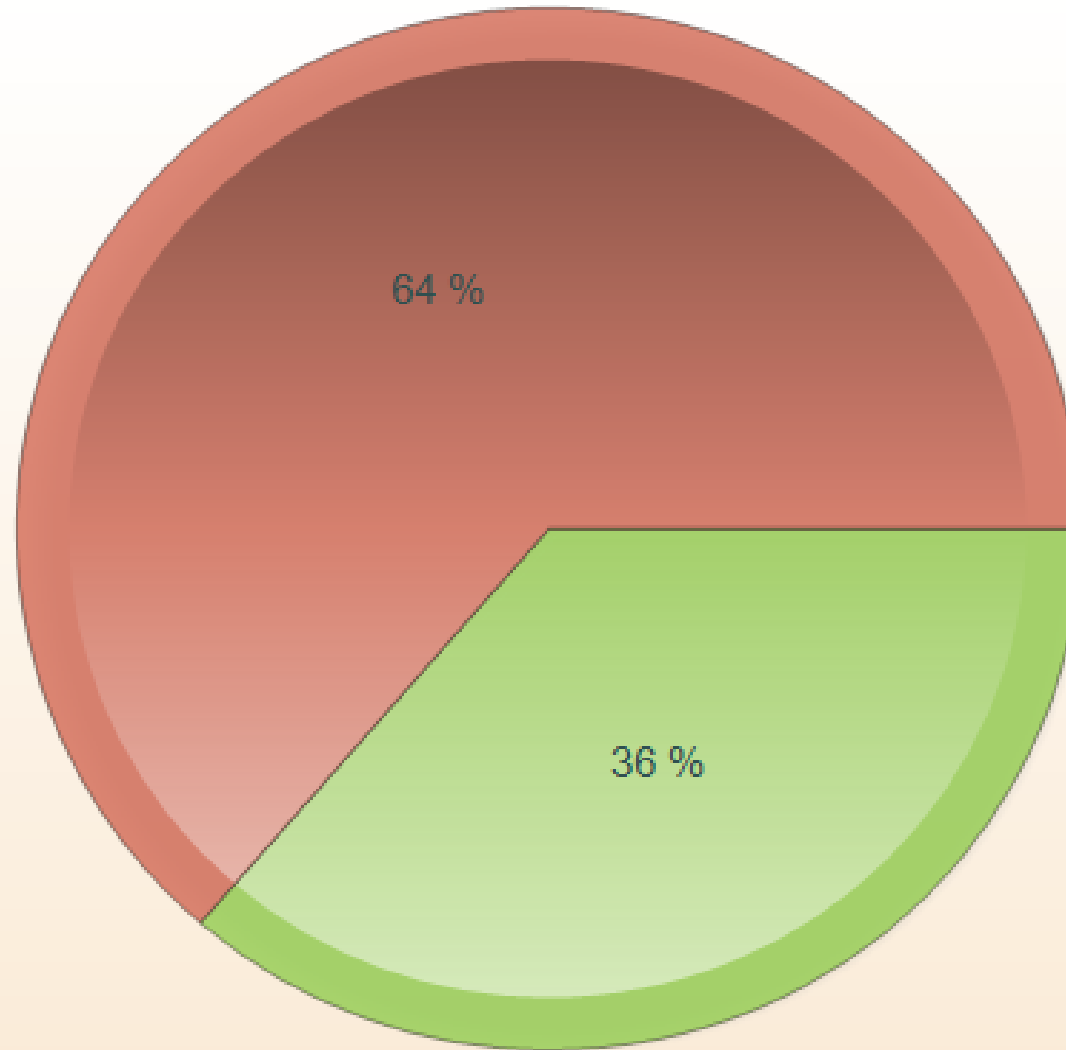
- Adoration Special Prayer Outings Summer Events Special Gatherings Mexico Missions South Africa Mission Retreats Open Gym
- Habitat for Humanity
- We have a prayer group/ Bible study every Wednesday. 2 hours long- 1st hour social, 2nd hour prayer.
- Social Events Service Projects Retreat
- Study Parties. Every Thursday core members and teens gather together to study, fill out college applications, read a good book, fill out job applications, finish homework, etc.
- Weekly Frisbee and fellowship time
- We don't offer Bible Study but we do offer other activities that pertain to the faith as well as social gatherings.
- We do different events all year long to bring the families together.
- We incorporate that into our program.
- A youth directed service project 3Xs a year. One Retreat per year. Hopefully will add a Scripture series soon.

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- Weekly social activities and bible study
- opportunity for leaders to meet and plan various YM related activities. We have a once monthly whole family gathering called Second
- Sunday's where we build the community and catechize. There are some service related ops as well. We also offer summer co-ed v-ball, and various social ops.
- Weds. afternoons at A.J.'s on Priest & Ray Rds.
- Praise and Worship
- We do community outreach...
- Seasonal retreats, community building activities
- Tuesday nights. We gather to play board games or watch movies. After which we talk about current trends in the world/life and offer
- Catholic perspectives on this. We dive into Bible Study as well.

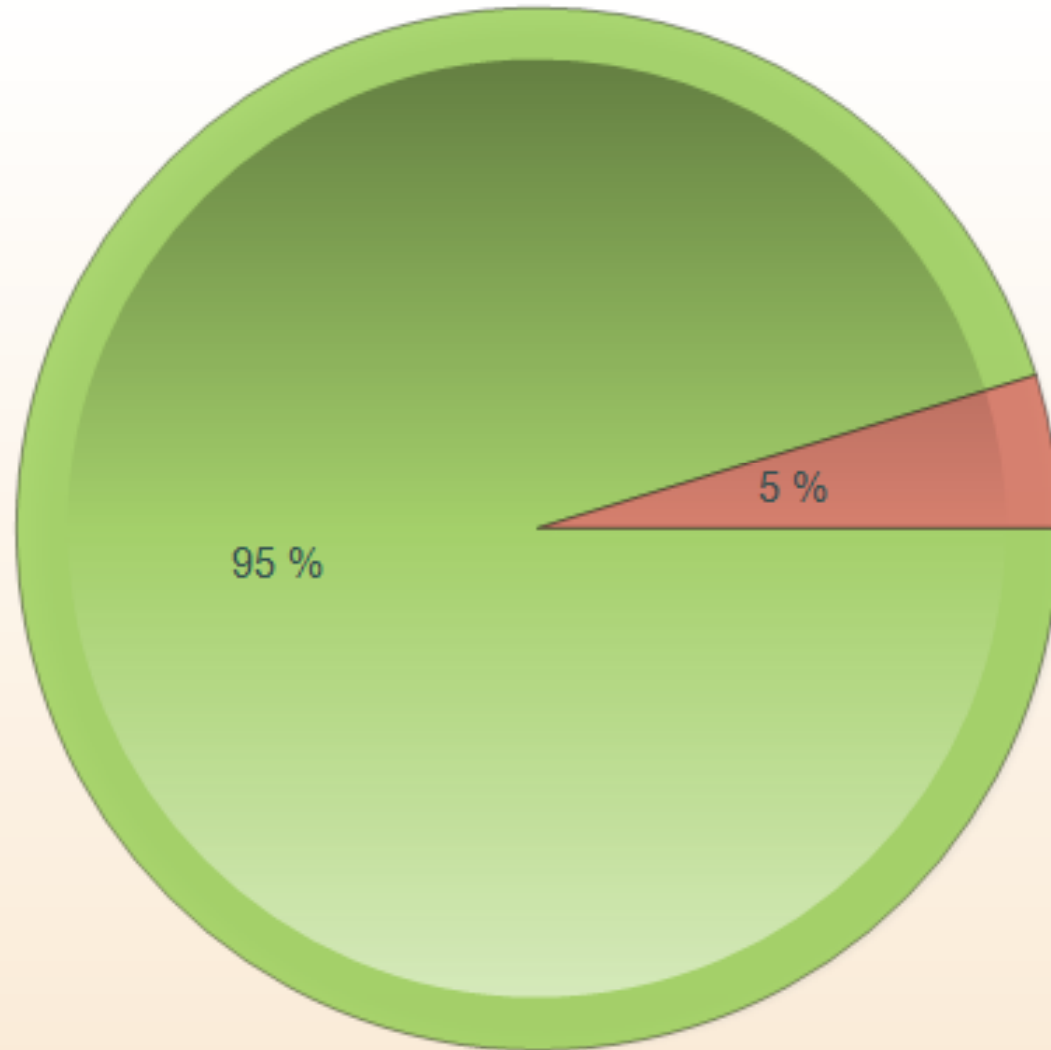
**Does your Youth Program follow a set curriculum?**

Yes No If yes, which curriculum?



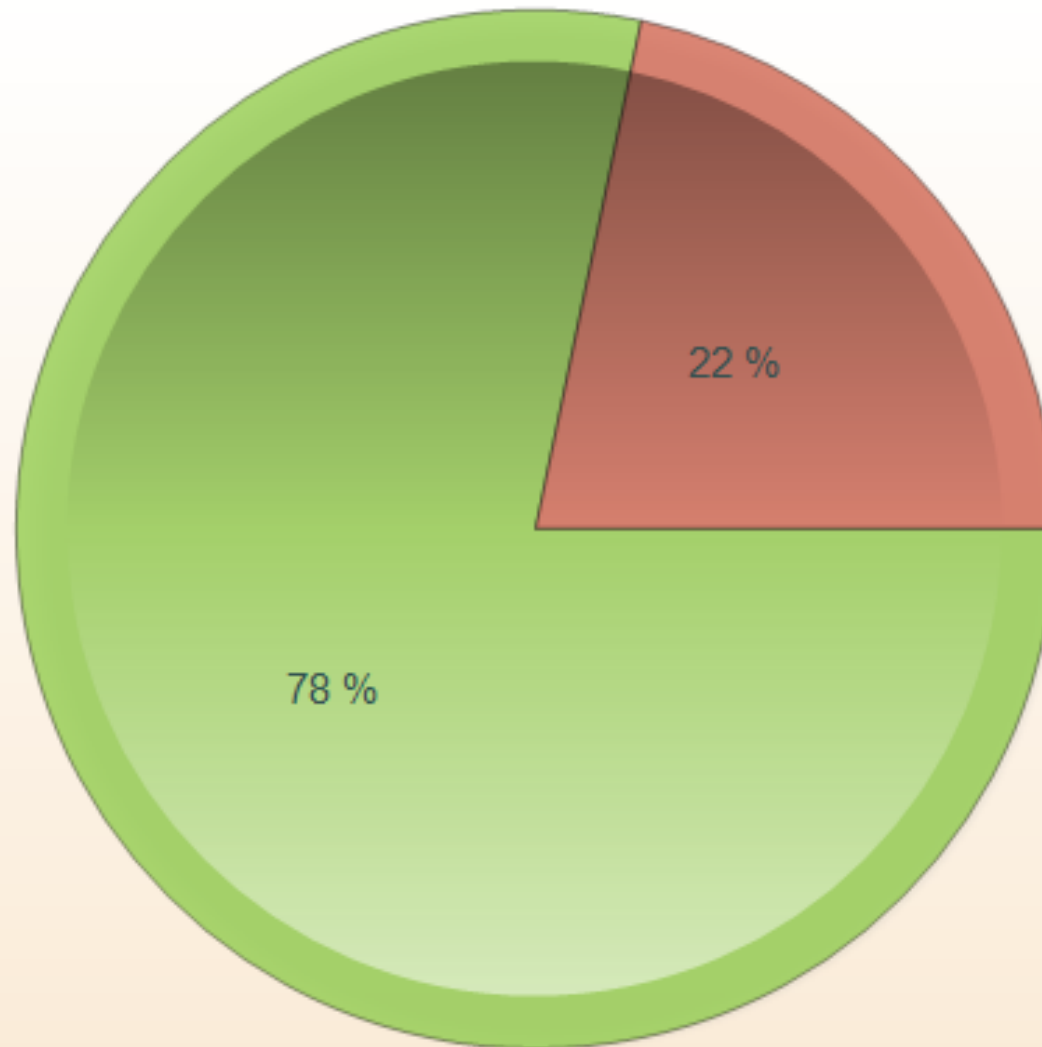
**Do you take your teens on retreat?**

Yes No If yes, where and how often?

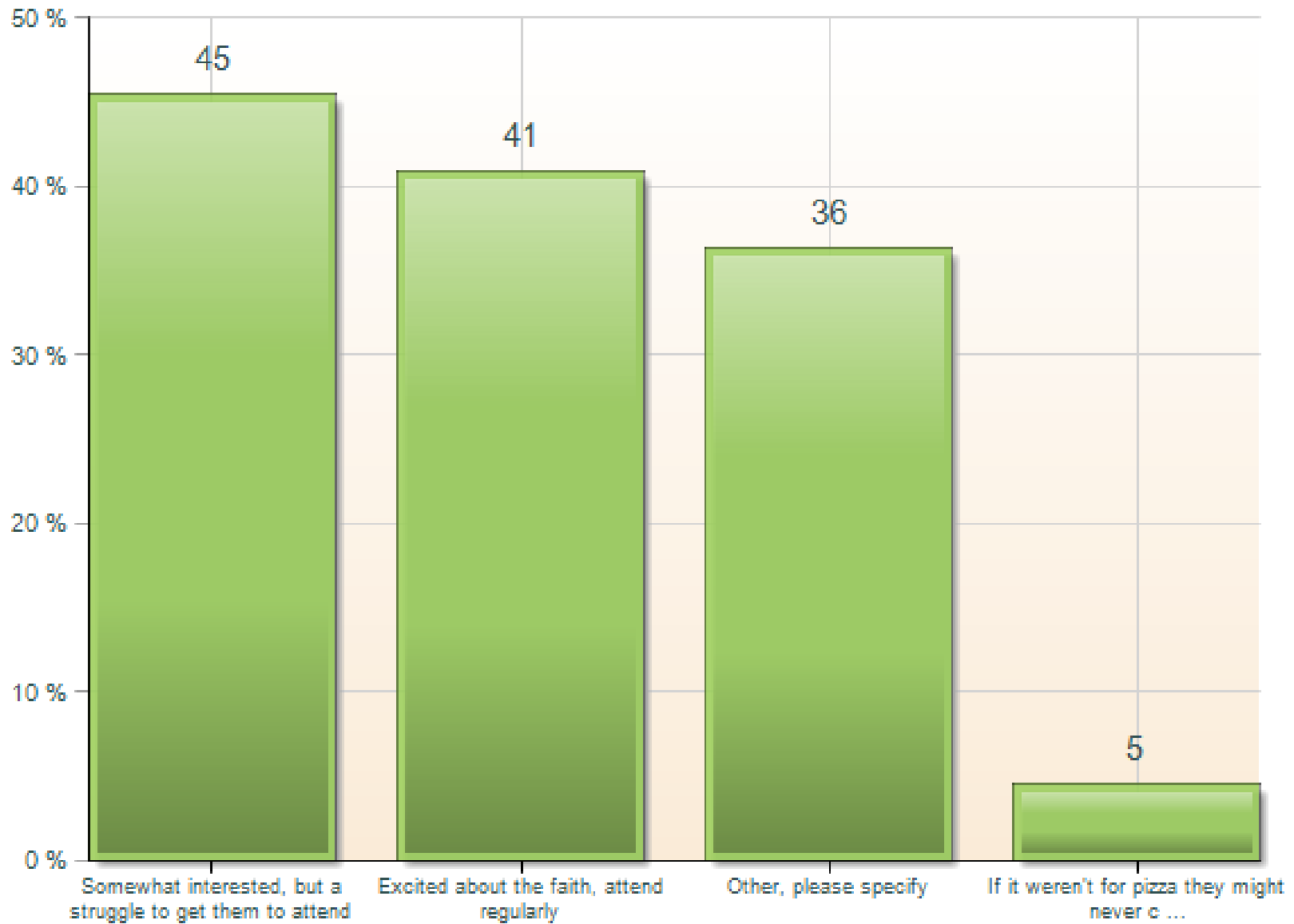


**Does your program include teens preparing for sacraments?**

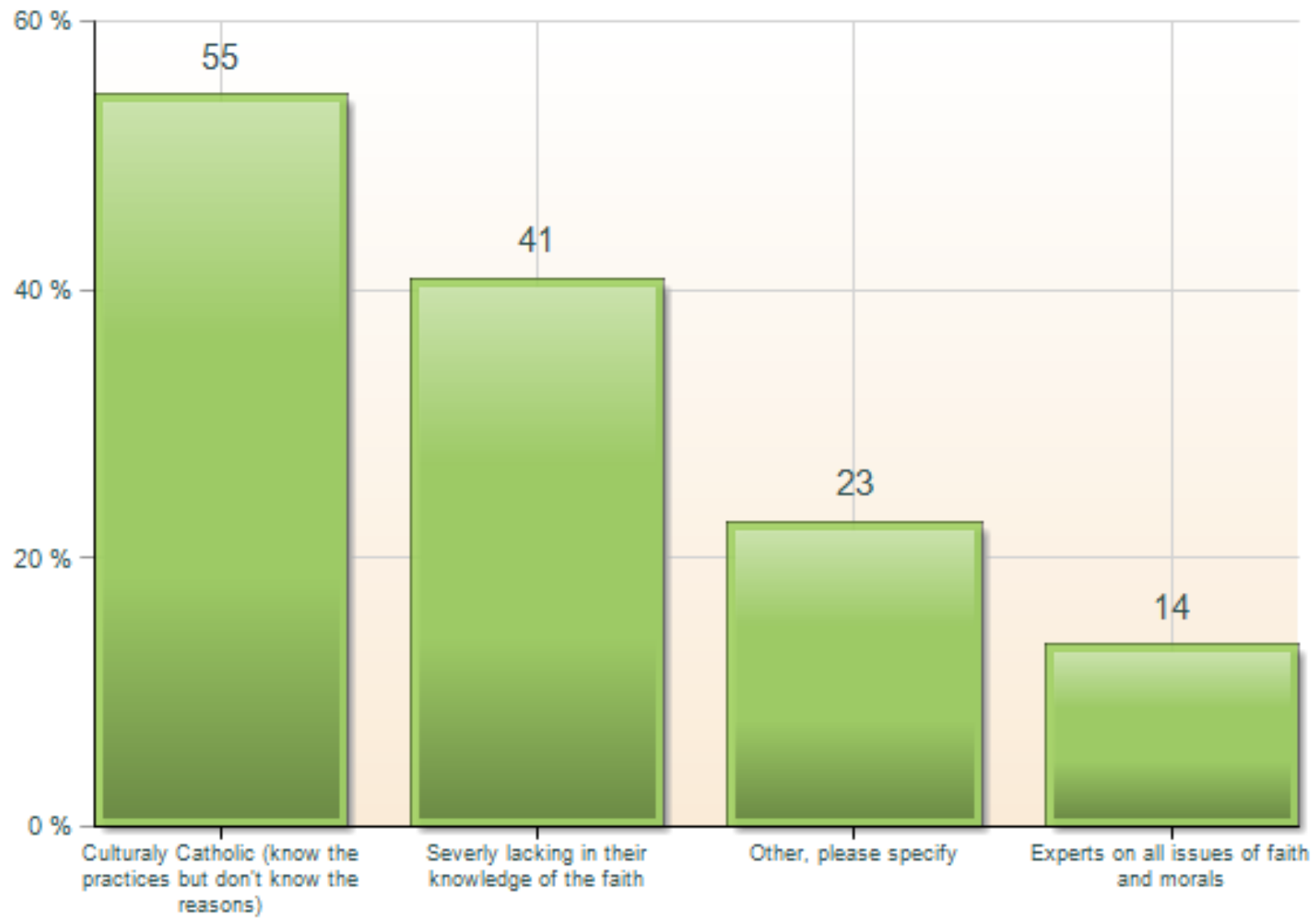
Yes No Additional Comment



### Which statement best describes your teens.



## How well do your teens know their faith when first coming to your program?



# What is the biggest challenge for the teens you serve?

- Money... Teens living out of Cars... Teens working two jobs to stay in Catholic
- School... Families having to receive aid from SVDP... A lack of funds to scholarship teens.
- About 99% of them have attended Catholic school since kindergarten and aren't interested in doing faith based activities, as they feel they get it all the time at school. It's hard to get them excited about doing anything spiritual.
- TRUST.
- Budget, and Training.
- Parent-teen relationships, not understanding sexuality.
- Their schedule with sports and school Taking their faith beyond the church walls and making the teachings relevant to their everyday activity.
- I don't think we are reaching them the way we need to. There are many other churches that are more relational in dealing with the struggles that teens face on a daily basis. We need to take experience and put it to practice more often, not just shoving Catholic down their throats, they need to learn that we are Christian and not just Catholic! We turn many others away when we try to get into the whole, this is the 1st Religion piece instead of saying we are walking with Christ as are many other Christians, just in a different way!

- Understanding their needs because they are all over the board in their level of faith and understanding.
- The things they are bombarded with in the media & on line as well as the policies that take God out of school & normal living.
  - being able to articulate their faith with their peers
- poor youth ministry in past, bad reputation of program
- living in the world, the lies and trying to fit into all that
- Consistency.
- Getting them to attend.
- Surviving the current culture.
- reverence during mass and we are planning a 3 part series with Fr. Ben for the next 3 weeks to only focus on this.
  - Relating to the Faith
  - Getting excited about their faith.
  - Getting them to attend
  - family issues
- Logistics of life, ie. the number one reasons do not attend ministry & events is a lack of transportation.

# Are the teens parents involved?

Yes, at many different levels we have appropriate parent involvement. They act as chaperons, cooks, mentors, sponsors, advisers, speakers, drivers, teachers and in general are there when we need anything. Our parents are fantastic!

Yes, when volunteers are needed, I have plenty of help with driving, planning activities, donations & chaperones. I have a great relationship with most of them, so usually whatever I need, they are on board.

We have a Parent Advisory Board with about 8 parents. We have a food ministry which almost all the parents participate. We also have about 2 nights a year where the parents come and partake in a Life Night.

Bringing food to youth night Helping with Fundraising. Two parent /teenager session a year

No.

Not a lot outside of feedback and communication with them.

Parents pray for the program, some donate snacks, some helped on our mission trip.

Some parents are involved and working as core leaders. I think it is a better model as it shows the parents interest in helping their teens learn about the faith and taking it home. not really difficult to get them to commit to anything.

Our catechists are volunteers & very dedicated. We are struggling to get more involvement from the parents. We are trying more pot lucks.

Some parents provide meals for the group. Some parents will make material donations when needed.

Some are. Praying and volunteering with food support, etc.

Some are involved with cooking meals for each night, others are involved through prayer

I have a good turn out when it comes to Second Sunday although we are rebuilding after not having it last year Somewhat. The same families support; new families are checked out.

Parents are involved in the Spanish programs.

Not like they should be.

Not really. Supportive. But only involved for dances or parties...by supplying food.

No.


They provide food after our Lifeteen Mass which is a prelude to our Lifelight itself. I wish more of the Parents would provide food.


They do attend a function when asked.


some are volunteers others no existent

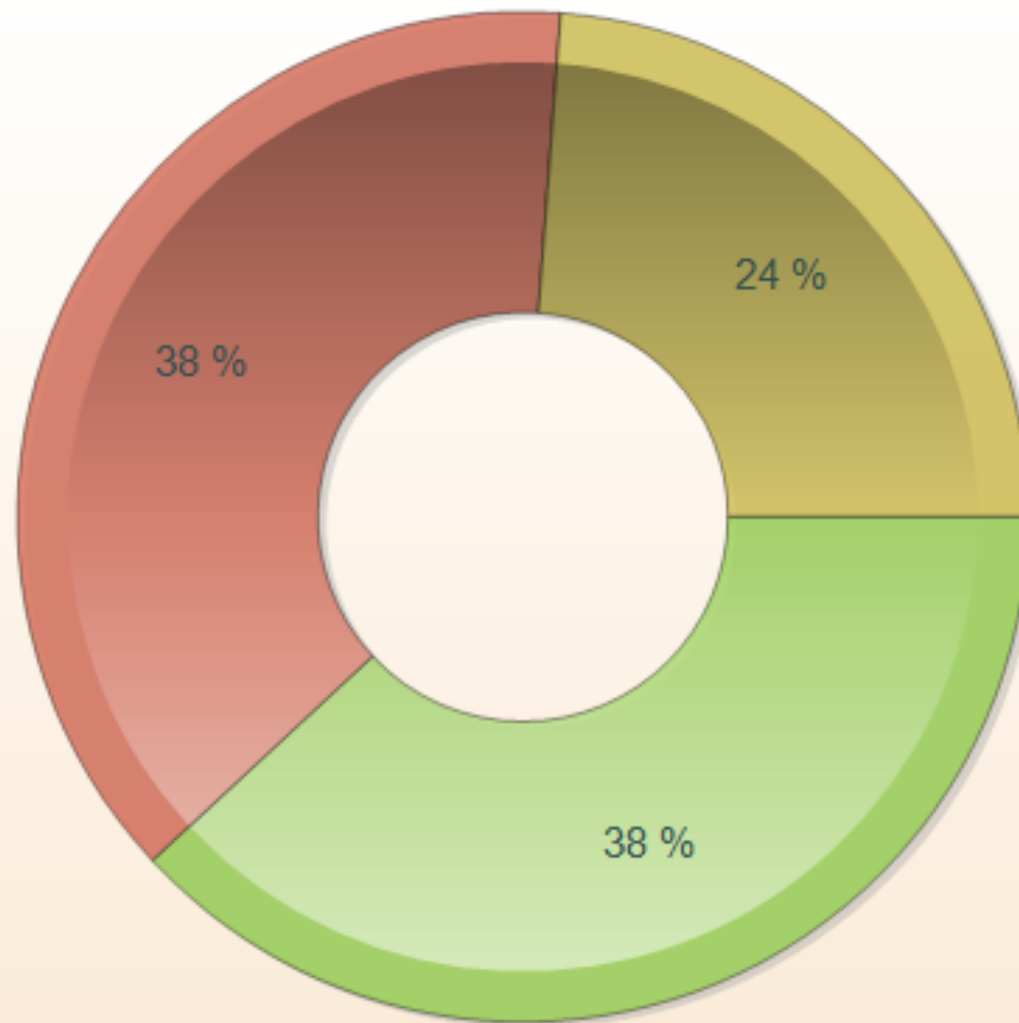
Almost no involvement.

**What size is your program?**

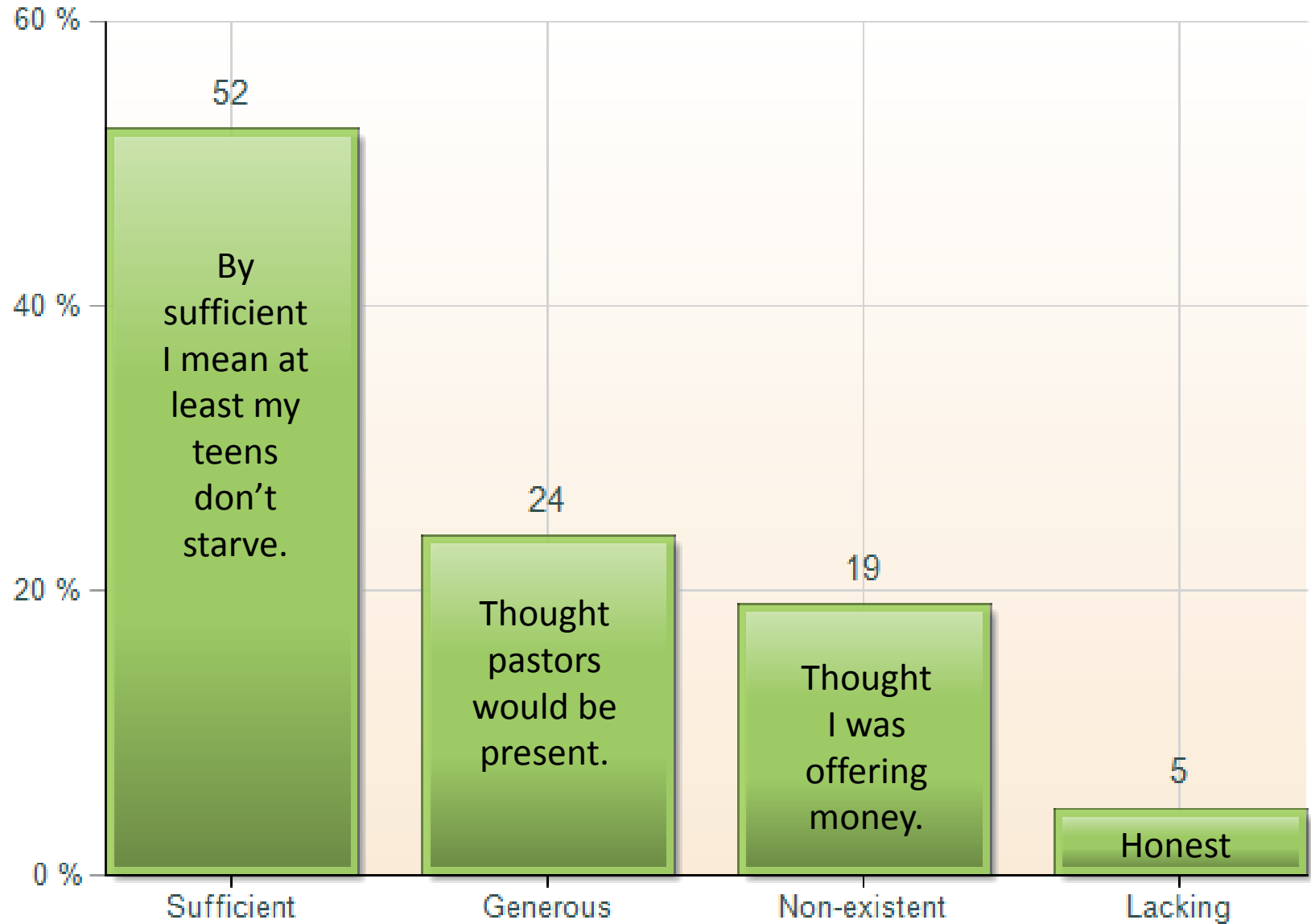
 Small 10-20 teens attending regularly

 Medium 21-50 teens attending regularly

 Large 50+ teens attending regularly

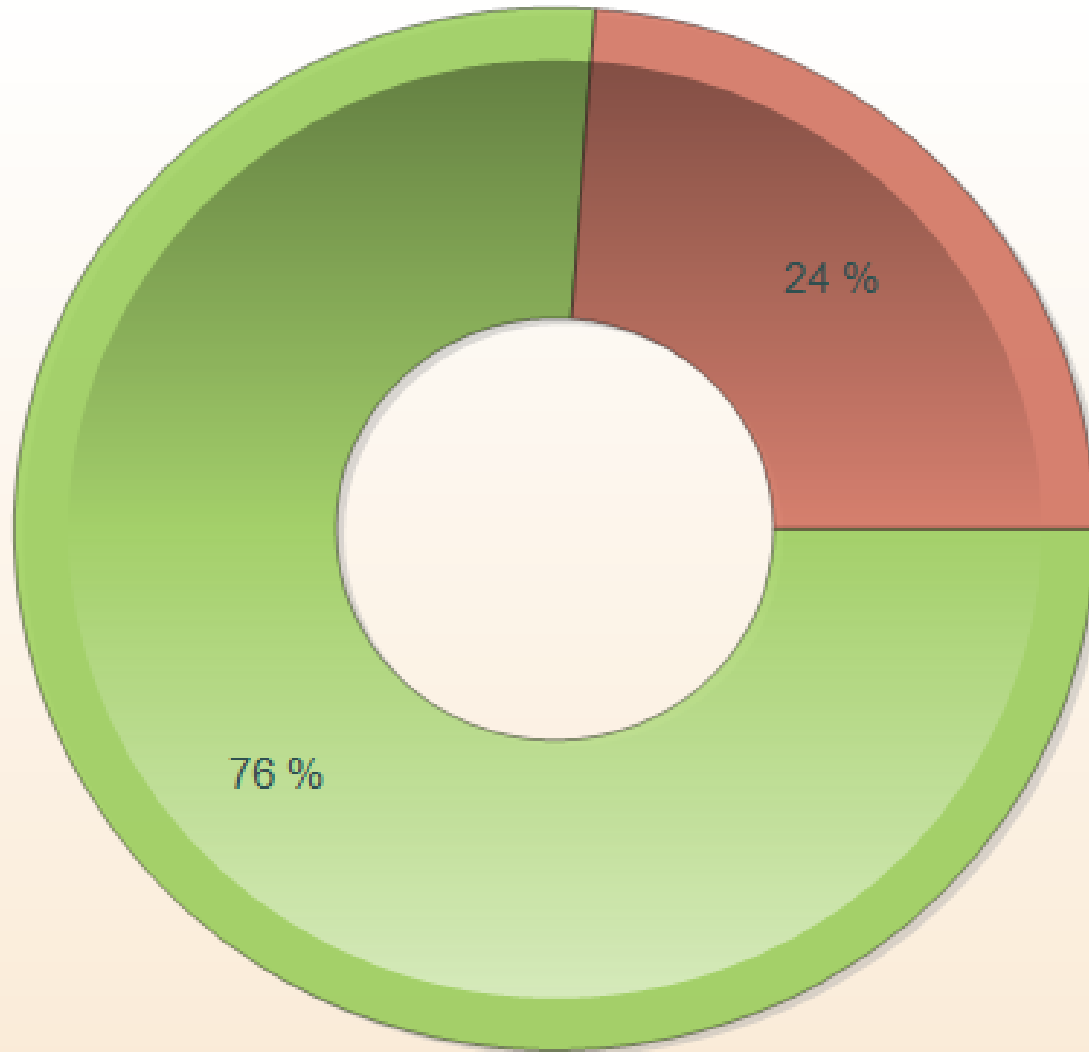


## Would you say that your budget for Youth Ministry is...

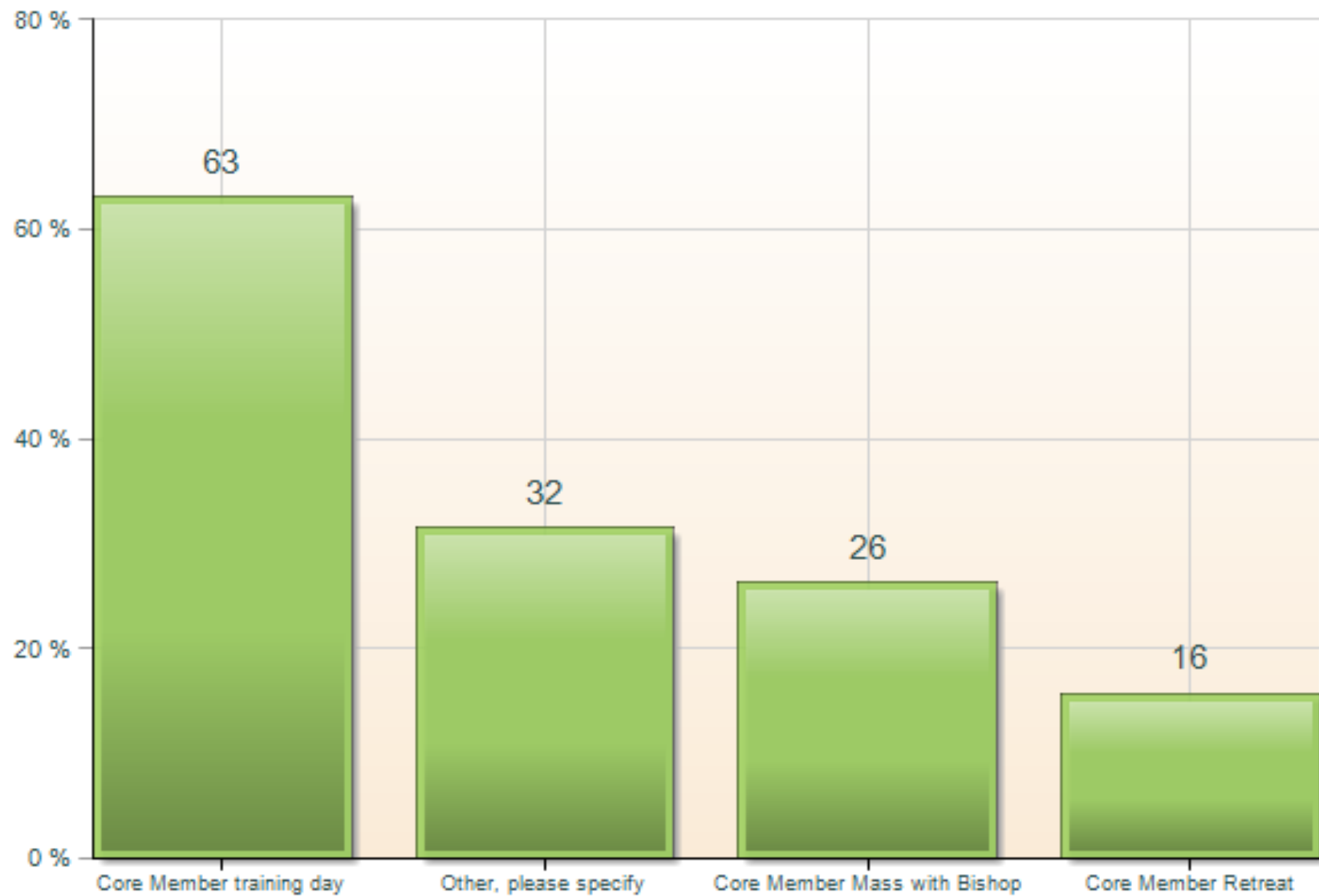


**Do you offer core member/volunteer training?**

Yes No If so, explain.



## How might the Diocese support you and your core team?



**Which of the following encourages your participation in Diocesan Youth Leader Gatherings?**

Not at all   Probably not   Maybe   I plan on it   I will be there

