



SURVEY OF RECENTLY ORDAINED PRIESTS
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Directions: *This questionnaire will help us to better understand your experiences of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Your individual response is extremely important. Please respond by marking an “X” in the appropriate boxes below.*

Please use these responses for the questions below.
1=Not at All 3=Some or Somewhat
2=Only a Little 4=Very or Very Much
Blank=Don’t Know or Not Applicable

Please answer “yes” or “no” to the following questions.
Yes No
 23. Were you a CRS Animator at your seminary?
 24. Is post-ordination formation required for you in your diocese or religious institute?

*How **satisfied** are you with the following?*

- 1 2 3 4**
- 1. Your knowledge of Catholic Social teaching (CST) at present
 - 2. Your present assignment overall
 - 3. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) overall
 - 4. CRS’s Rice Bowl program
 - 5. CRS’s Ethical Trade program
 - 6. Overseas trips with CRS (*if applicable*)

Please use these responses for the questions below.
1=Strongly Disagree 3=Somewhat Agree
2=Somewhat Disagree 4=Strongly Agree
Blank=Don’t Know or Not Applicable

*How much do you **agree** with the following statements?*

- 1 2 3 4**
- 7. I had a strong interest in social justice issues even before I entered the seminary
 - 8. I wish I had received more training in CST during my seminary training

*Respond to the following statements only if you were a **CRS Animator at your seminary.***

- 1 2 3 4**
- 25. Being a CRS animator has had a positive impact on me
 - 26. I regularly read CRS’s Clergy Newsletter
 - 27. I find CRS’s Clergy Newsletter useful for my ministry
 - 28. I regularly read CCGP Action Alerts
 - 29. I find CCGP Action Alerts useful for my ministry
 - 30. I would recommend being a CRS animator to a friend at the seminary

*How **much opportunity** do you see for the following at your current assignment?*

- 1 2 3 4**
- 9. Incorporating CST into your ministries with other members of the staff
 - 10. Teaching parishioners or constituents about the topic of CST in one of your ministries
 - 11. Mentioning CST regularly in homilies
 - 12. Instituting regular collections for CRS or another social justice-related organization
 - 13. Incorporating CST into Advent programs
 - 14. Incorporating CST into Lenten programs

All respondents:

31. What *best* describes your current assignment?

Please select only one.

- 1. Ministry in a parish
- 2. Ministry in a diocese
- 3. Non-parish ministry in a religious institute
- 4. Teaching position
- 5. Other _____.

*How much do you **agree** with the following statements?*

- 1 2 3 4**
- 15. Overall, the staff members at my current assignment are receptive to incorporating CST into the ministries we do together
 - 16. My parish has effectively woven CST into many of its ministries (*if applicable*)
 - 17. My parish has adopted a less affluent sister parish (*if applicable*)
 - 18. My parish conducts an annual collection for CRS (*if applicable*)
 - 19. My parish conducts regular collections for social justice issues not related to CRS (*if applicable*)
 - 20. Overall, the parishioners at my current assignment are receptive to learning more about CST (*if applicable*)
 - 21. I am interested in participating in CRS-sponsored national programs in the future

32. Which of the following *best* describes the constituents at your current assignment? **Please select only one.**

- 1. Mostly upper income
- 2. Mixed middle and upper income
- 3. Mostly middle income
- 4. Mixed middle and low income
- 5. Mostly low income

33. What *best* describes the place where you are currently assigned?

- 1. Urban area 3. Town or small city
- 2. Suburban area 4. Rural area

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If you minister at a parish or in a client-centered ministry, what percentage of your parishioners or constituents belong to the following ethnic groups?

Total should = 100%

- _____ 34. American Indian or Alaska Native
- _____ 35. Asian, Pacific Islander, or Native Hawaiian
- _____ 36. Black, African American, or Afro-Caribbean
- _____ 37. Hispanic or Latino
- _____ 38. White, Caucasian, or European American
- _____ 39. Other: _____

=100%

40. Year you were *born*: _____ (4-digit year)

41. What best describes your ethnic background?

- 1. American Indian or Alaska Native
- 2. Asian, Pacific Islander, or Native Hawaiian
- 3. Black, African American, or Afro-Caribbean
- 4. Hispanic or Latino
- 5. White, Caucasian, or European American
- 6. Other: _____

42. What aspects of CST do you wish you had more training on or exposure to during your time in the seminary?

43. In what areas do you wish you could receive ongoing training now to help you be more effective in your current assignment?

Thank you for completing this survey.

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