

*St. Rose and St. Cyril
Parishes*

Missionary Discipleship

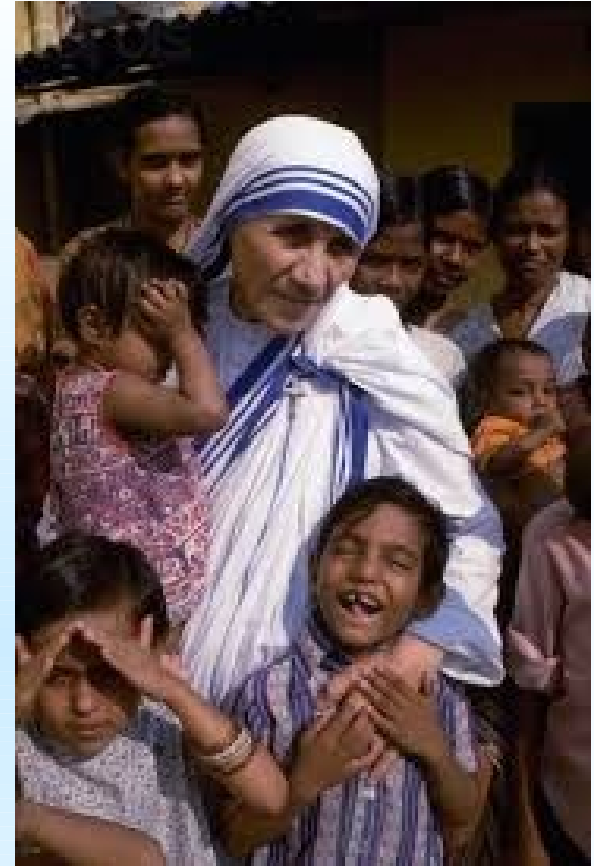
What is a Missionary Disciple?

A missionary disciple is one who embraces the Gospel and recognizes *Jesus' mandate* to share the Gospel with *everyone* in the world.

U.S. Bishops' Conference

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“A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization.”

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But “we cannot give what we do not have. Therefore, cultivating a life of faith is essential to helping others to do so.”

The ***Challenge***

Official Catholic Directory

- There are roughly 70 million Catholics in the United States
- About 22 percent of the population
- Until recently, we were the largest religious denomination

The Second Largest Religious Group?

Non-practicing

Catholics

Kalamazoo Diocese

2010 Census

- Of nine counties – 64% claim “none” as their religious affiliation
- The next highest percentage identify as Catholic – 10%
- We are considered a “mission diocese”

What happens to former Catholics?

- 49% claim “none” – no affiliation
- 25% become evangelical protestant
- 13% become mainline protestant
- 13% become “other” (Mormon, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Jewish, Muslim)

American “Nones”

- 25% claim no religious affiliation
- Highest percentage ever recorded
- Now the single largest religious group
- 39% of young adults (age 18-29) are “none”

When are they leaving the Church?

- 79% leave before age 23
- 50% of millennials no longer identify as Catholic
- Only 7% of millennials still *actively* practice their faith

Why are they leaving the Church?

- 71% gradually drifted away
- 65% stopped believing teachings
- 43% spiritual needs not being met
- 26% dissatisfied with atmosphere in church
- 18% had issues with clergy

Hopeful Note

Young people who know at least three
committed Christians are four times
more likely to keep practicing their faith

Why is this so
important?

Jesus'

Mandate

Matthew 28:19-20



“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

The Call

Evangelii Gaudium
(Joy of the Gospel)



**“The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus
I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy.”**

The *Plan*

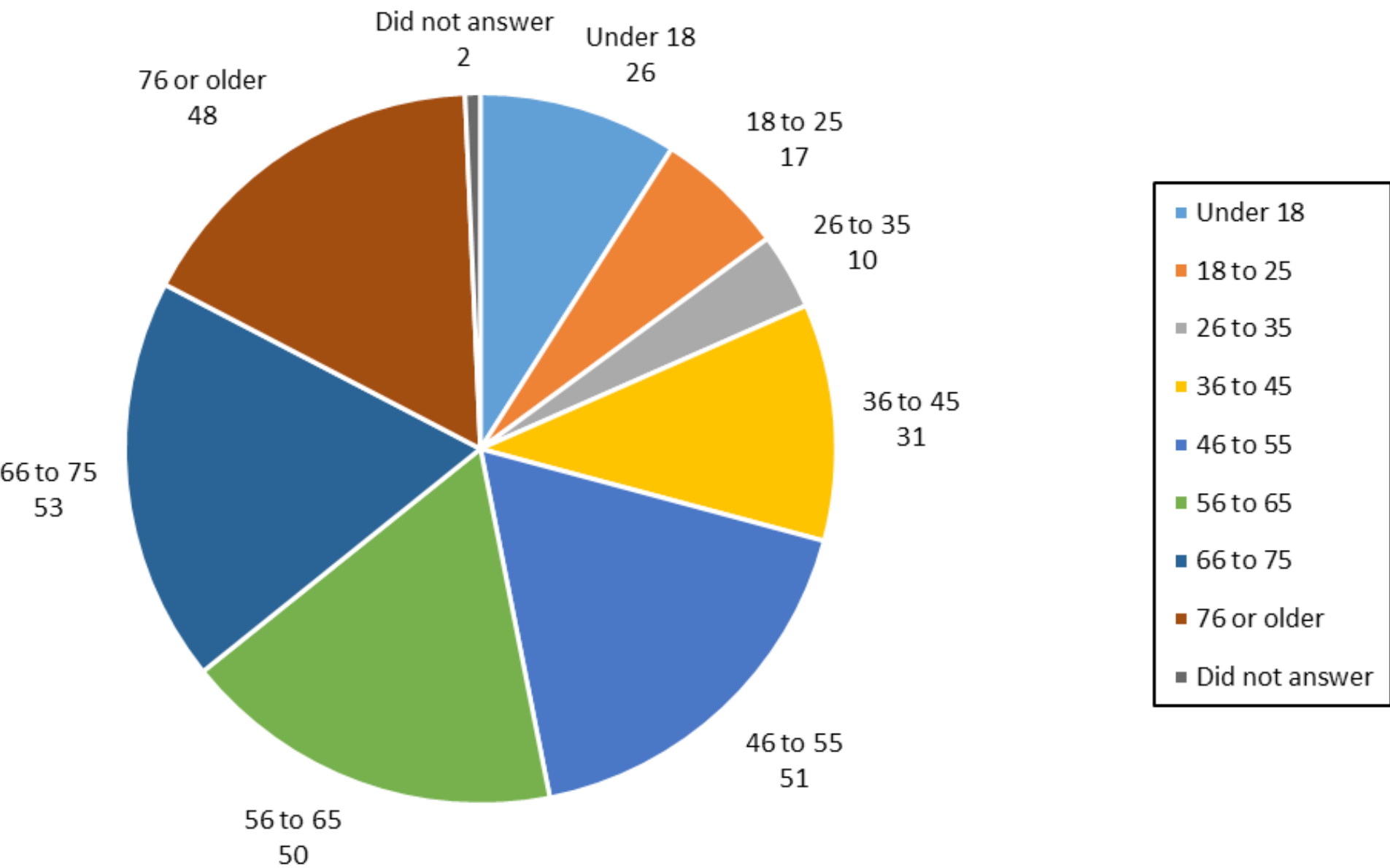
St. Rose/St. Cyril Parishes Survey Summary

From Maintenance to Mission:
Evangelization and the
Revitalization of the Parish

Survey Response

- Survey available from March 17, 2018, to April 2, 2018
- Received 288 responses
- 11% of respondents included at least one comment
- Full results will be available on parish website

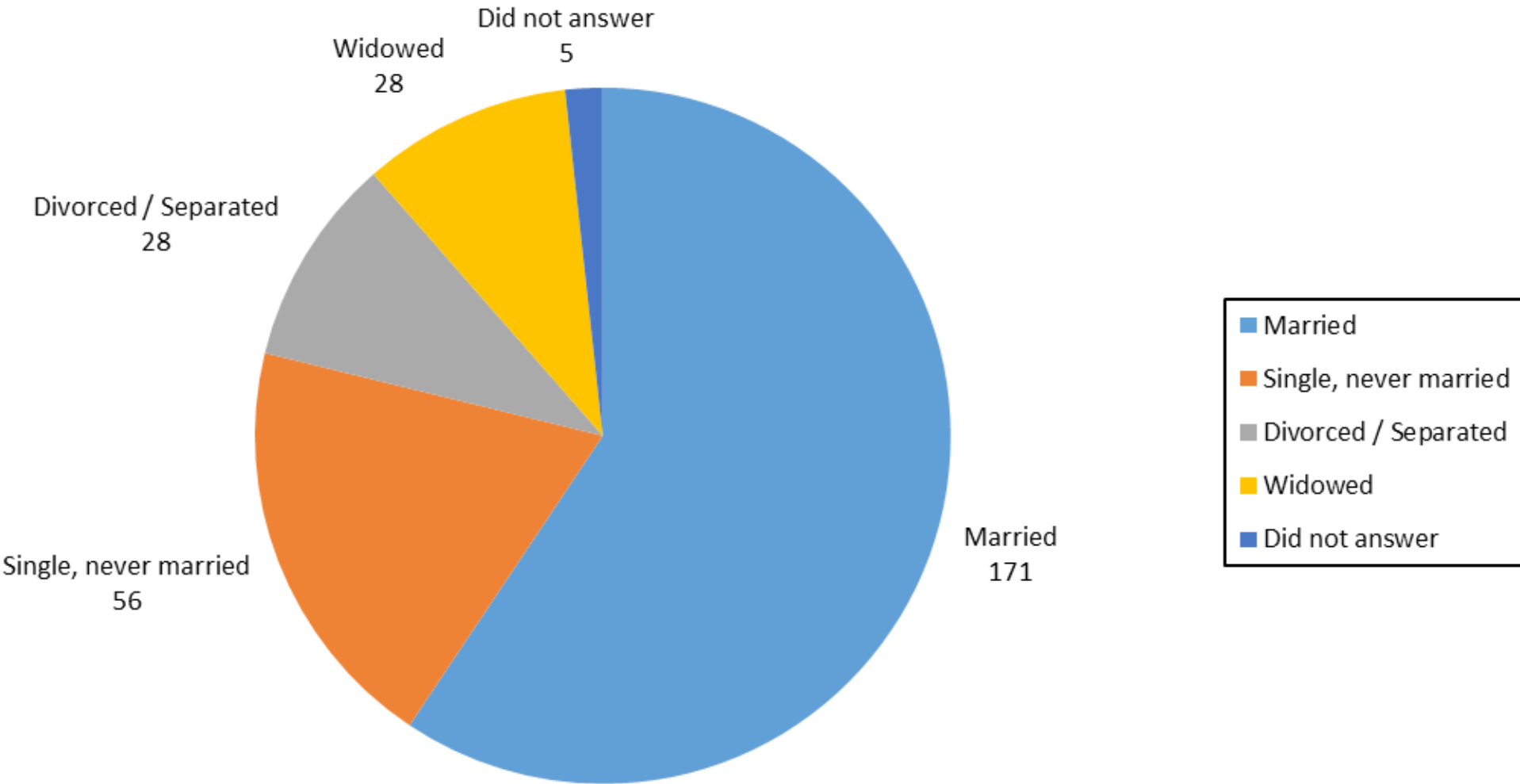
Respondent Age Groups



Age Groups

- 202 of 288 respondents were more than 45 years old
- 43 of 288 respondents were 25 years old or younger
- Only 26 respondents were under 18

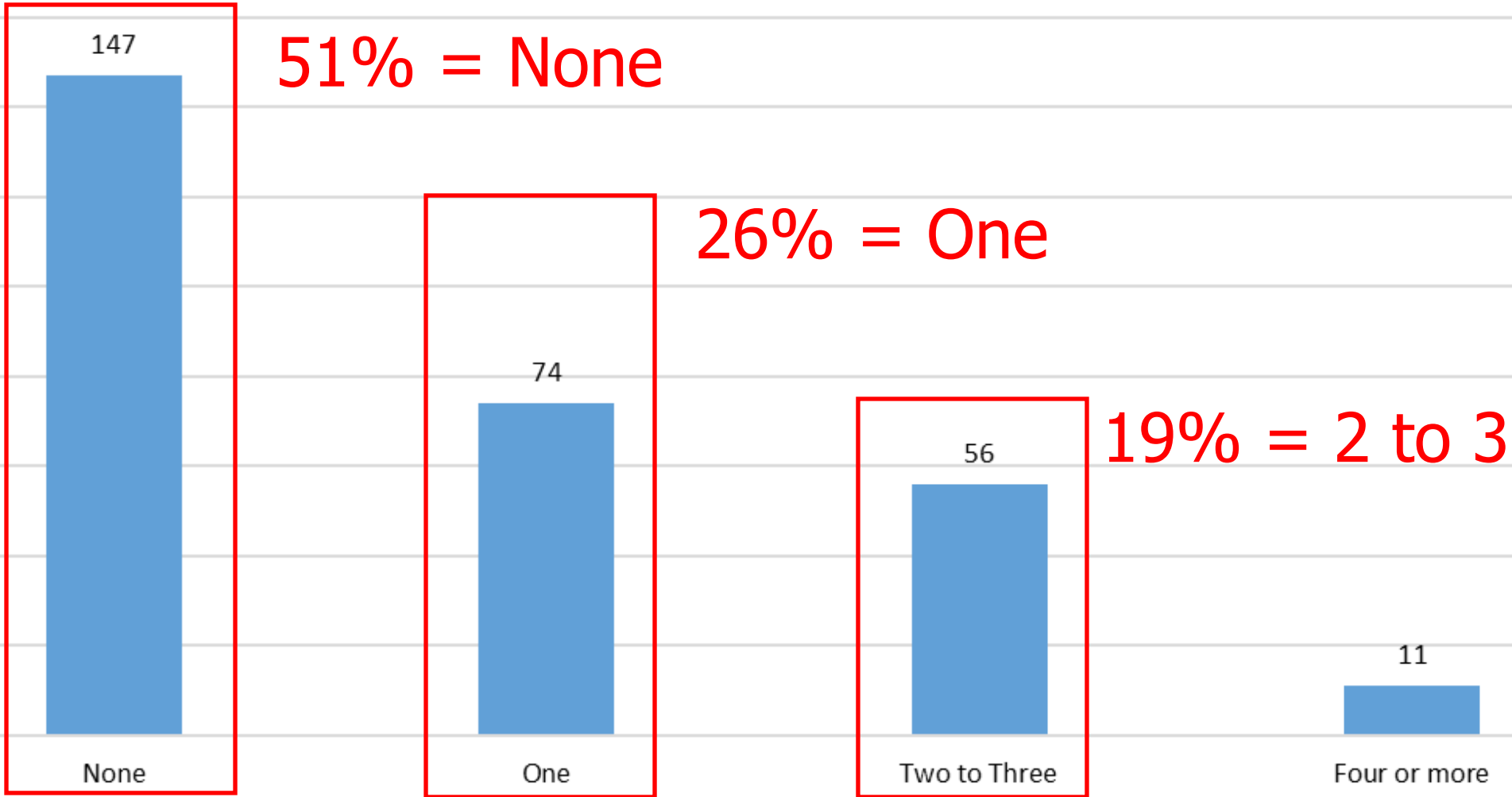
Respondent Marital Status



Marital Status

- 60% are married
- 20% are widowed, divorced, or separated
- 20% are single, never married

Ministries or Activities Respondents Involved In



St. Rose Parish Assist to Improve What Jesus Asks You to do as His Disciple

Religious Education

Social Activities

Opportunities To Help Parishioners

Opportunities To Help Others In Community

102

103

105

104

51

40

Hold more religious educational programs

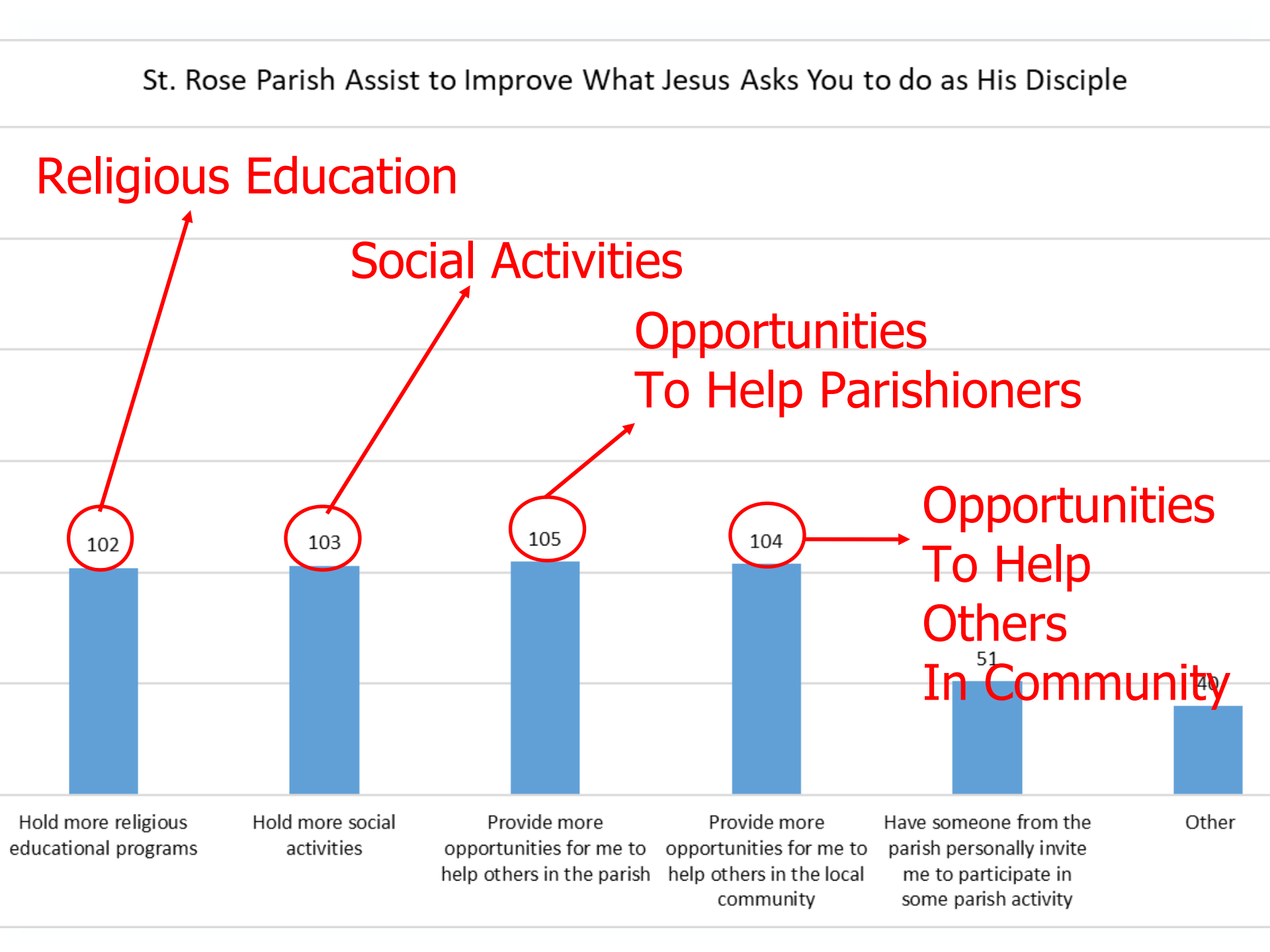
Hold more social activities

Provide more opportunities for me to help others in the parish

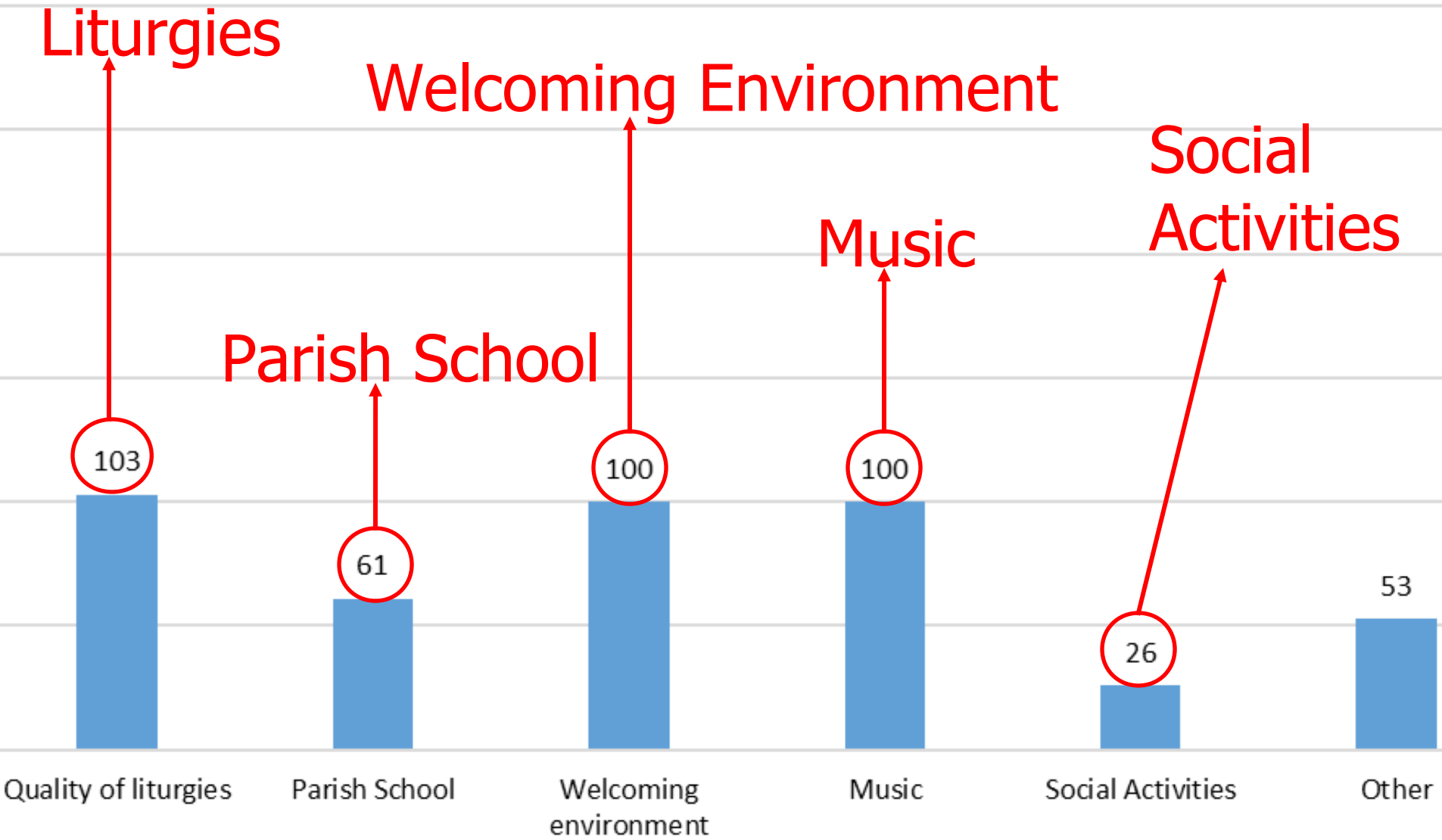
Provide more opportunities for me to help others in the local community

Have someone from the parish personally invite me to participate in some parish activity

Other

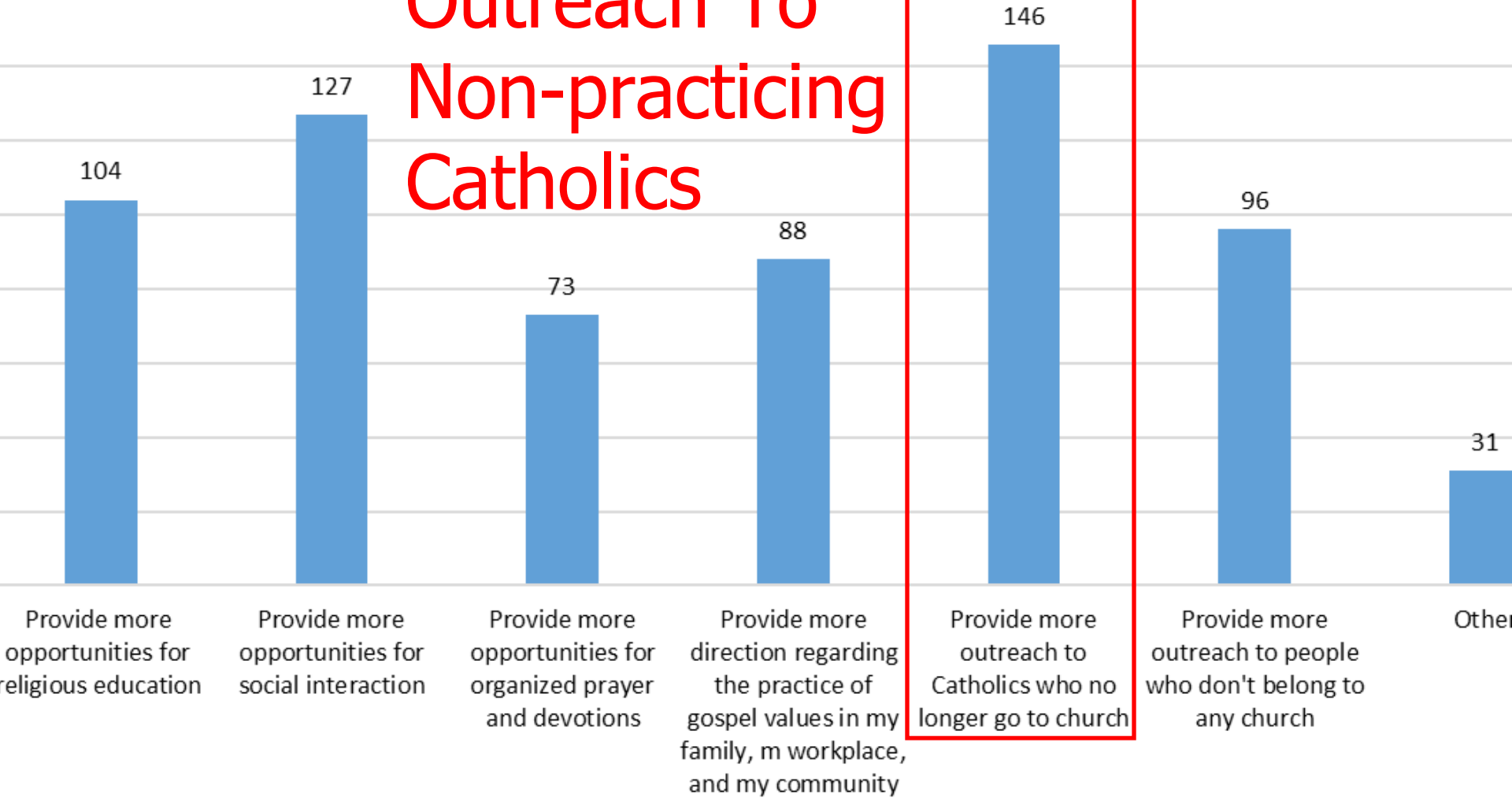


Respondent's Reasons They Belong to St. Rose Parish



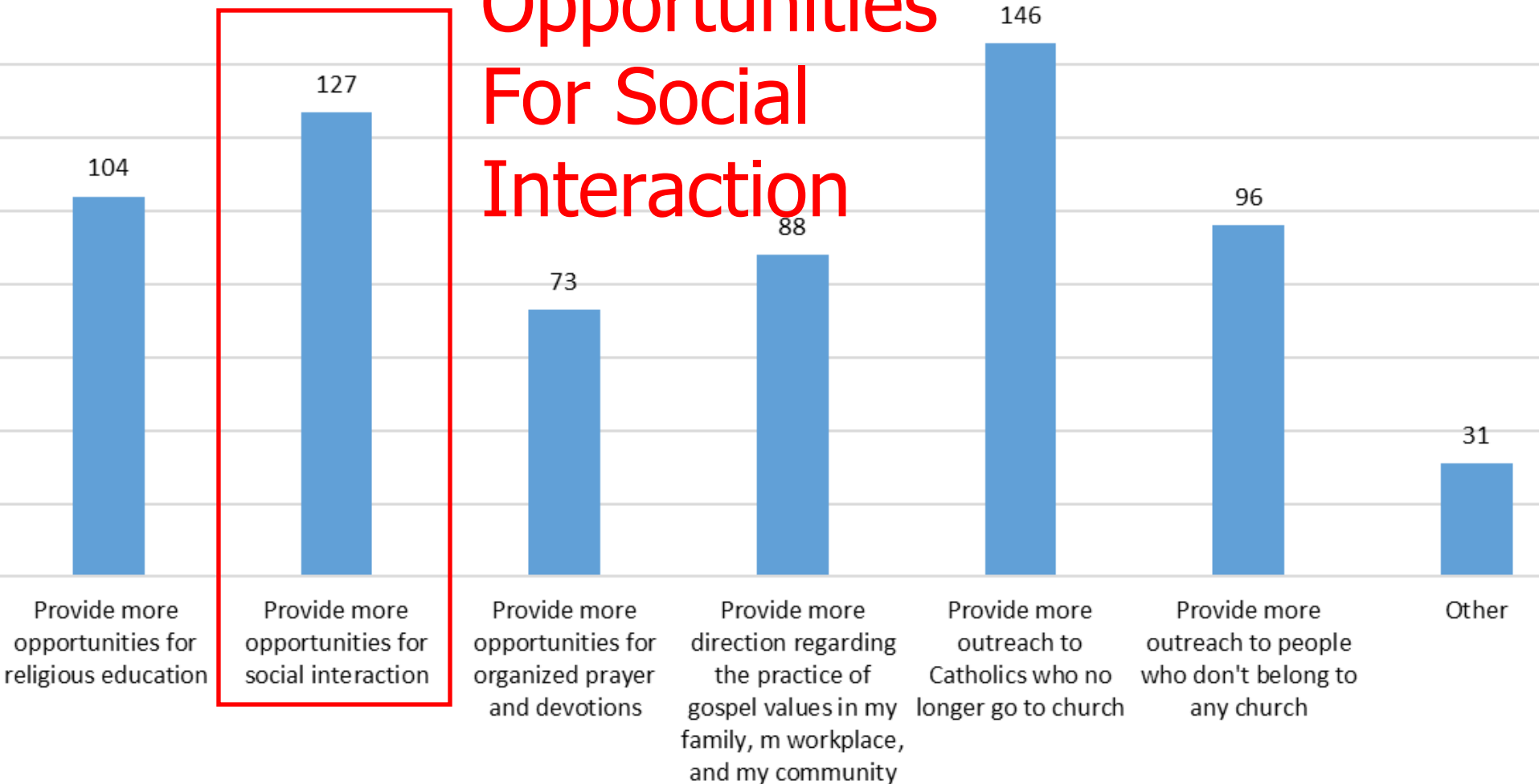
Services to Help St. Rose Parish Grow

Outreach To Non-practicing Catholics

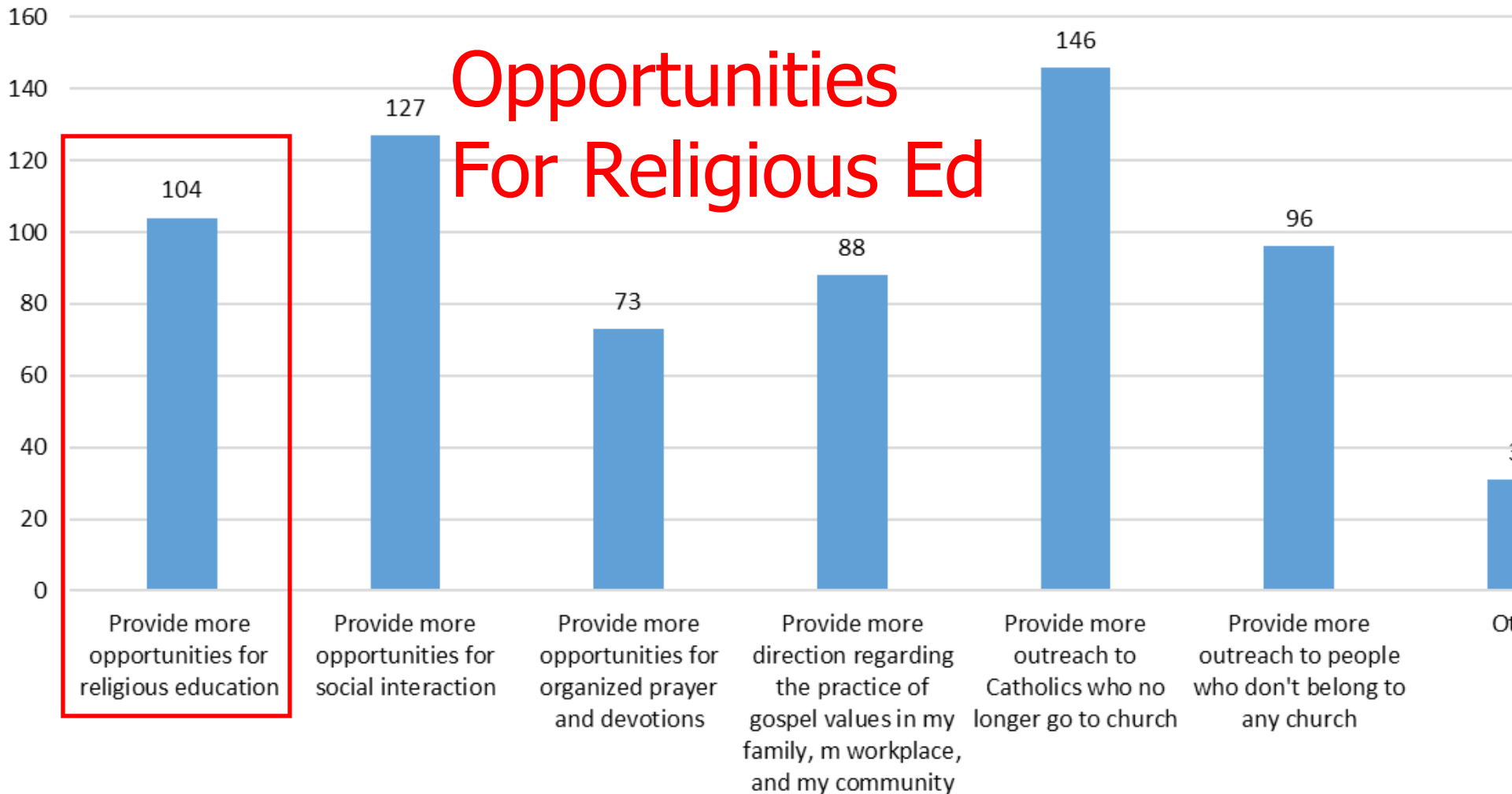


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Opportunities For Social Interaction

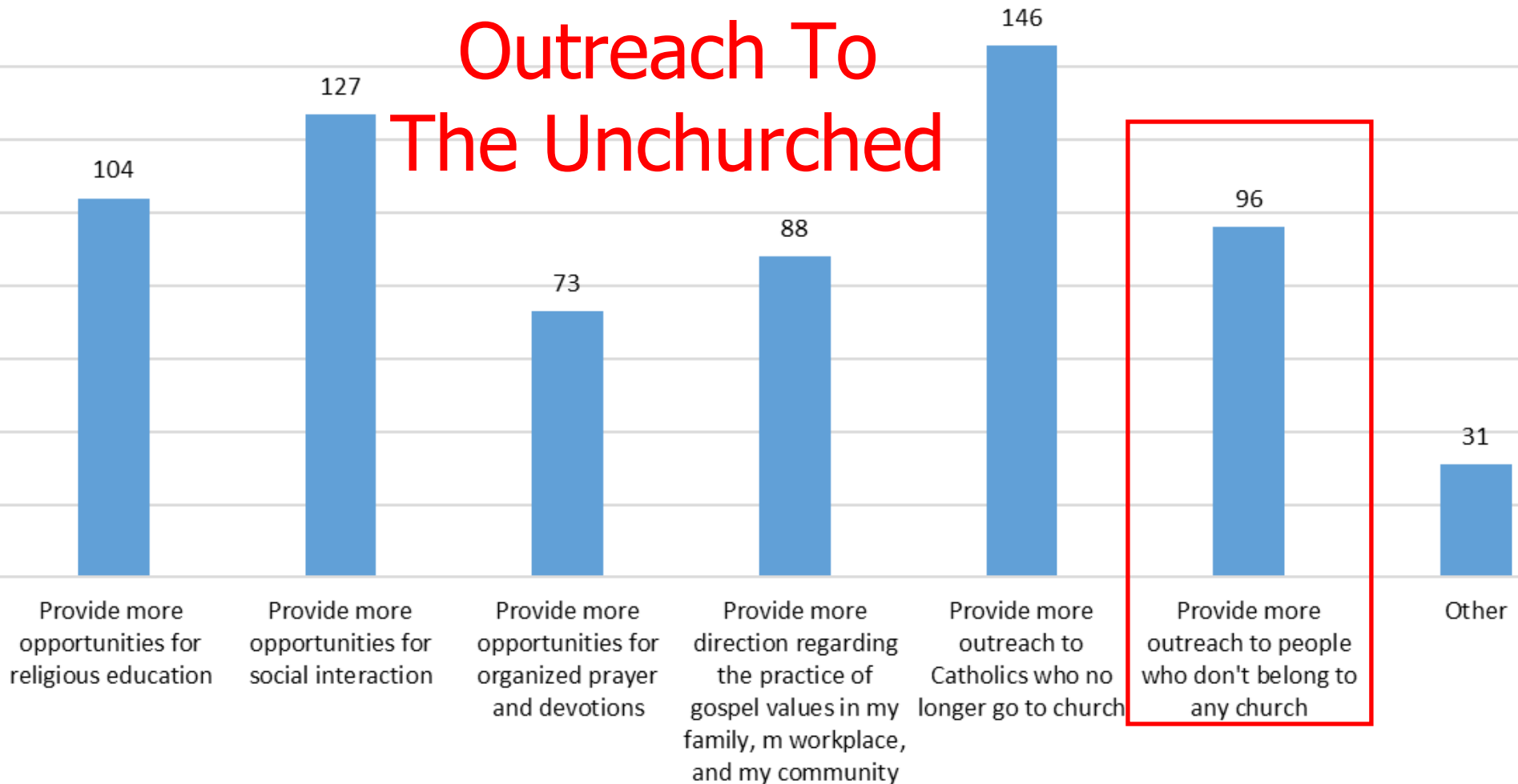


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Outreach To The Unchurched



More to come . . .

Meanwhile . . .

Please Pray!