Portrait of Catholics - Beliefs & Practices cont.

Frequency of Receiving Answers to Prayers Among Catholics
- 15% At least once a week
- 11% Once or twice a month
- 20% Several times a year
- 31% Sometimes/never
- 8% Don’t know/refused
- 14% Pray seldom or less often

Question wording: “If you pray more than seldom, how often do you receive a definite answer to a specific prayer request?”

Literal Interpretation of Scripture Among Catholics
- 23% Word of God, literally true word for word
- 39% Word of God, but not literally true word for word
- 27% Book written by men, not the word of God
- 11% Don’t know/refused/other

Question wording: “Which comes closest to your view? HOLY BOOK: is the word of God; OR HOLY BOOK: is a book written by men and is not the word of God? If you believe HOLY BOOK IS WORD OF GOD, ask: And would you say that HOLY BOOK: is to be taken literally, word for word, or not everything in HOLY BOOK should be taken literally, word for word?”

Interpretation of Religious Teachings Among Catholics
- 77% There is only ONE true way to interpret the teachings of my religion
- 19% There is MORE than one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion
- 4% Neither both equally
- 5% Don’t know/refused

Question wording: “If respondent has a religious affiliation, ask: Now, as I read a pair of statements, tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right. First:There is only ONE true way to interpret the teachings of my religion. OR: there is MORE than one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion.”

Views of One’s Religion as the One True Faith Among Catholics
- 18% My religion is the one, true faith leading to eternal life
- 78% Many religions can lead to eternal life
- 2% Neither both equally
- 3% Don’t know/refused

Question wording: “If respondent has a religious affiliation, ask: Now, as I read a pair of statements, tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right. First: My religion is the one, true faith leading to eternal life, OR: many religions can lead to eternal life.”