



Second Sunday of Advent

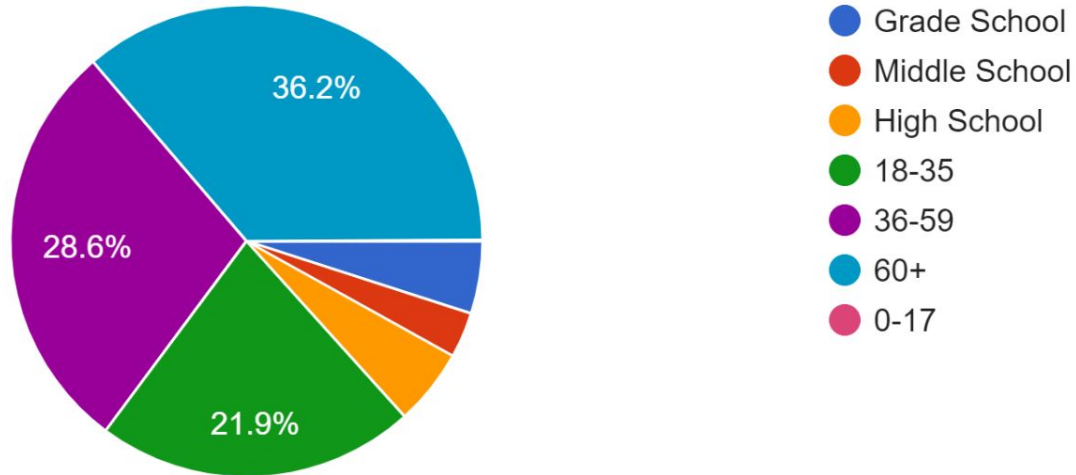
Prepare the way of the Lord!

Demographics

#1

How old are you?

1,089 responses

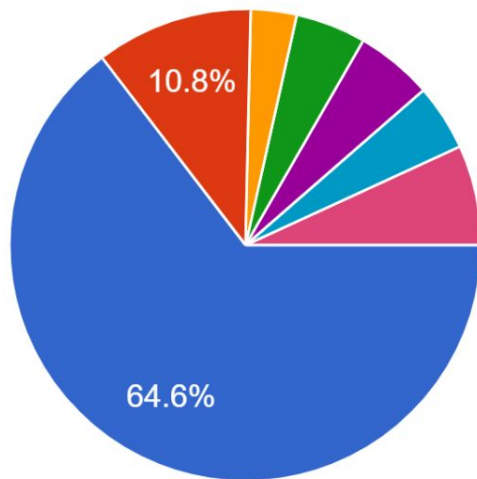


Demographics

#2

What Parish are you from?

1,079 responses



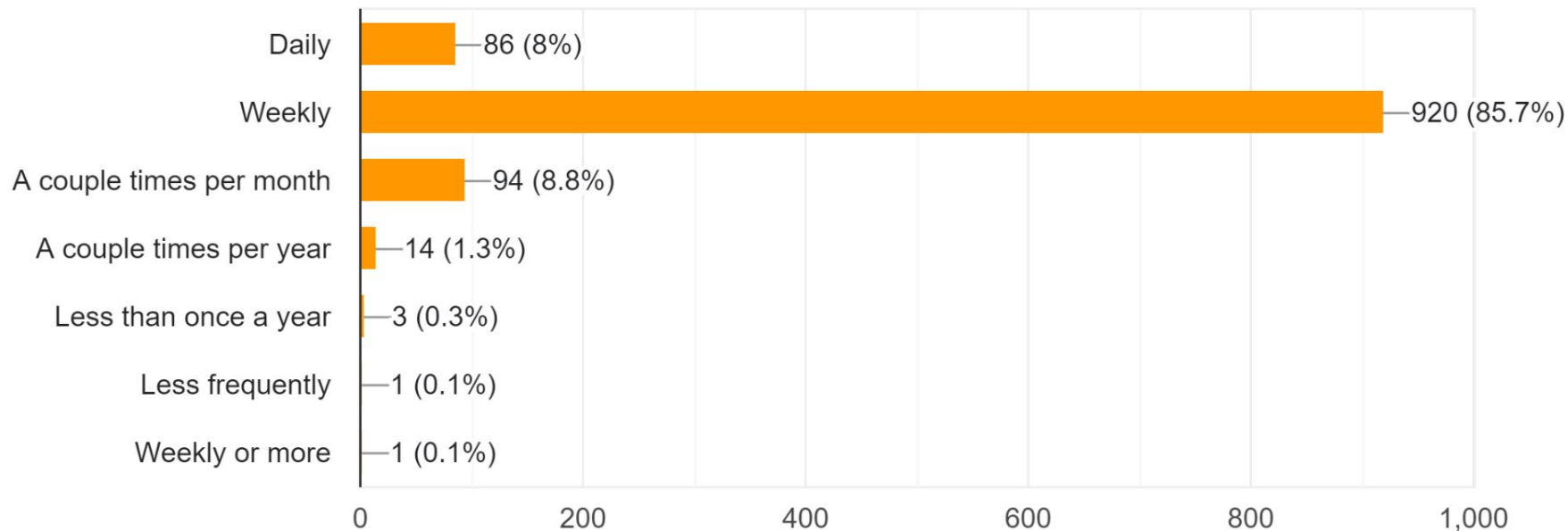
- St. Thomas More (Brookings)
- Our Lady of Good Counsel (Elkton)
- Pius XII Newman Center
- St. Francis de Sales (Estelline)
- St. John (Arlington)
- St. Paul (White)
- Other

Demographics

#3

Which best describes how often you attend Mass:

1,073 responses

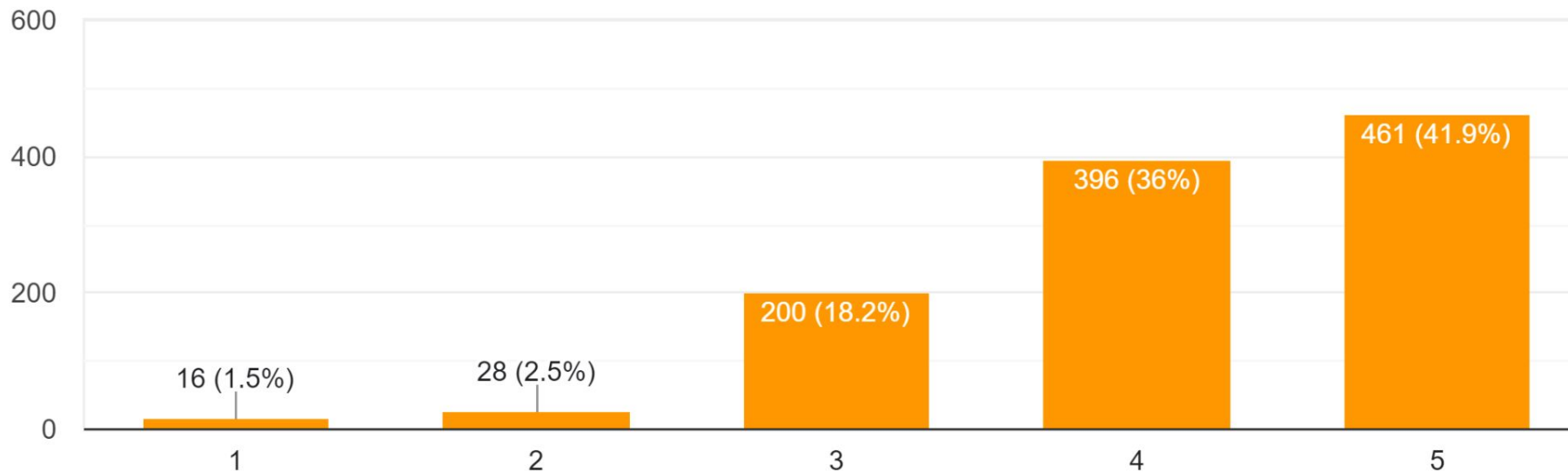


Worship

#4

I feel the worship at my parish draws me into a deeper relationship with God.

1,101 responses

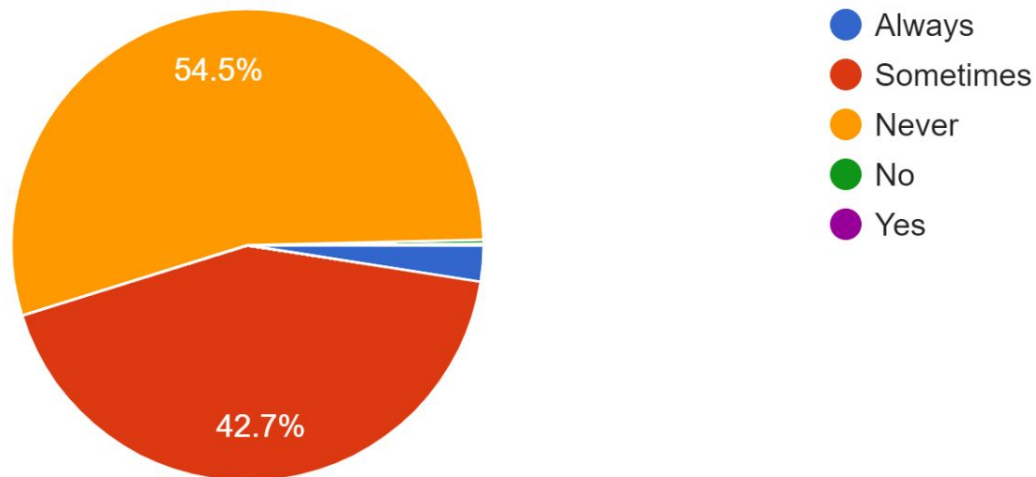


Worship

#5

I currently travel to a different parish, separate from my home parish, to attend a Mass at a more convenient time.

1,089 responses

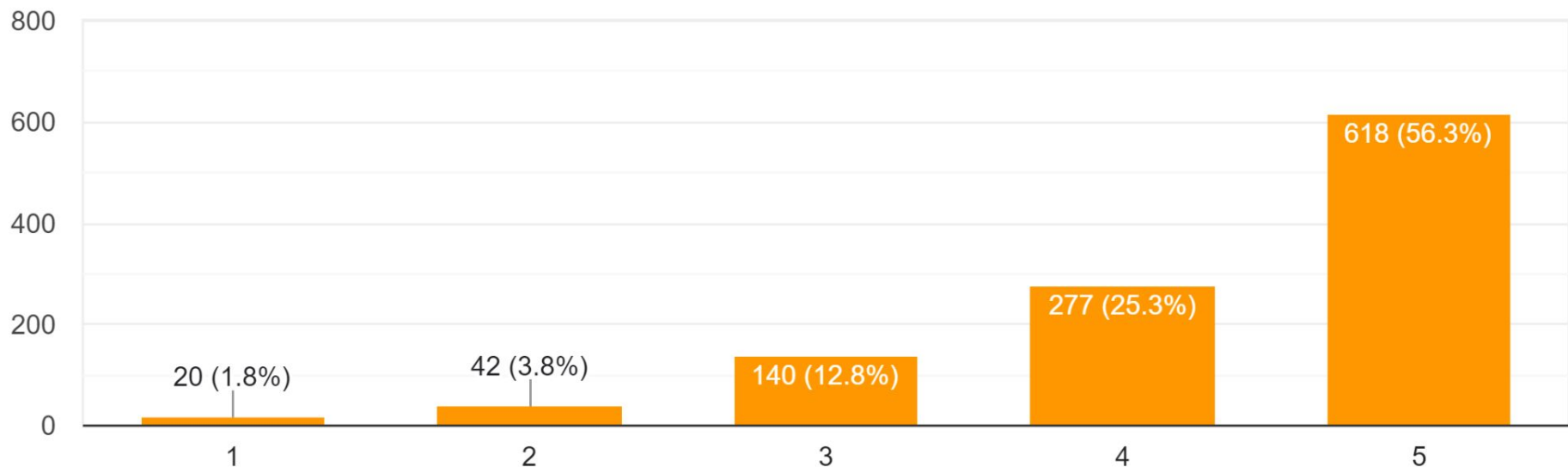


Worship

#6

On the weekend, Mass is the highest priority for me and my family.

1,097 responses

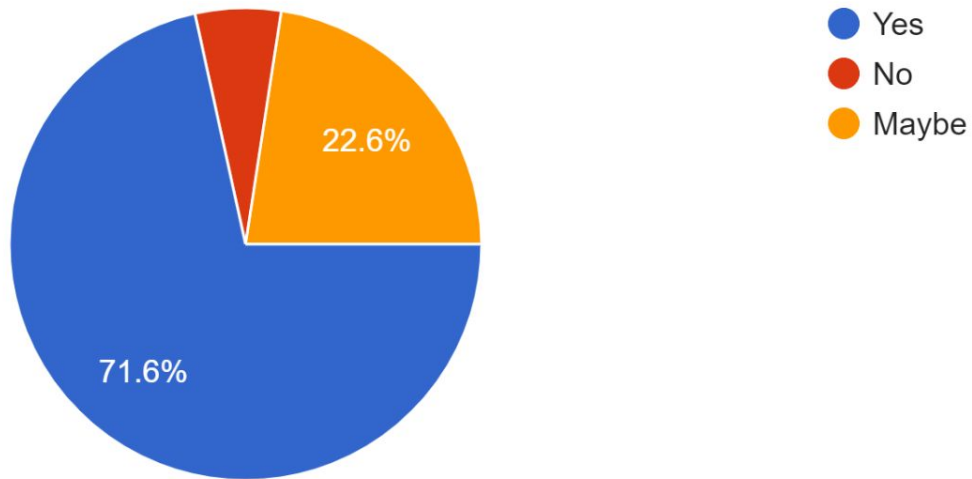


Worship

#7

The music at my parish helps me prayerfully enter into the Mass.

1,090 responses

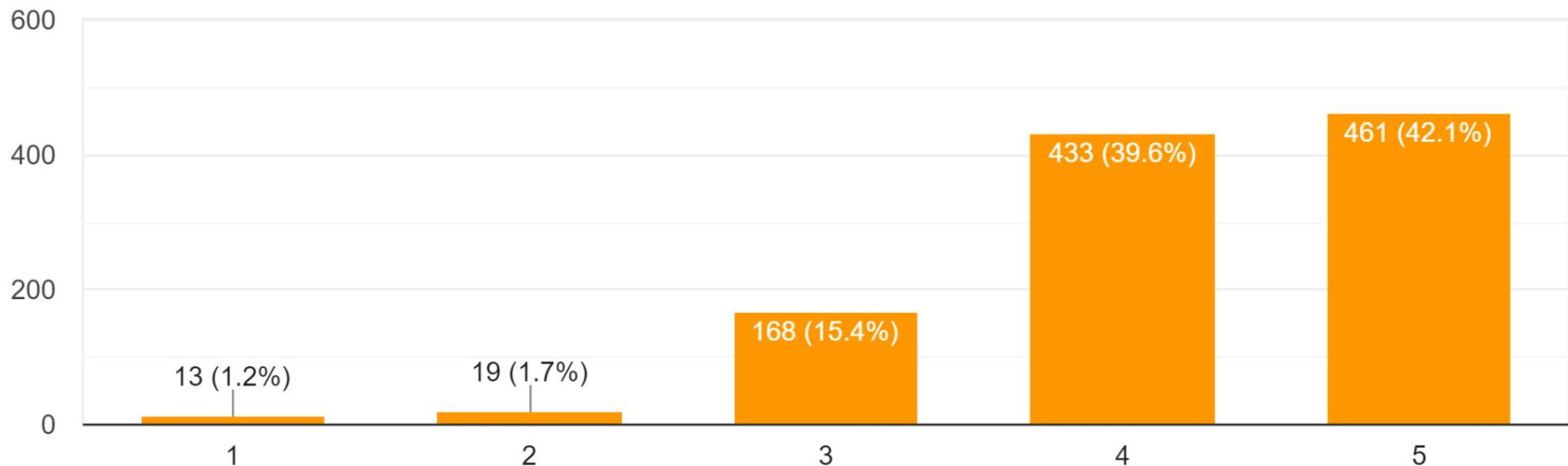


Worship

#8

Because I understand the realities of the Mass, I can engage fully in the Mass

1,094 responses

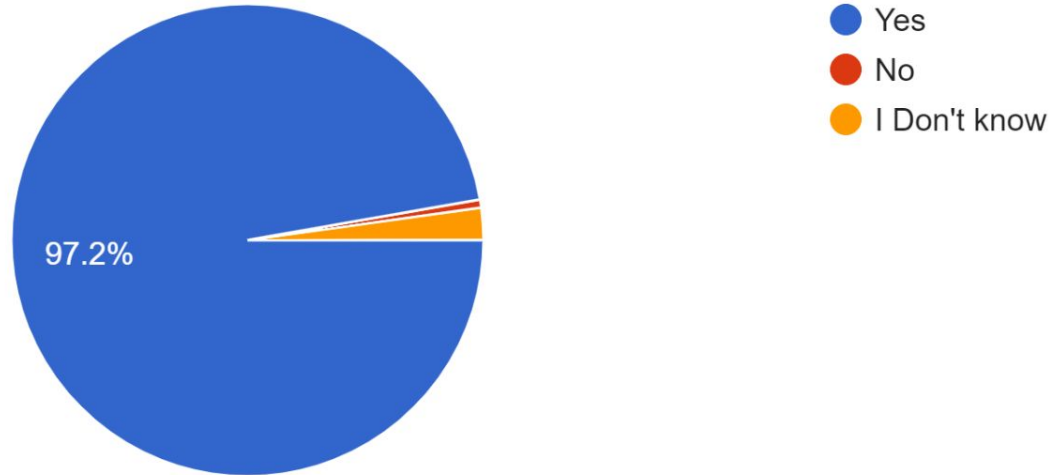


Discipleship and Evangelization

#9

Do I understand that through my baptism I am called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

1,089 responses

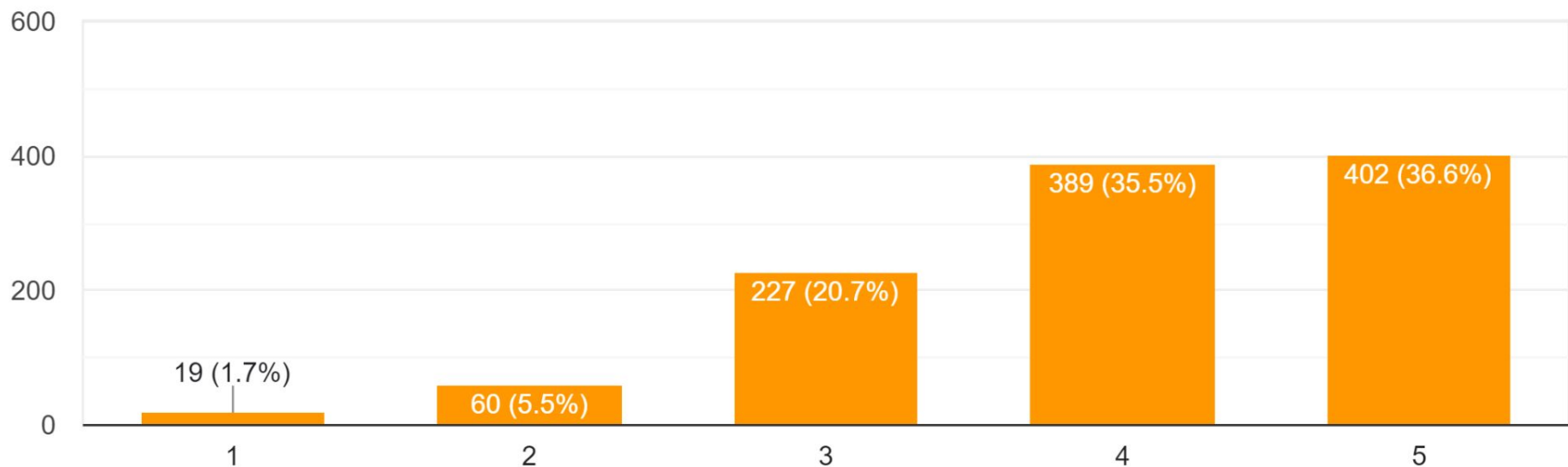


Discipleship and Evangelization

#10

My parish has adequate opportunities to help its parishioners grow in love and knowledge of the Faith.

1,097 responses

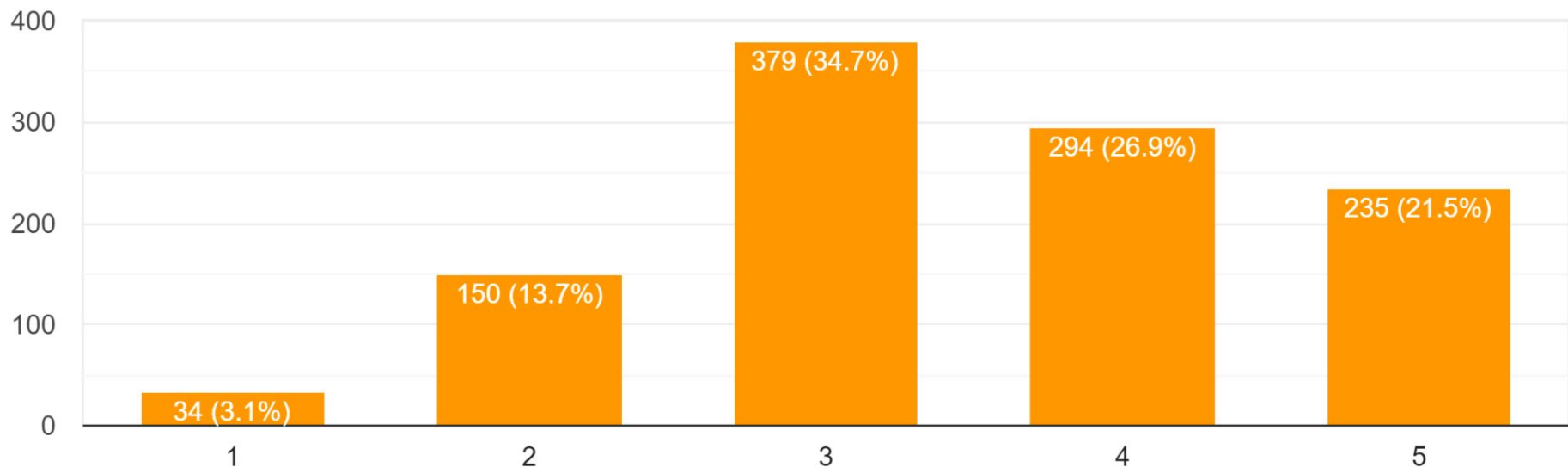


Discipleship and Evangelization

#11

I seek out opportunities at my home parish to grow in discipleship with our Lord.

1,092 responses

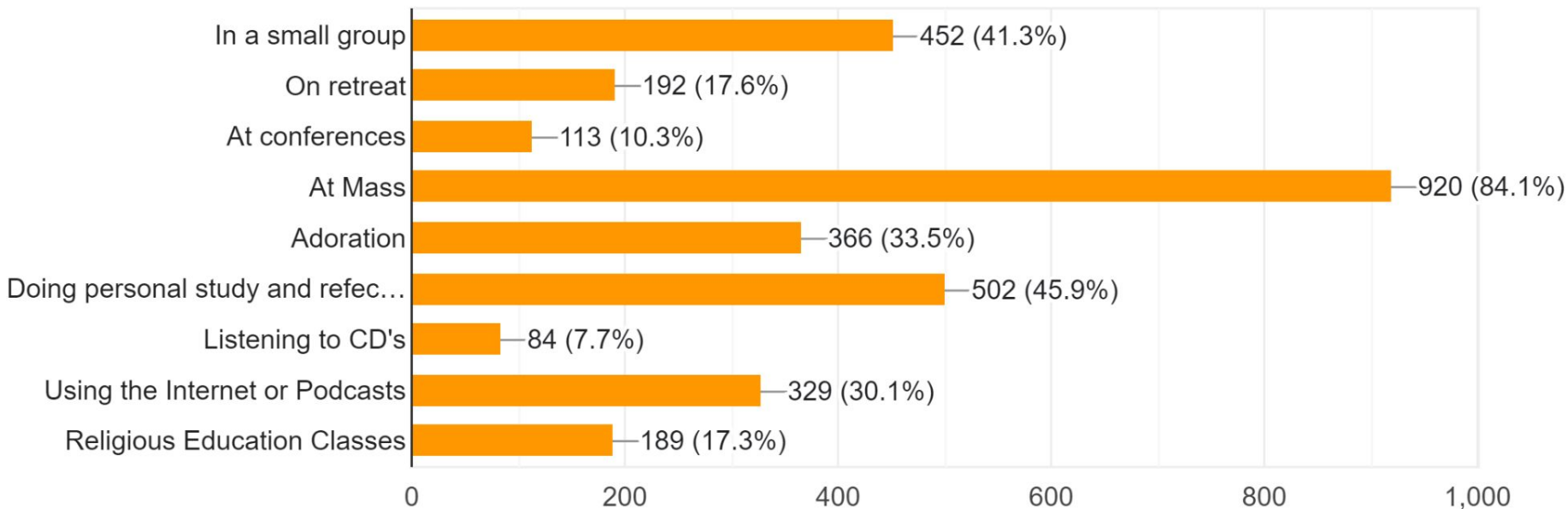


Discipleship and Evangelization

#12

I grow in knowledge of my Faith best when I am:

1,094 responses

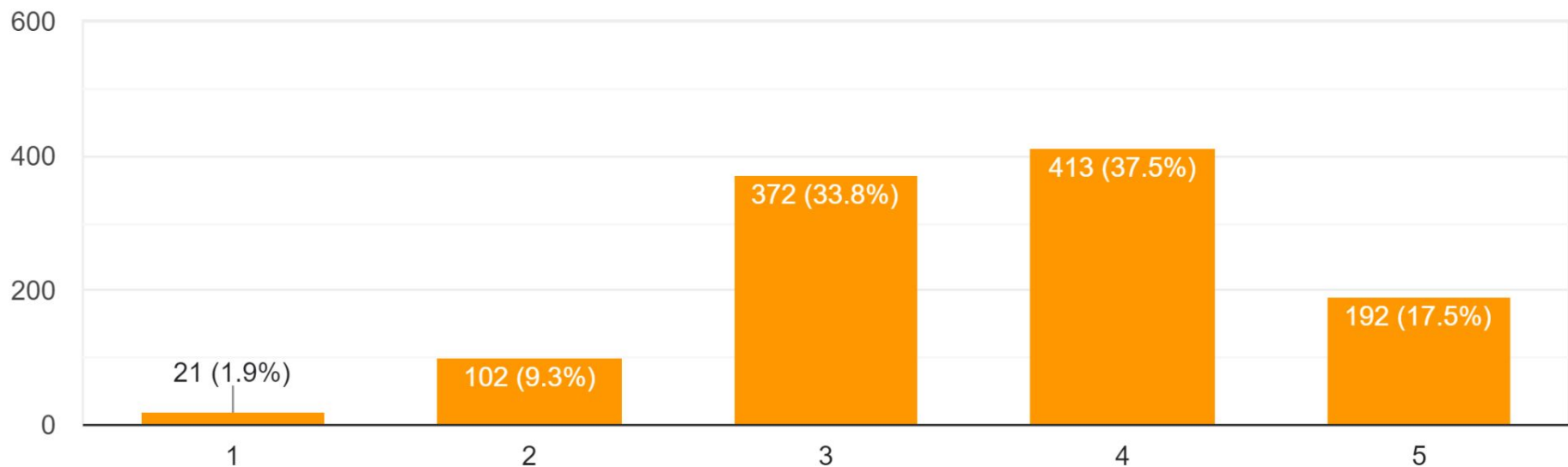


Discipleship and Evangelization

#13

I feel confident in my knowledge of the Faith to answer questions from friends and family.

1,100 responses

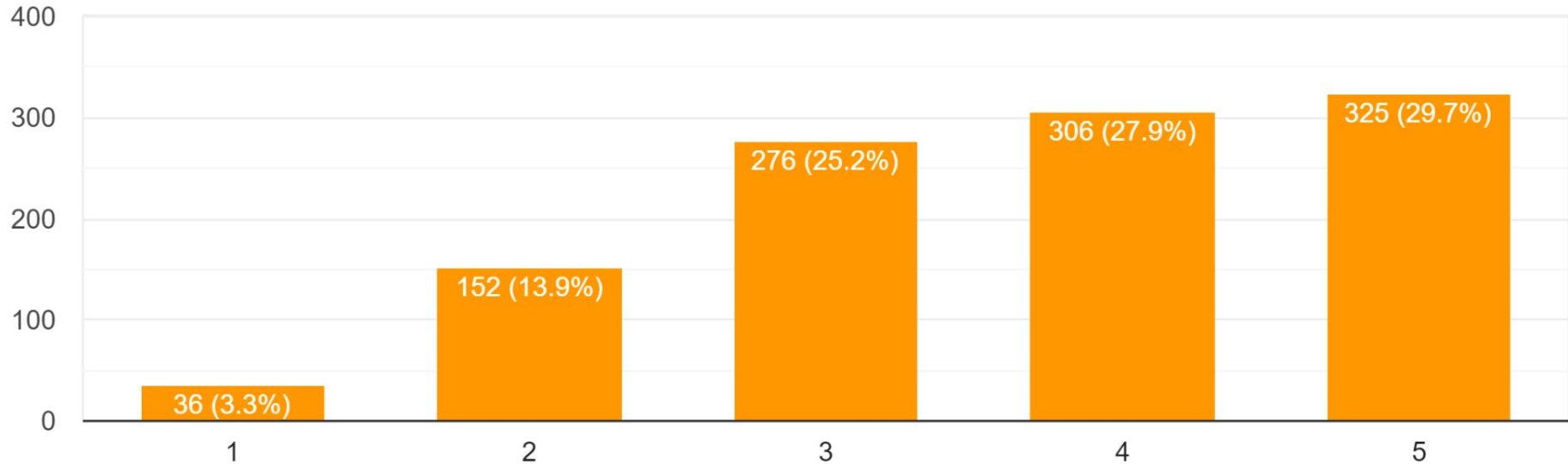


Discipleship and Evangelization

#14

I feel comfortable to invite people to Mass.

1,095 responses

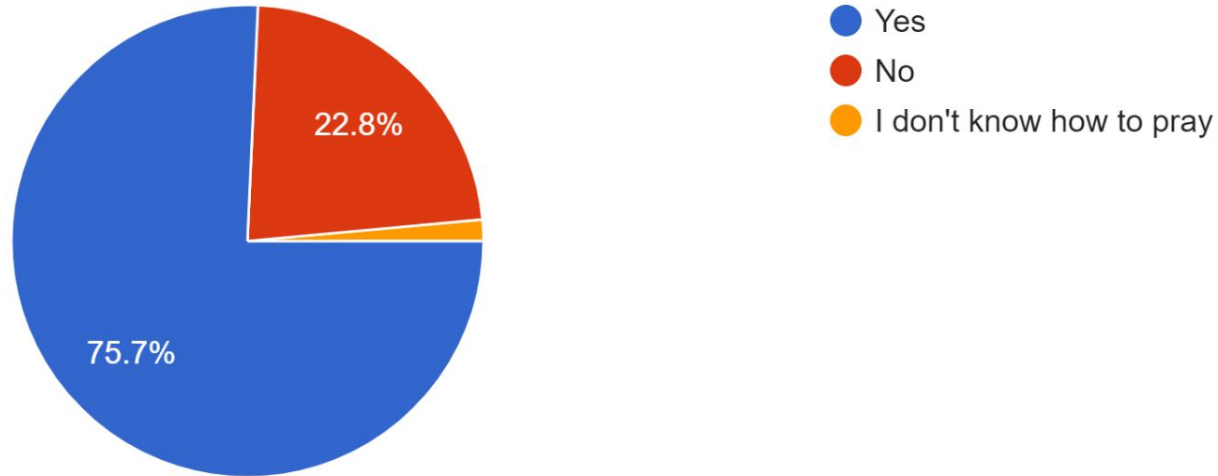


Discipleship and Evangelization

#15

I make prayer a priority in my daily life. (at least 10 minutes)

1,095 responses

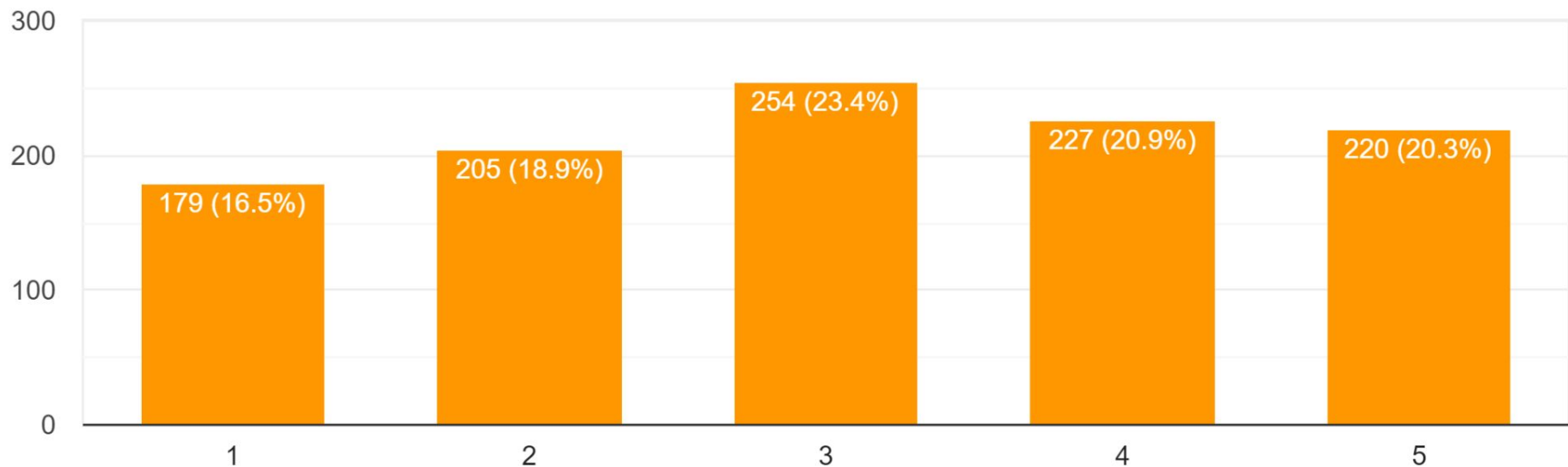


Service

#16

I actively serve in my parish

1,085 responses

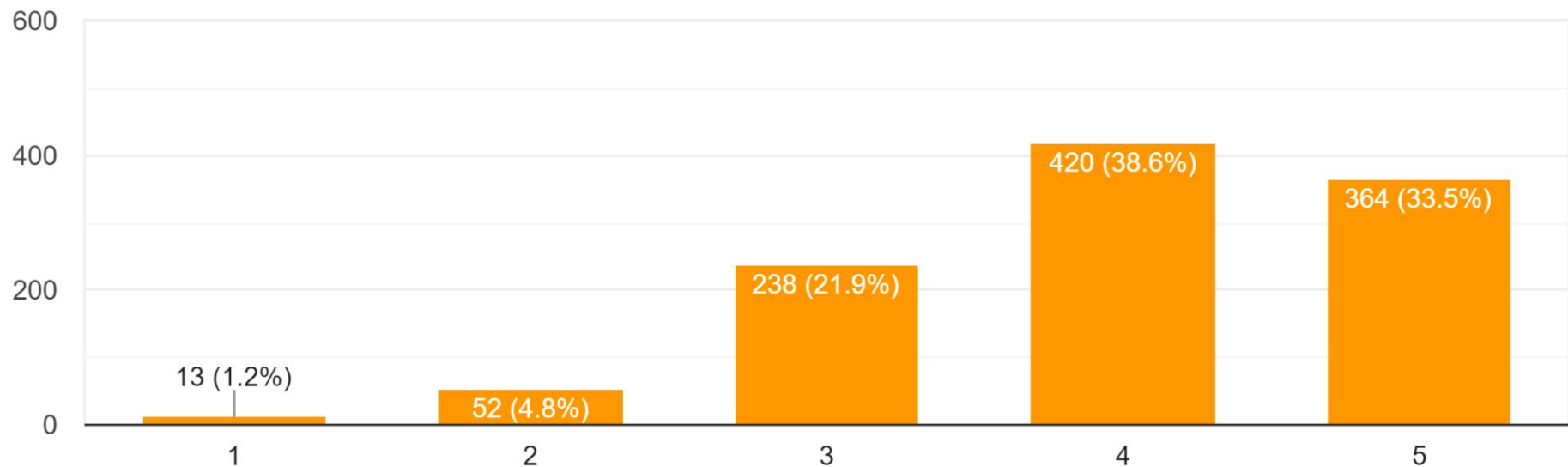


Service

#17

I feel that my parish serves my local community well.

1,087 responses

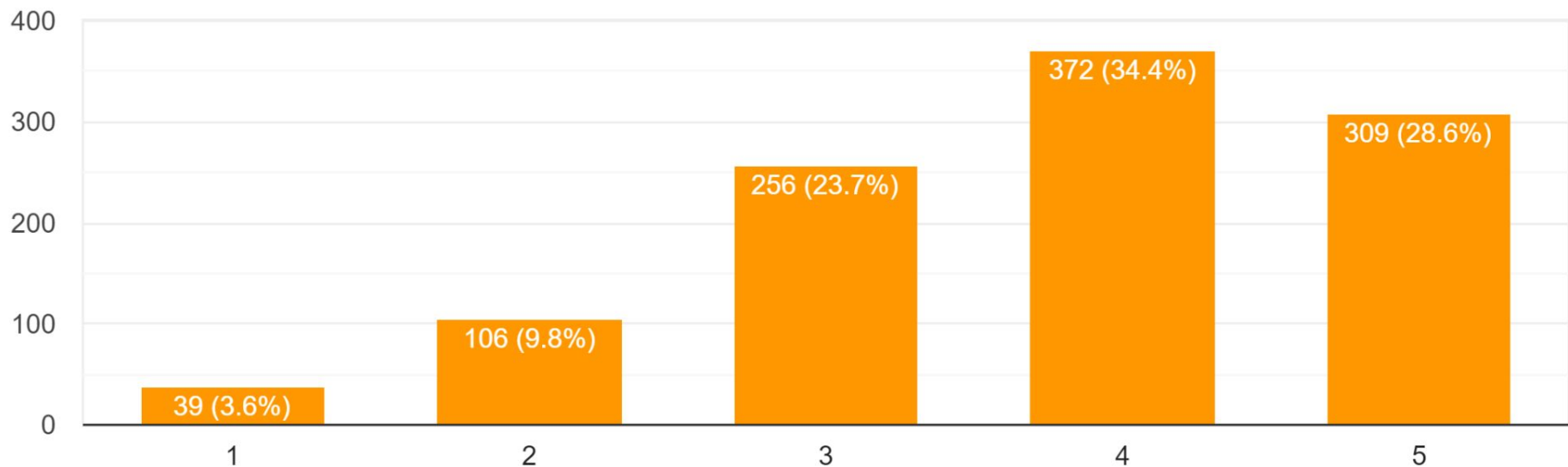


Service

#18

I am aware of opportunities within my parish to serve those in need.

1,082 responses

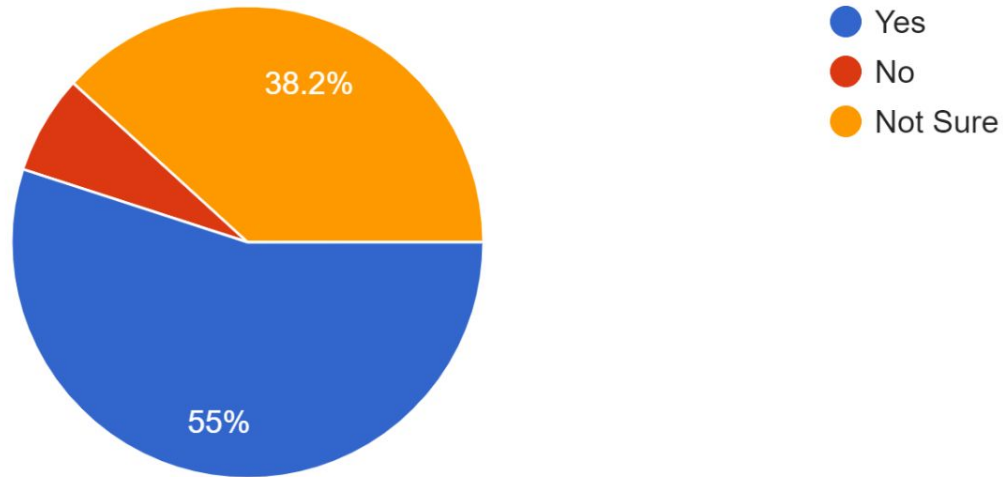


Service

#19

Do I practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in my daily life?

1,080 responses

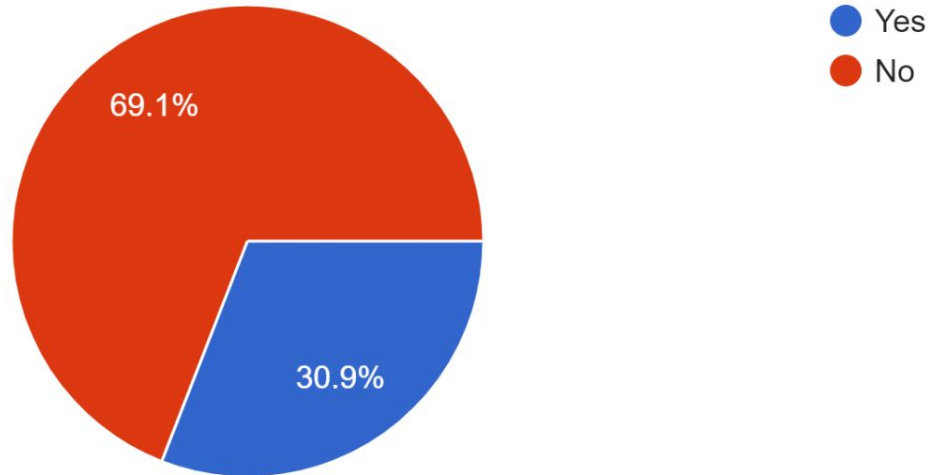


Service

#20

Do I take advantage of serving at Mass as a Usher, Greeter, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, etc.?

1,074 responses

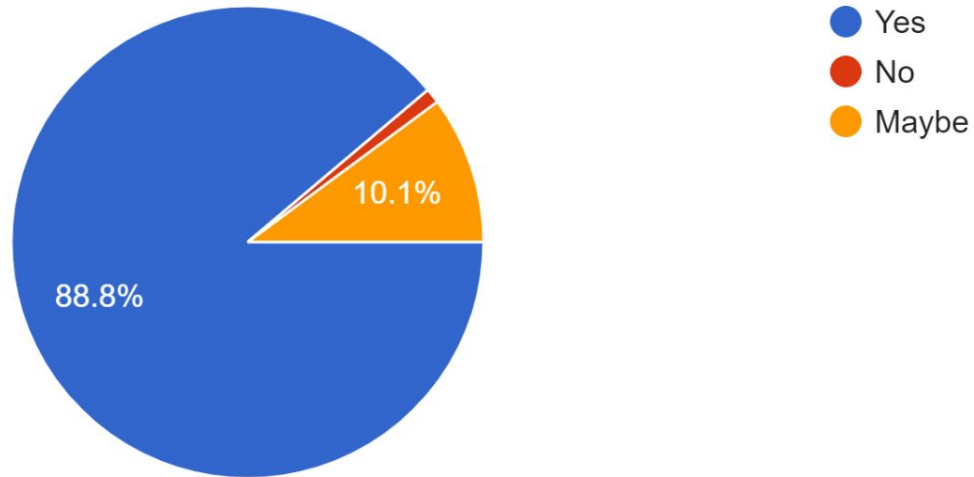


Service

#21

I understand the Christian responsibility of service to the Church through time, talent, and treasure.

1,075 responses

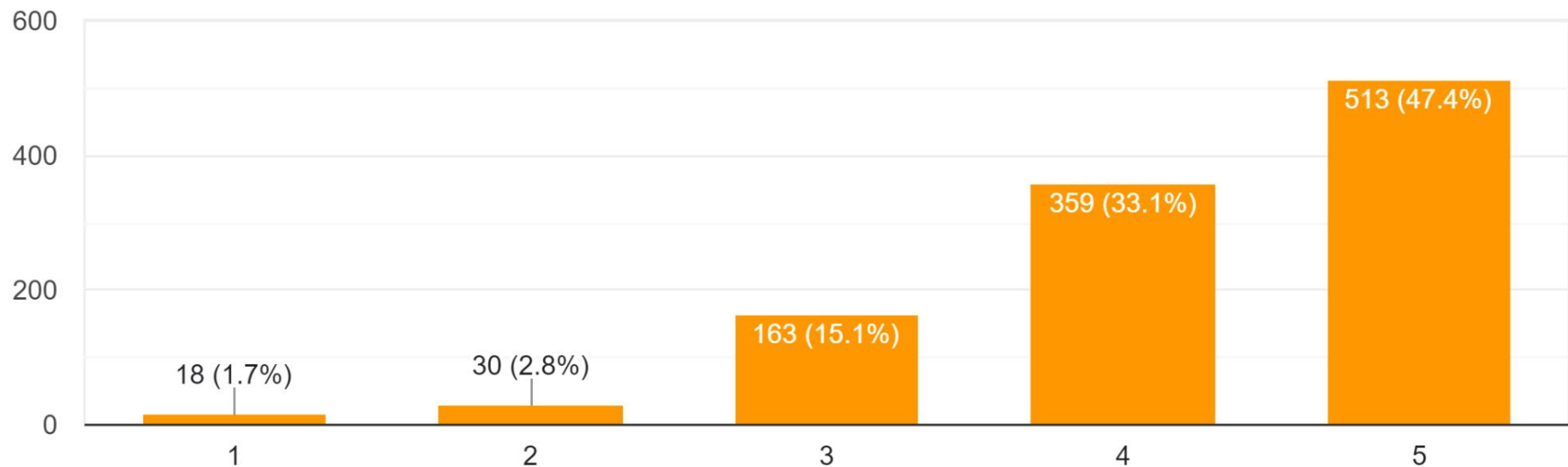


Service

#22

I have been taught about the beauty and joy that comes from sacrificial love.

1,083 responses

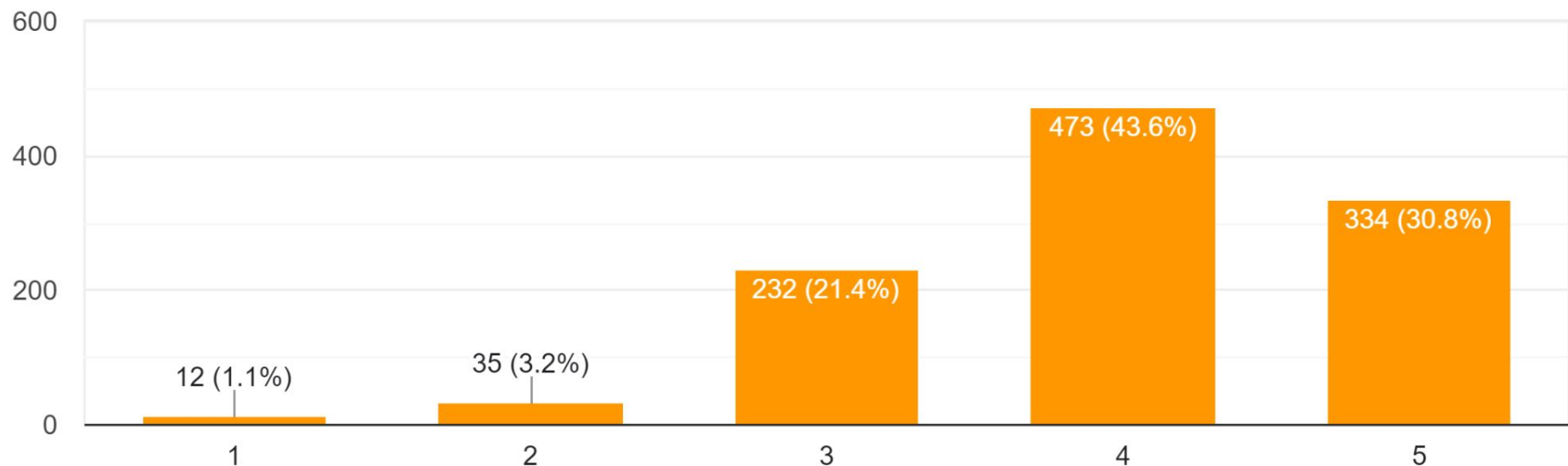


Service

#23

I have modeled in my home the value of true Christian service.

1,086 responses

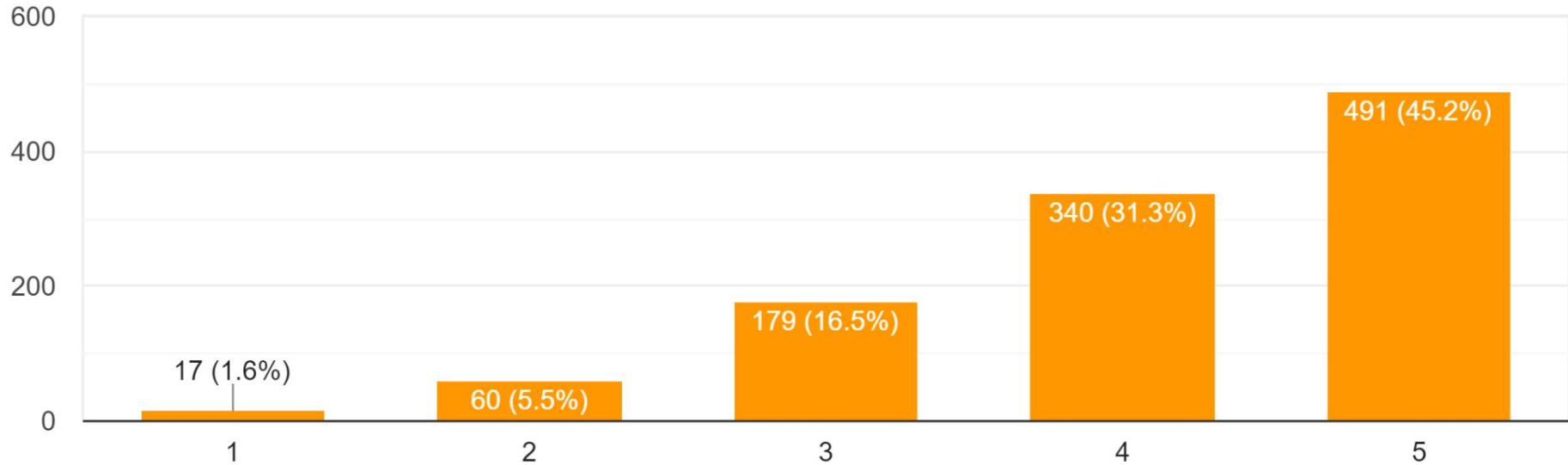


Community

#24

My parish is welcoming to its parishioners and those visiting.

1,087 responses

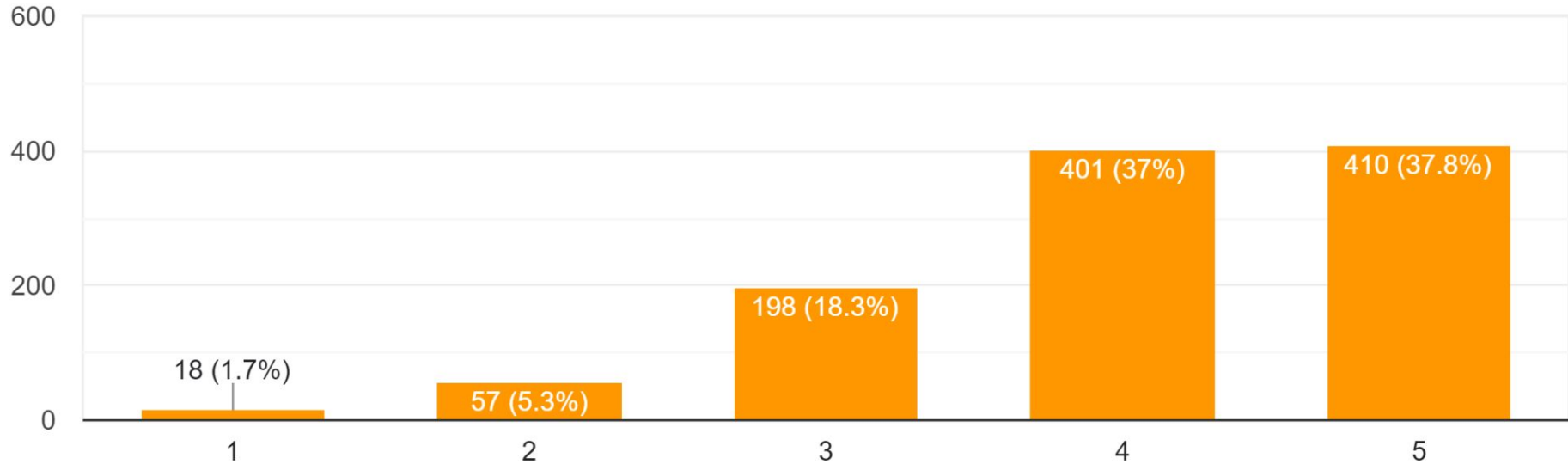


Community

#25

My parish provides sufficient opportunity for the parish community to come together.

1,084 responses

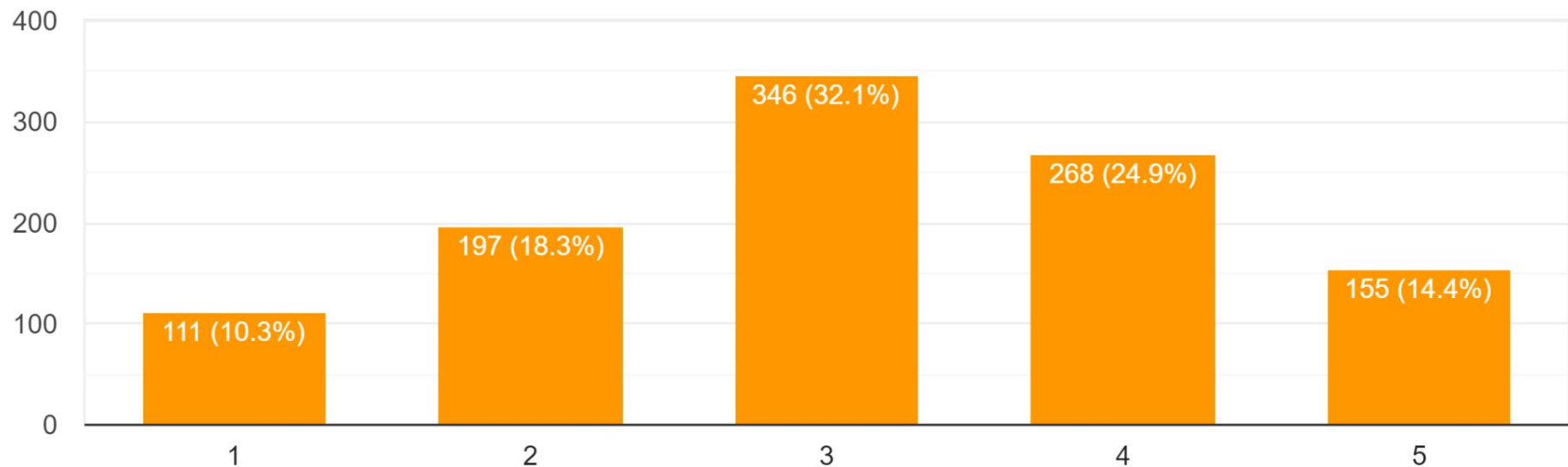


Community

#26

I would travel to another parish in my Pastorate to partake in events that foster community.

1,077 responses

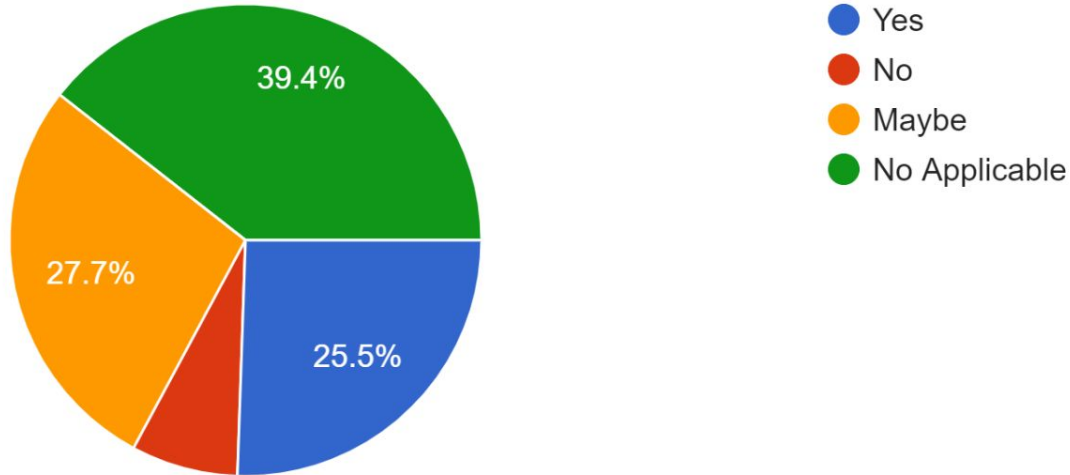


Community

#27

Would I travel, or bring my youth, to another parish in my Pastorate to participate in a youth event?

1,065 responses

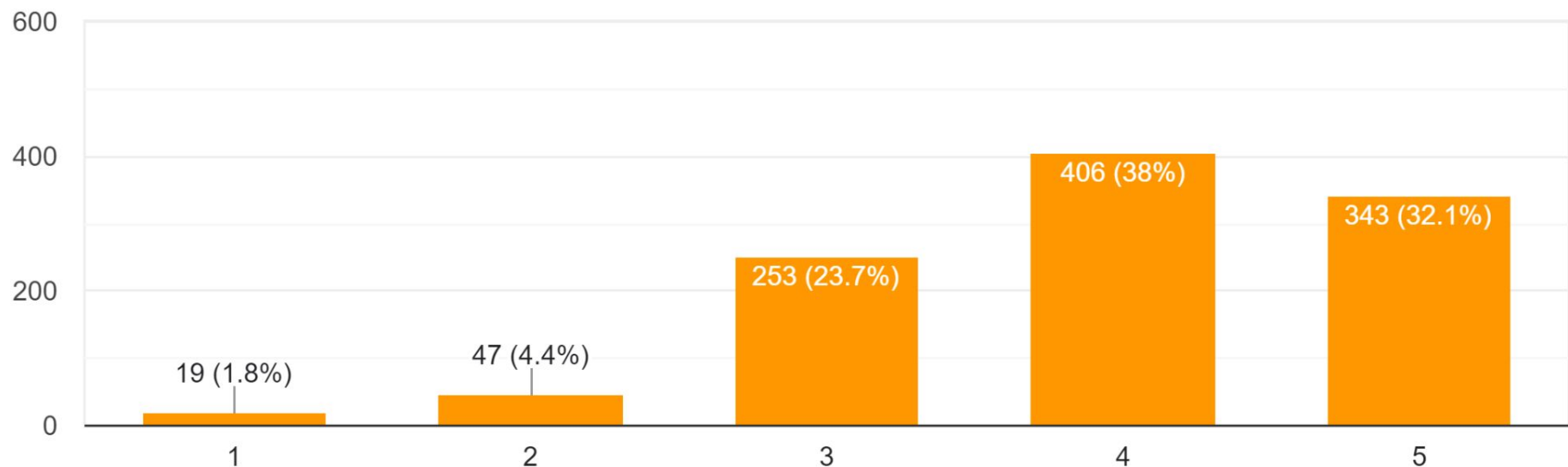


Community

#28

I see the potential fruit of having connections between the parish communities within our Pastorate.

1,068 responses

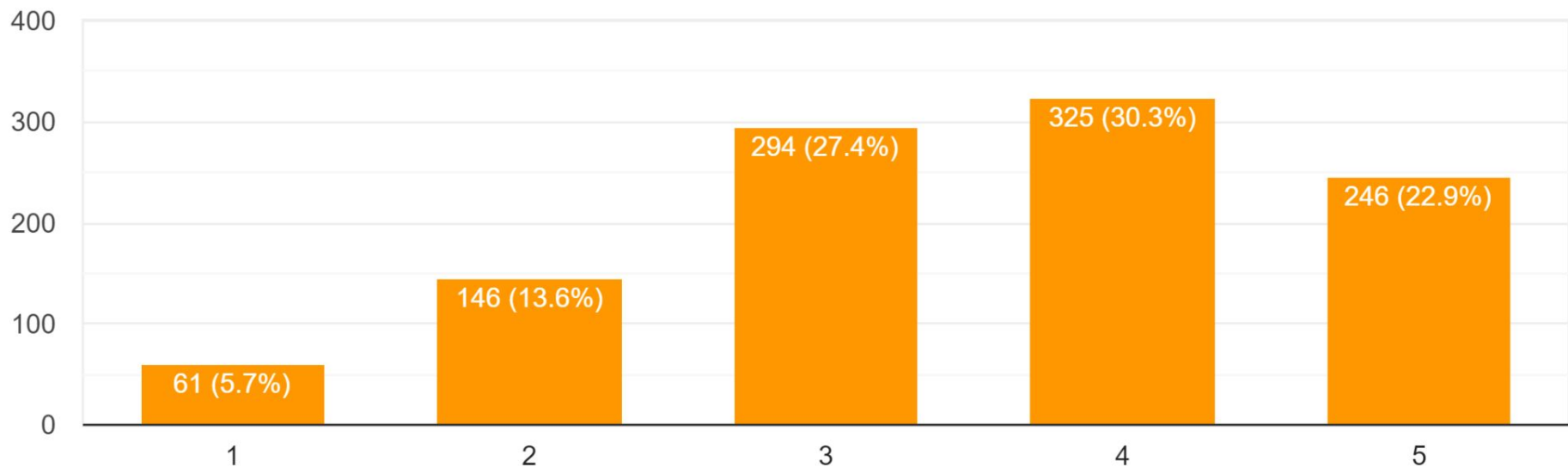


Community

#29

I have strong faith relationships with people from my parish.

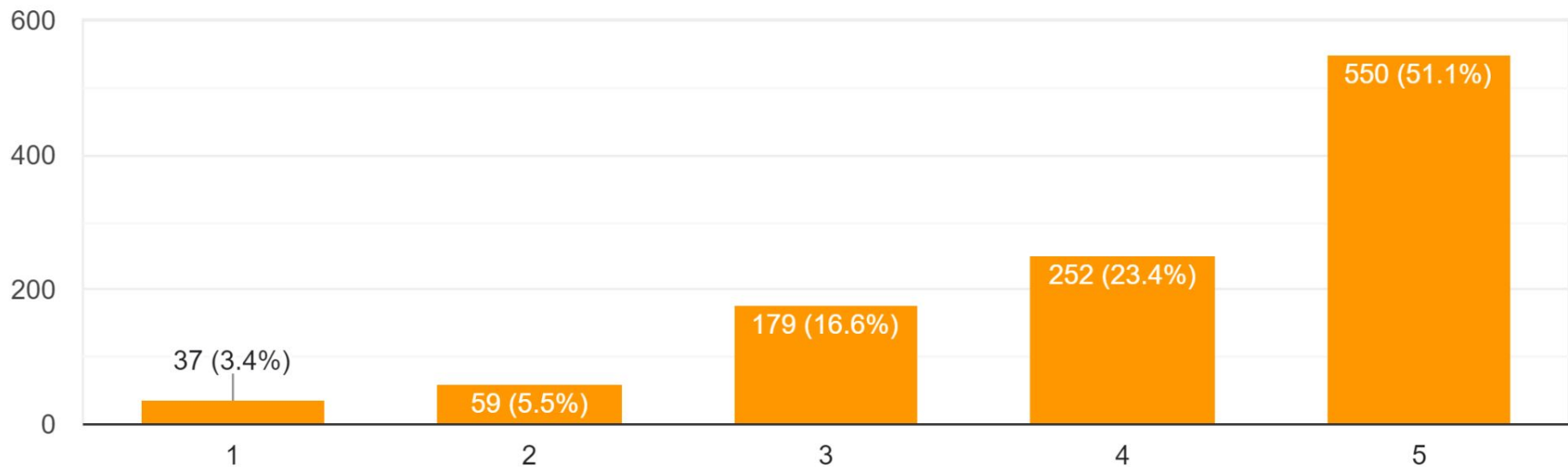
1,072 responses



I feel that the Catholic School is important in developing Catholic Missionary Discipleship within the Pastorate?

1,077 responses

#30



Where Are We?

- Currently, we are a fledgling, far-flung Pastorate with 5 parishes of differing sizes, identities and histories, two recently closed and merged parishes, and collegiate Newman Center at a major university
- We are endeavoring to implement a new model of discipleship called *Set Ablaze* in the midst of acclimating to the priest personnel changes and the consequences of these changes that occurred in July
 - Frustration
 - Uncertainty
 - Fear
 - Hope
- We are absolutely committed to our Faith future, desire to enter into a deeper, more effective, and efficacious way of life that is discipleship in Christ.

Where Do We Want To Be?

- We want to be a Pastorate that finds its identity in Christ, and fulfills the vision of Bishop Degrood in a most fruitful way by our sharing of resources and gifts within a unified Pastorate.
- We want our children and adults to know and love Jesus Christ, and aspire to become Lifelong Catholic Missionary Disciples in God's Love, to the glory of His name.
- We will not be afraid to fail in our various attempts to fulfill our aspirations. Some things won't work.
- We desire beautiful liturgies, vibrant youth programs, growth and development of our Catholic school and religious education programs, and a community that genuinely seeks to learn and live our faith.

How Do We Get There, How Do We Measure Our Success?

- We pray
- We enter into the process and participate
- We think creatively and work hard
- We pray some more

Next Steps

- **January-March:** Meetings at individual parishes to present and discuss data compiled by the Diocesan consulting firm. These data points include Mass attendance, sacramental activity such as Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Financial Health, Facilities, etc. Diocesan appointed facilitators will help guide these discussions.
- Focus-
 - Is our parish efficient? Do we desire to or can we implement the vision set forth by *Set Ablaze*?
 - Aspirational planning for the future, highlighting individual parish strengths, and how we can share resources for the benefit of all
- **April:** Pastorate town hall meeting to articulate clearly our consensus for moving forward, and drafting of Pastorate plan to submit to Bishop Degrood for his approval in May, 2024