Univision asked Catholics on five continents about some of the issues most important to them and thus, to the Church too, in an eye-opening Global Survey.
DIVORCE

Do you agree or disagree with Catholic Church policy that says: “An individual who has divorced and remarried outside of the Catholic Church, is living in sin which prevents them from receiving Communion”?

[Diagram showing responses from different regions around the world, with percentages for Agree, Disagree, and No Answer.]
MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS

Do you think that Catholic priests should be allowed to marry?
Do you think that women should be allowed to become Catholic priests?

**NO** 79%

**YES** 18%

**NO ANSWER** 3%
ABORTION

Do you think that abortions should be allowed in all cases, allowed in some cases for example when the life of the mother is in danger, or should it not be allowed at all?
CONTRA-CEPTIVES

Do you support or oppose the use of contraceptives?
GAY MARRIAGE

Do you support or oppose marriage between two persons of the same sex?
GAY MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Do you think that the Catholic Church should perform marriages between two persons of the same sex?

- **NO**: 77%
- **YES**: 17%
- **NO ANSWER**: 6%

**Argentina**

**Brazil**

**Colombia**

**France**

**Poland**

**United States**

**Spain**

**Italy**

**Democratic Republic of Congo**

**Philippines**

**France**

**Poland**

**United States**

**Spain**

**Italy**

**Democratic Republic of Congo**

**Philippines**
BRAZIL

DIVORCE

WOMEN BECOMING PRIESTS

MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS

ABORTION

CONTRACEPTIVES

GAY MARRIAGE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

CONTRARY TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

INTERMEDIATE POSITION (ONLY APPLIES TO ABORTION)

NO ANSWER

CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

%
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

DIVORCE

MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS

WOMEN BECOMING PRIESTS

ABORTION

CONTRACEPTIVES

GAY MARRIAGE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

CONTRARY TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

INTERMEDIATE POSITION (ONLY APPLIES TO ABORTION)

NO ANSWER

CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

%
SPAIN

DIVORCE

MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS

WOMEN BECOMING PRIESTS

ABORTION

CONTRACEPTIVES

GAY MARRIAGE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

CONTRARY TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

INTERMEDIATE POSITION (ONLY APPLIES TO ABORTION)

NO ANSWER

CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

%
FRANCE

DIVORCE

OF PRIESTS

MARRIAGE

WOMEN BECOMING
PRIESTS

ABORTION

CONTRACEPTIVES

GAY MARRIAGE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

CONTRARY TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION

INTERMEDIATE POSITION (ONLY APPLIES TO ABORTION)

NO ANSWER

CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION
ITALY

- **Divorce:** 79%
- **Women Becoming Priests:** 6%
- **Marriage of Priests:** 5%
- **Abortion:** 4%
- **Contraceptives:** 4%
- **Gay Marriage:** 4%
- **Catholic Church Position:**
  - In accordance with the Catholic Church position: 30%
  - Contrary to the Catholic Church position: 66%
  - Intermediate position (only applies to abortion): 16%
  - No answer: 4%
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- **Divorce**: 21%
- **Women Becoming Priests**: 78%
- **Marriage of Priests**: 27%
- **Abortion**: 1%
- **Contraceptives**: 44%
- **Gay Marriage**: 99%
- **Catholic Church Position**
  - According to the Catholic Church Position: 1%
  - Contrary to the Catholic Church Position: 64%
  - Intermediate Position (Only Applies to Abortion): 81%
  - No Answer: 54%

In accordance with the Catholic Church Position
How would you rate the job that Pope Francis has been doing since he was elected Pope earlier this year – excellent, good, mediocre, or poor?
Who tends to be more in accordance with the position of the Catholic Church?

Most similar to the Catholic Church’s position are 55 year old and above, married men and women who live in small, rural areas and who attend mass frequently.
CONTRACEPTIVES

Regarding the use of contraceptives, we find no demographic profile that indicates whether a person is in favor or against the use of contraceptives. Furthermore, it is the one subject on which most of the Catholics interviewed differ from the Church’s stated position.

GAY MARRIAGE

The most controversial subject is gay marriage. On average, 5% more women, 18% more young people and 10% more upper and upper middle class members are in favor of gay marriage compared to their counterparts.
AFRICAN COUNTRIES
Both African countries, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda, had the most heterogeneous responses – across subjects and demographics – and these responses were most similar to those of the Catholic Church.

SOCIOECONOMIC LEVEL
The U.S. has the biggest differences across socioeconomic classes. 25% more people of the lower class share the Church’s opinion on divorce compared to upper and upper middle classes. The same goes for gay marriage (24%), marriage of priests (19%) and women in the priesthood (20%).
SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCE
Generational differences are most evident in Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mexico and Spain. On average and respectively, 12%, 10%, 16% and 11% more people 55 years or older share the Church’s opinion than do young people.

GEOGRAPHICAL DIFFERENCE
Geographical differences are most evident in Argentina and Mexico. On average, 15% and 11% more people living in rural areas in both countries share the Church’s opinion than do those living in big cities.
A comprehensive survey of 12,038 self-identified Catholics was conducted in 9 languages, across 5 continents and in 12 countries. The countries included in the study were selected after analyzing the Catholic population distribution and concentration around the world. These 12 countries represent 61% of the world’s Catholic population. The overall margin of error for the global aggregated results is 0.9% at the 95% confidence interval.