

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
February 28-March 3, 2013 Omnibus
FINAL TOPLINE
N=184 Catholics

READ TO ALL CATHOLICS (RELIG=2):

As you know, the Catholic Church will soon choose a new Pope.

RANDOMIZE PEW.1 AND PEW.2**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

PEW.1 What do you think is the MOST IMPORTANT problem facing the Catholic Church today?

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 ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF
 MENTION]**

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34	NET sex abuse/scandal
28	Sex abuse/pedophilia
6	Scandals/sexual problems (not further specified)
9	Dishonesty/low credibility/low trust
7	Outdated/out of touch/not modern enough
7	Low attendance/losing followers/losing faith
5	No pope/choosing new pope
3	Lack of consensus/consistency/organization
3	Media bias/unfair treatment by media
3	Contraception
3	Not moral/conservative/traditional enough
2	Priest shortage/priests can't marry/no women priests
2	Homosexuality/gay marriage
2	Abortion
2	Ineffective at reaching youth
7	Other
2	None
17	Don't know

RANDOMIZE PEW.1 AND PEW.2**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

PEW.2 What do you think is the MOST IMPORTANT way the Catholic Church helps society today?

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27	Helps the poor, sick, needy/charitable works
11	Provides moral compass/values
9	Source of faith/spreading religion
7	Source of hope/emotional support
4	Promotes kindness/getting along with others
3	Provides place to worship/gather
3	Respondent mentioned problem (rather than way church helps)
2	Education
1	Prayer/religious practice
8	Other
5	None
29	Don't know