



U.S. Catholic Parish Financial Transparency is One of the Strongest Predictors of Whether Parishioners Recommend Their Parish

1. The relationship between parish financial transparency and parishioners strongly recommending the parish has a very high positive correlation of **0.94.**
2. Responses do not vary sufficiently by age, gender, household income, household contributions, or approach to financial giving.

		My Parish Provides Financial Transparency				
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#	Recommend Parish to a Friend	No Financial Transparency	Little Financial Transparency	Average Financial Transparency	Good Financial Transparency	Excellent Financial Transparency
1.	Strongly Would Not Recommend	20%	2%	1%	0%	0%
2.	Would Not Recommend	9%	7%	4%	2%	0%
3.	Indifferent	16%	16%	14%	7%	2%
4.	Recommend	36%	33%	38%	38%	11%
5.	Strongly Recommend	20%	42%	44%	52%	87%

Notes:

- 1) Questions, responses and labelling based on Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) Portal survey database 2025 of 35,000 responses of U.S. Catholic parishioners. Numbers may not total to 100% due to rounding. Vertical axis: I would recommend my parish to a friend by what level? Horizontal axis: My parish helps me connect with the local Catholic community by providing transparency information to me about the finances of the parish.

