



**SURVEY ON INCLUSION OF LATIN LGBTIQ+ CATHOLICS
FOR THE SYNOD: PRELIMINARY RESULTS**

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ABOUT THE SURVEY ON LATIN LGBTIQ+ CATHOLICS

The data from this study allow us to observe in a consolidated way a general overview of the Latin LGBTIQ+ Catholic community, as well as to identify lines of work to improve the proper pastoral work within these same spaces. Some relevant facts:

- The survey was answered by Latin LGBTIQ+ Catholics, their families and allies from November 19th to 26th in an online form from Google Docs.
- This survey was shared among the inclusive and affirming communities in Latin America, Spain and Portugal - to include a point of comparison considering the similar cultural, religious and language roots - as well as in GNRC Social Media accounts - Facebook, Instagram and Twitter - to engage with wider and diverse audiences in the region.



ABOUT THE SURVEY ON LATIN LGBTIQ+ CATHOLICS

- The survey was answered by 822 people in Latin America (88.3%), Spain (10.2%), Portugal (0.8%) and a few who live outside their homeland in other countries of Europe or North America (0.7%).
- This file includes the main statistics, general insights and a general reference of the potential bias and reliability of the results according to the methodology applied.
- A more in deep report based in this survey will be developed and released in December 2021 and made available in the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics Website.



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**ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH AND RELIGIOUS PRACTICE, DO YOU
CONSIDER YOURSELF AS A PERSON:**



92%
CATHOLIC



5%
CHRISTIAN
(de una
nominación
no Católica
Apostólica)



1%
BELIEVER



1%
SPIRITUAL



0.5%
ARELIGIOUS



0.5%
AGNOSTIC

**HERE ON, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WILL RELATE ONLY TO
THOSE WHO DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS “A CATHOLIC
PERSON”**



WHAT ROLE DO YOU PLAY WITHIN THE BODY OF THE CHURCH?



90%
Part of the
Laity



8%
Female or Male Religious. Eg
Nun, Monk, Priest, etc.



2%
Currently I do not fulfil any
role

WHAT IS YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITHIN THE BODY OF THE CHURCH?



45%

Pastoral Agent (you have responsibility at the community, pastoral or other level of the Church)



35%

Sporadic (although you do not have responsibility, you participate sporadically or constantly in activities in the Church)



17%

None (you do not exercise responsibilities or participate in activities)

**WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS REFLECTS YOUR ASSOCIATION
WITH RESPECT TO THE LGBTIQ + COMMUNITY?**



**AS LGBTIQ+'S, ALLIES OR SUPPORTERS,
DO YOU FEEL PART OF GOD'S PEOPLE
AND OF THE CHURCH?**



61% YES



33% SOME TIMES



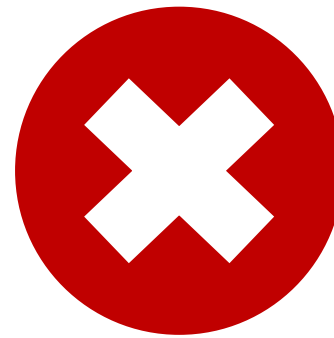
6% NO



**DO YOU THINK THAT THE SYNOD SHOULD REFLECT ON THE INCLUSION OF SEXUAL
DIVERSITIES AND GENDER IDENTITIES IN THE CHURCH?**



99% YES



1% NO

WHICH DO YOU THINK WOULD BE THE BEST WAY TO REFLECT ON THE ISSUE?

73.3 %

Generating specific conversation spaces for reflection during the Ecclesial Assembly

56.7 %

Having experts in science - psychiatry, psychology, sociology, biology - on sexual diversity and gender identity

80.5 %

Sharing good practices of local churches, their parishes or communities as experiences of welcoming and inclusion

81.1 %

Presenting direct testimonials from LGBTIQ+ people and their families

45.8 %

Carrying out a public, open and specific consultation on the issue of sexual diversity and gender identity



AS LGBTIQ+ PEOPLE, ALLIES OR SUPPORTERS, DO YOU CONSIDER THAT THE LGBTIQ+ COMMUNITY AND ITS FAMILIES HAVE ADEQUATE AND RELEVANT SPACES FOR THE RECOGNITION AND LIVING OF THEIR OWN FAITH?



4% YES



37% SOME TIMES



59% NO

**WHAT STRUCTURES, SPACES, EXPERIENCES, ETC. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE FOR THE
INCLUSION OF SEXUAL DIVERSITIES AND GENDER IDENTITIES AT THE DIOCESAN AND PARISH
LEVEL?**



81.4 %

Pastoral work teams that promote the reception and inclusion of LGBTIQ + members and their families



73.9 %

Integrated communities for LGBTIQ + people and their families (without distinction)



51.8 %

Host communities for LGBTIQ+ people and their families (as a specific space for action)



ADDITIONALLY, WHAT STEPS SHOULD THE CHURCH TAKE TO MAKE INCLUSION EFFECTIVE?

98.8 %

Recognition of the presence of LGBTIQ+ people and their families in the Church, establishing that sexual orientation and gender identity are not an option but rather part of human creation and diversity

83.4 %

Review of the texts and norms of the church that violate the dignity of LGBTIQ+ people and their families

74.3 %

Public statement that practices such as reparative therapies promoted by some members of the church are useless, harmful and even deadly

64.2 %

Exercise and promotion of the sacraments that affirm LGBTIQ+ people and their families. e.g., religious marriage

66.6 %

Indicate that the exercise of celibacy is part of the open and free call of every person and is not subject to their sexual orientation or gender identity



**HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED OR ARE YOU PARTICIPATING IN A WELCOME COMMUNITY
FOR LGBTIQ + PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES IN LATIN AMERICA?**



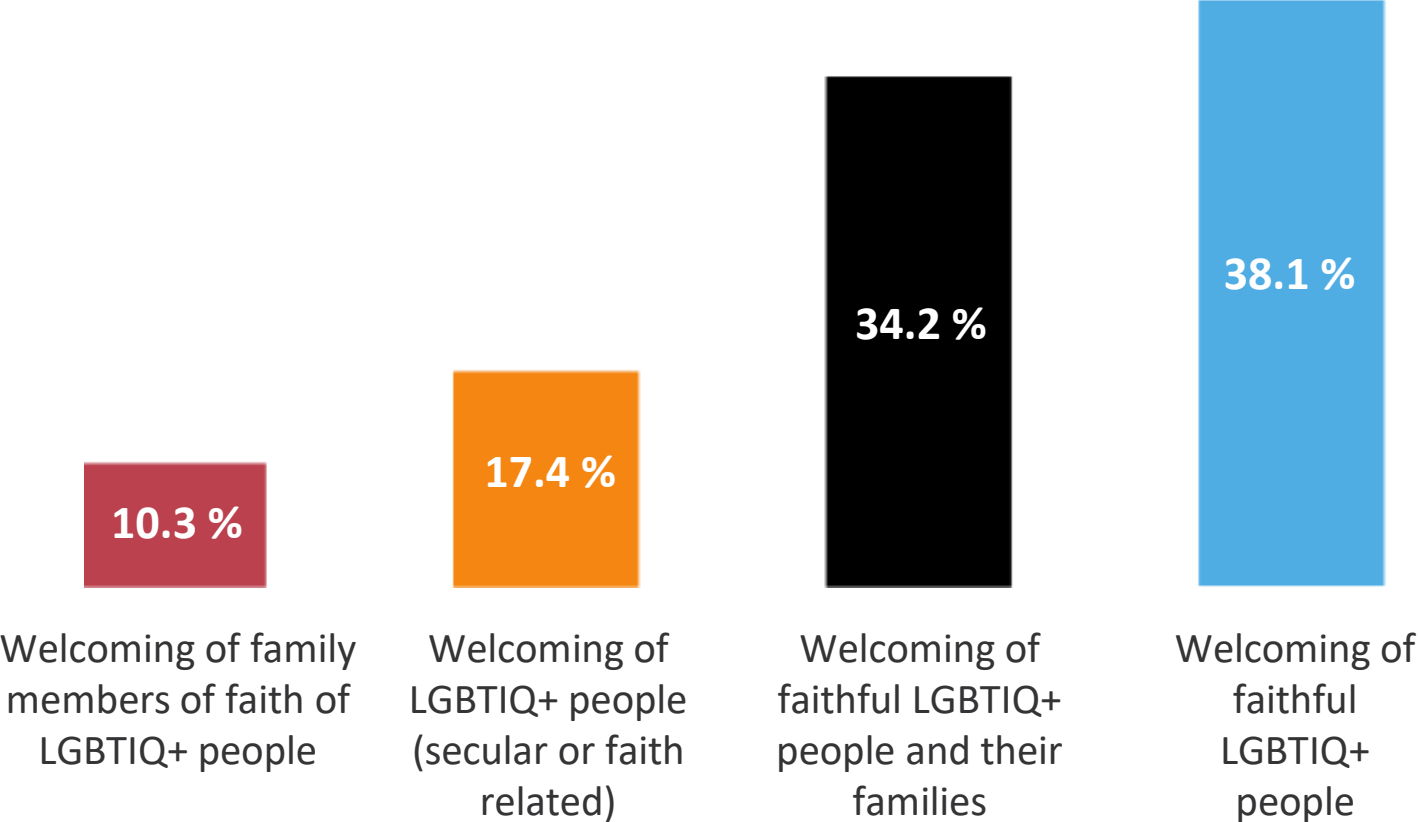
72% YES



28% NO

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**FOLLOWING ON FROM THE PREVIOUS QUESTION, DOES THAT COMMUNITY
CORRESPOND TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS?**



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IS YOUR COMMUNITY ONE IN THE FOLLOWING LIST OR DOES IT BELONG TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING NETWORKS? *(ONLY THOSE WHO ARE IN COMMUNITY)*



32.9%
Rede Nacional de Grupos Católicos LGBT (Brazil)



12.9%
Red Católica Arcoíris México



10.9%
El Centurión (Argentina)



9.1%
Padis+ Chile



9.9%
Espacio Seguro Católico (Costa Rica)



4.4%
Crismhom (Spain)



3.6%
Padis+ Colombia



3.4%
Ichthys Sevilla (Spain)



2.6%
Padis+ Perú



2.4%
Comunidad Católica de la Diversidad (Argentina)



2.2%
Cristianos Inclusivos de Paraguay



1%
CaDiv (Portugal)



1%
Diversidad Vocal (Chile)



2.0%
EFAG Córdoba (Argentina)



1.6%
COMOCAD (Peru)



1.2%
Padis+ Canarias (Spain)



1%
SIQUEM (Argentina)



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YOUR COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE IS:



30.7%
BRAZIL



18.7%
ARGENTINA



15.3%
MEXICO



10.2%
SPAIN



7.1%
CHILE



5.3%
COSTA RICA



4%
COLOMBIA



3.2%
PERU



1.6%
PARAGUAY



0.8%
PORTUGAL



0.5%
BOLIVIA



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CONSIDERING A CISGENDER PERSON AS SOMEONE WHO IDENTIFIES WITH THEIR ASSIGNED SEX AT BIRTH AND A TRANSGENDER PERSON AS SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT NECESSARILY IDENTIFY WITH THEIR ASSIGNED SEX, DO YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR GENDER IDENTITY AS...?



35.8%

Cisgender Woman



2.1%

Transgender Woman



53.8%

Cisgender Man



1.3%

Transgender Man



0.8%

No Binary Transgender



3%

Non Binary



0.8%

Intersex



2.4%

Don't know / Answer



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WHO DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR SEXUAL ORIENTATION?



42.2%
Gay



9.4%
Lesbian



13.6%
Bisexual



31.7%
Heterosexual



0.1%
Queer



2%
Pansexual



0.3%
Asexual

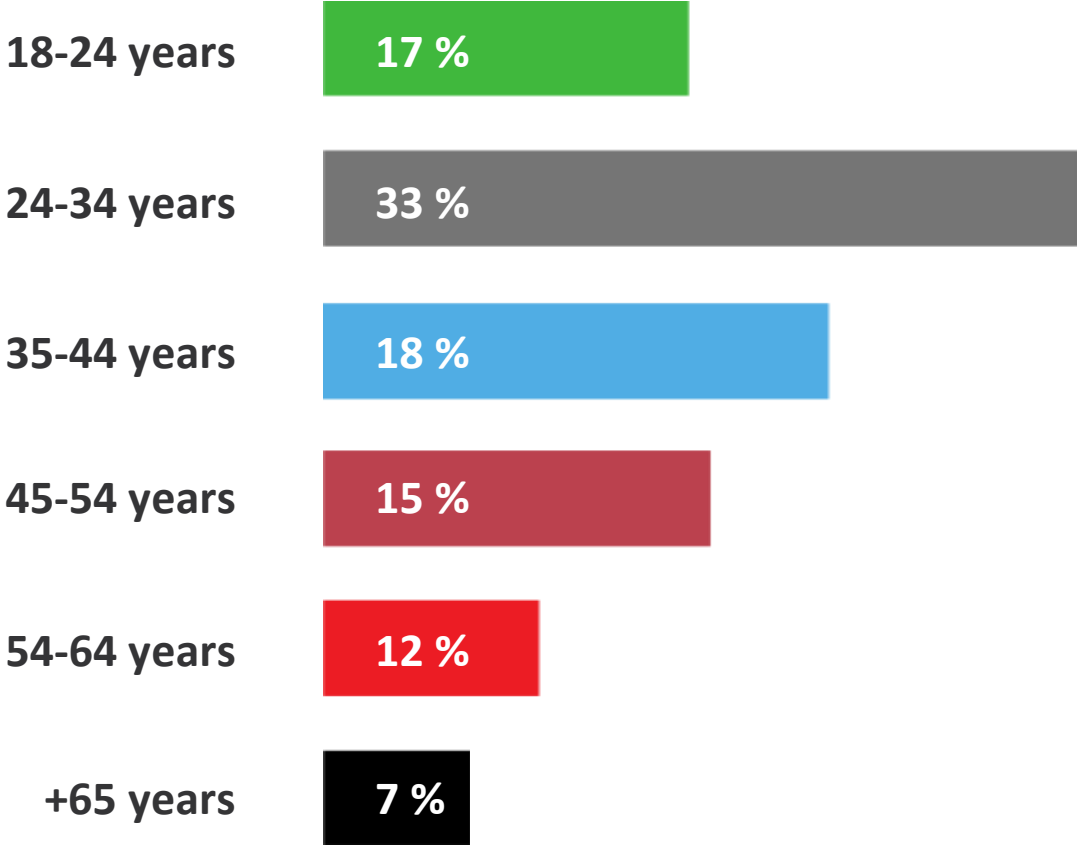


0.8%
Other



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YOUR AGE



SAMPLE SIZE, STANDARD ERROR AND OTHER CLARIFICATIONS OF THE SURVEY ON LATIN LGBTIQ+ CATHOLICS

- The Survey was answered by a total of 822 people during the reviewed period - from November 18 to 26 (not yet closed at the time of publication of this preliminary report) - where 757 of them (92.1% of the sample) declared themselves Catholic. To exclude potential bias linked to responses related to the practices and experiences of other Christian denominations or religious beliefs, the other 7.9% of the sample was excluded from the subsequent data results and conclusions (Slides 5-20). It is important to note that within this second group there are people who complemented themselves with statements such as "former Catholics", linking it in their comments directly to their traumatic experiences as LGBTIQ + people within the church.



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- The survey is considered a representative sample of Latin LGBTIQ+ Catholics that belong to inclusive communities according to the group consulted in the region, their current total and active membership arises to more than 1.200 people, including LGBTIQ+ folks, their families and allies. So, considering a group of an average of 1.250 people that adjusts to this description, with a heterogeneity of 50%, standard error of 5% and level of trust of 95%, the minimal size of the sample should be higher than 295 surveys answered by people who belong to the inclusive communities. Then, we can find that 509 of the people in the survey declare themselves to belong to these communities - from the total of 757 LGBTIQ+ folks, families and allies that referred as well as Catholics - which is more than a 72% higher than the minimal sample size requested.



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- For purposes of simplicity, the total non-biased sample of 757 Catholics were considered in the major insights. A more specific analysis between those who belong to the target communities, outside allies, other LGBTIQ+ Catholics and Non-LGBTIQ+/Allies Catholics people, will be included in an oncoming report.





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