

Parishes and Schools: A **United Mission** Defining Vitality

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Opening Prayer

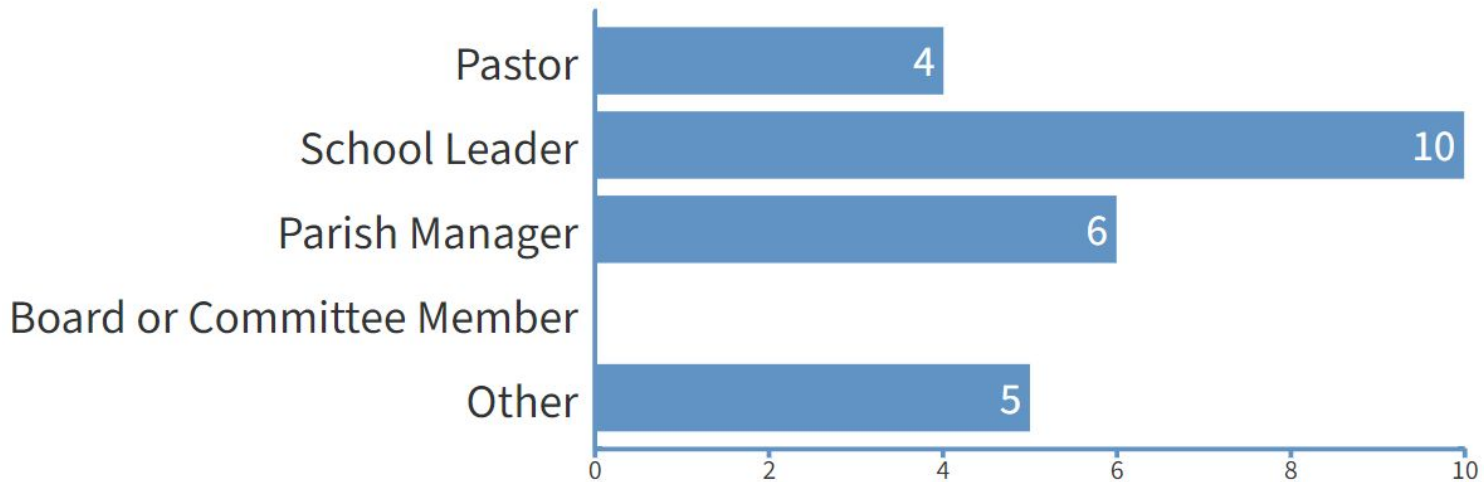
Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community.

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Who do we have here today?



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Introductions

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Agenda

1. Guiding Questions
2. Realities We Face
3. Evangelization & Stewardship
4. Roles and Responsibilities: Small Groups
5. Opportunities: Discussion Panel
6. Game Plan

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Guiding Questions



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Realities We Face



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“New Normal” Assumptions

- Declining support from dioceses, parishes, and religious communities
- Attitudes toward hierarchical church
- Erosion of influence of the episcopacy
- Sexual abuse scandal and inadequate response by some bishops
- Behind on technology adoption
- Increasing complexity/professionalism of Catholic education
- Increasing cost and tuition
- Growing need for financial assistance
- Low salaries

(National Association of Independent Schools, 2013)

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Christianity in the U.S.

(Pew Research, 2022)



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By **2070**, Christians are expected to be a **minority** in the United States.

(Pew Research, 2022)



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More than **40%** of Americans between the ages 20 and 34 are **religiously unaffiliated.**



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The share of Christians is in **decline** partly because religion is not always **transmitted** by Christian parents to their **children.**

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Global Catholicism

(Pew Research, 2022)



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In 2020 the number of Catholics in the world **increased** by **16 million** to 1.36 billion.

(Vatican, 2022)



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That means that **17.7%** of the world's population is **Catholic**.

(Vatican, 2022)



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28% of the world's Catholics live in
South America.

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Church membership among U.S.
Catholics **declined** nearly **20%**
since 2000.

(Catholic News Agency, 2022)



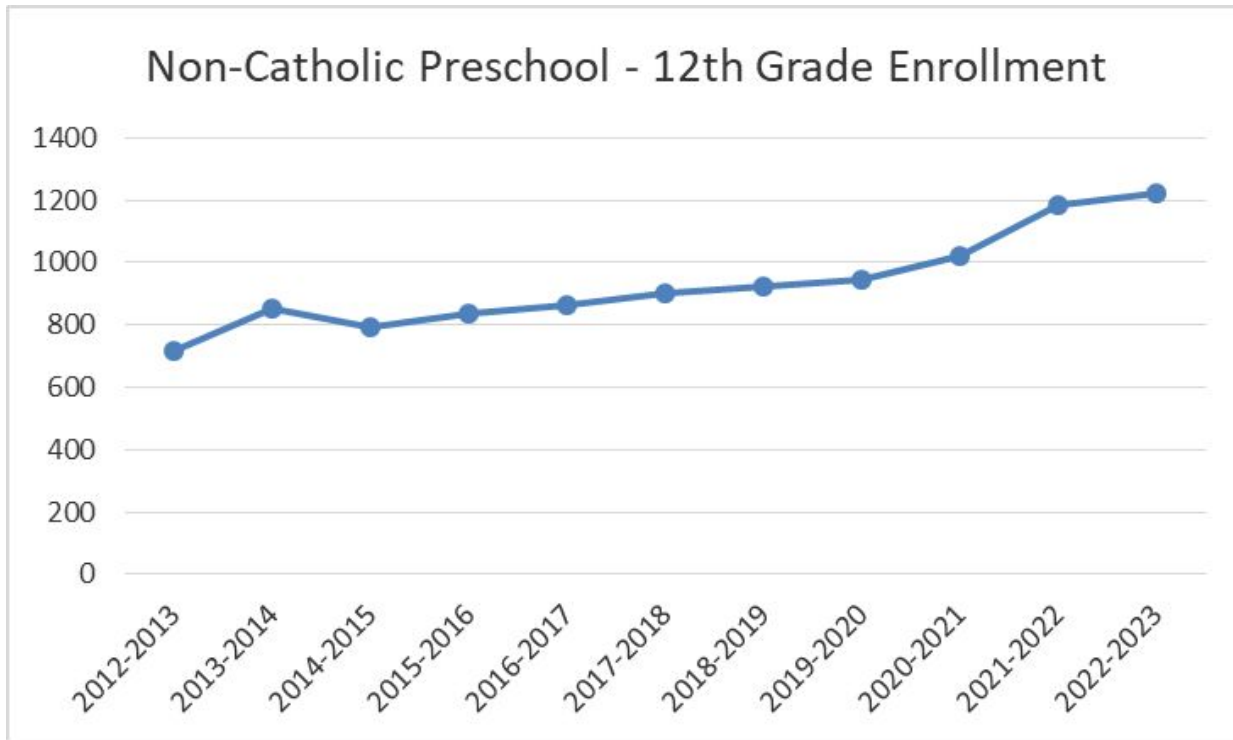
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One-fifth (**20%**) of children in Catholic Schools in the U.S. are **not Catholic**.

(National Catholic Education Association, 2023)



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2014-2015 SY:
5% of students were non-Catholic

2022-2023 SY:
9% of students are non-Catholic

(Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, 2023)

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Spiritual Moral Societal Financial

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Emily Lopez

Office of Evangelization

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Evangelization

1. Purpose: Why does my _____ exist?
2. Relationships of Value & Trust
3. Invitation / Accompaniment
4. Identity - internal vs. external



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Pillars of Stewardship

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2. Hospitality
3. Formation
4. Service

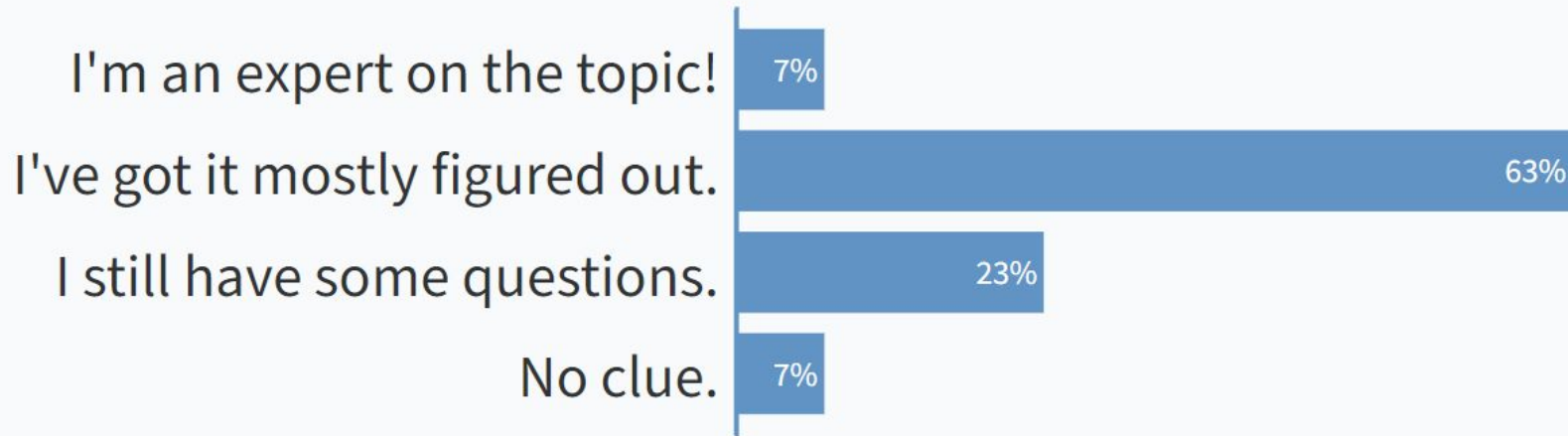
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"Catholic schools,
in partnership with parents,
are one of the most important and most effective
tools we have in the Church for passing on the
faith and forming our youth."

- Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann

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How well do you understand the role of the School Leader?

I can lead this discussion.

30%

I'm pretty well informed.

57%

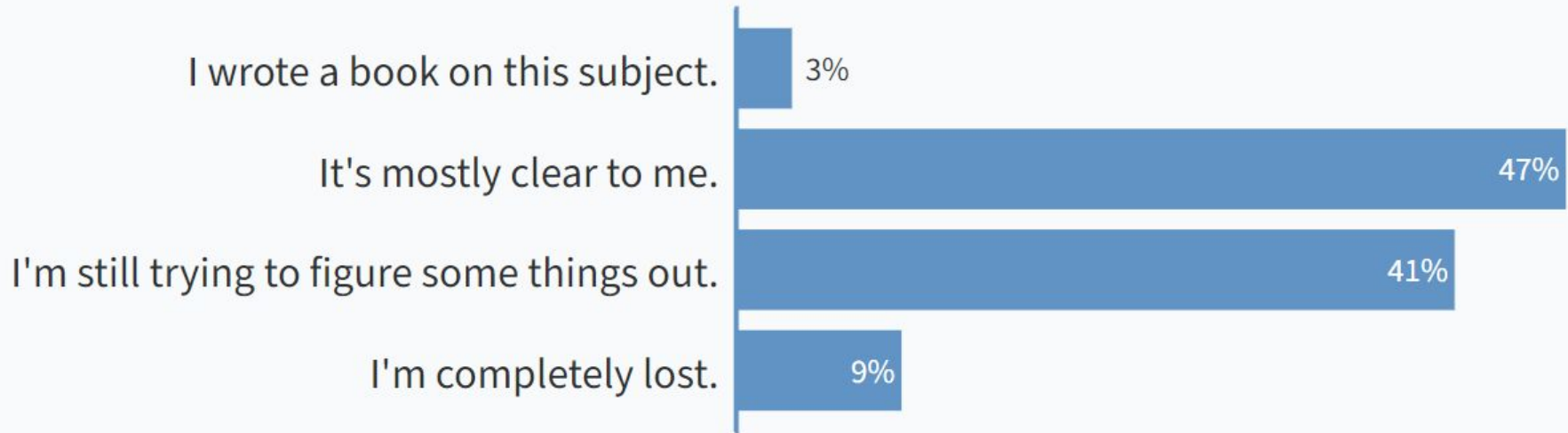
There's still some gray area for me.

7%

Who is the School Leader?

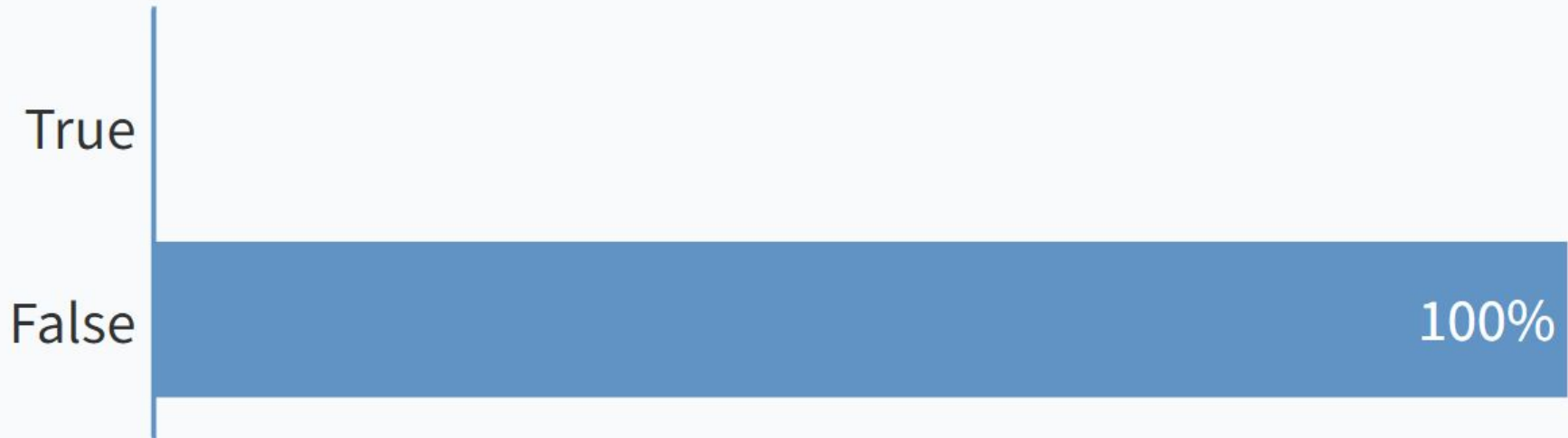
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How well do you understand the Parish Manager's role as it relates to the school?

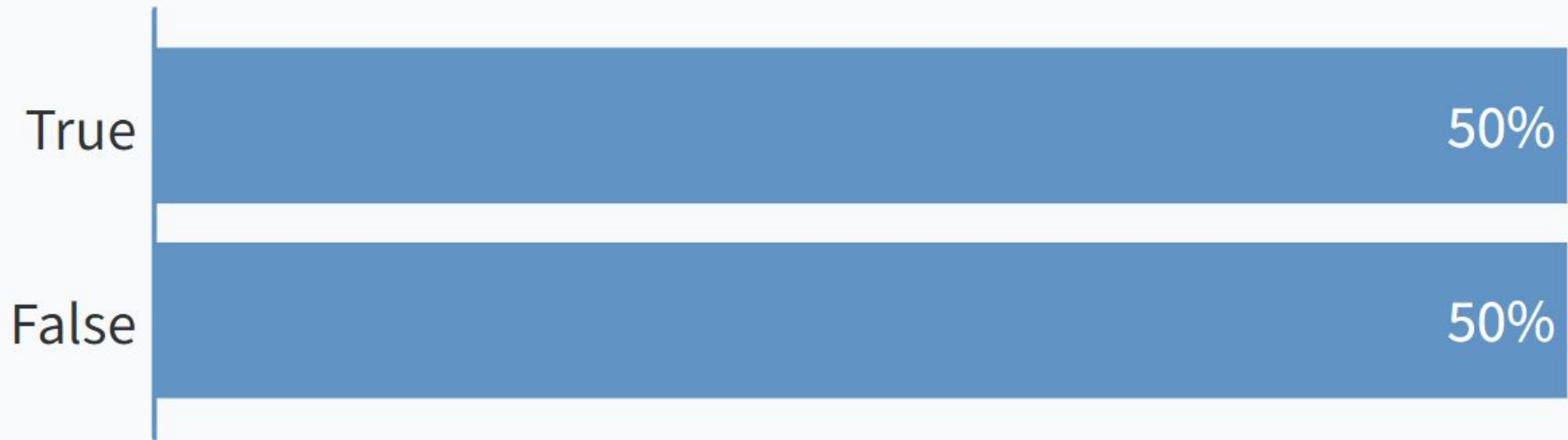


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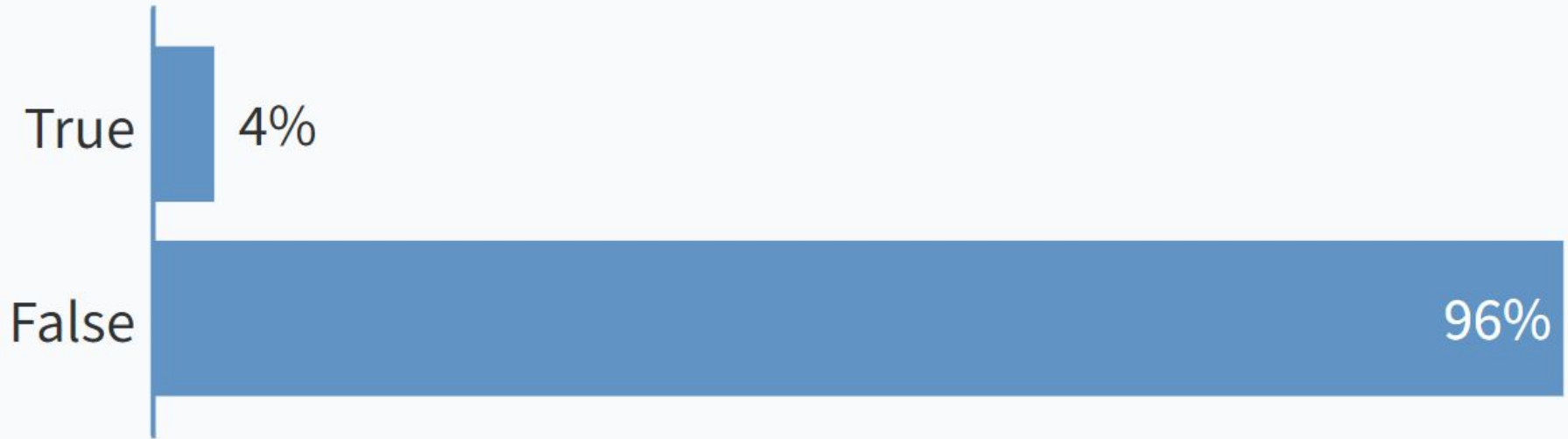
The role of the School Leader is limited to the areas of academics.



The Pastor's first priority should be the parish, with the school coming second.

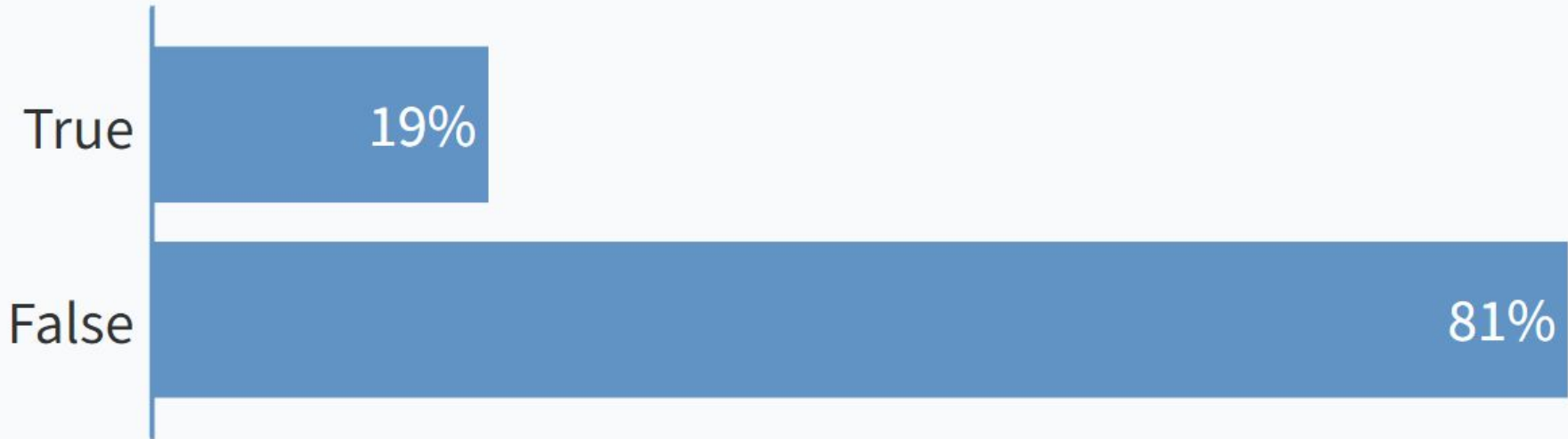


The mission of Catholic schools and School of Religion are different.



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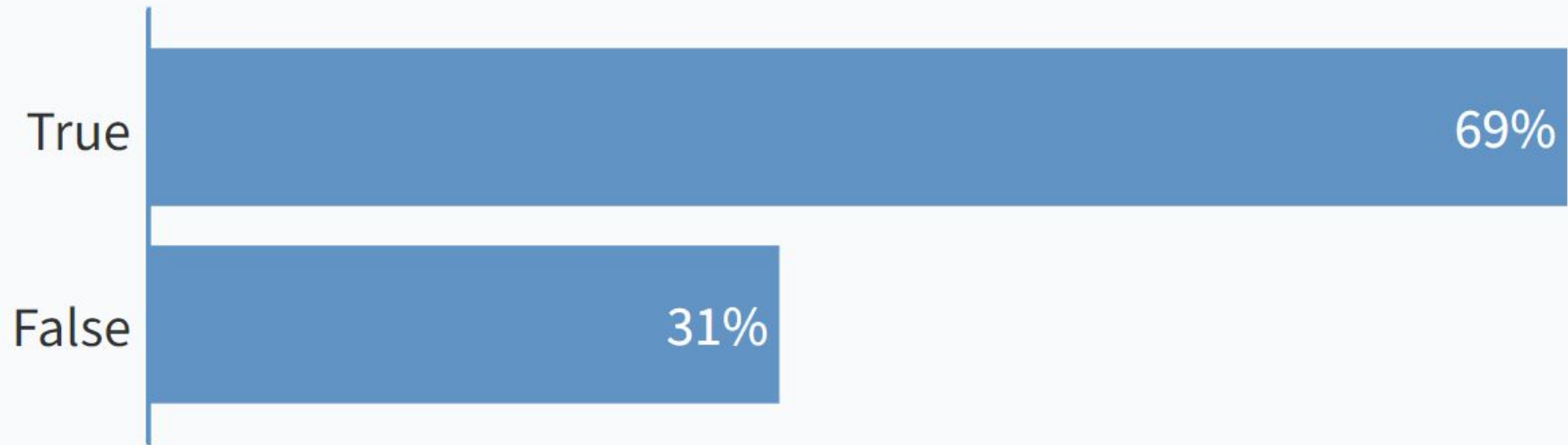
The School Leader must get the approval of the Parish Manager prior to making any purchases.



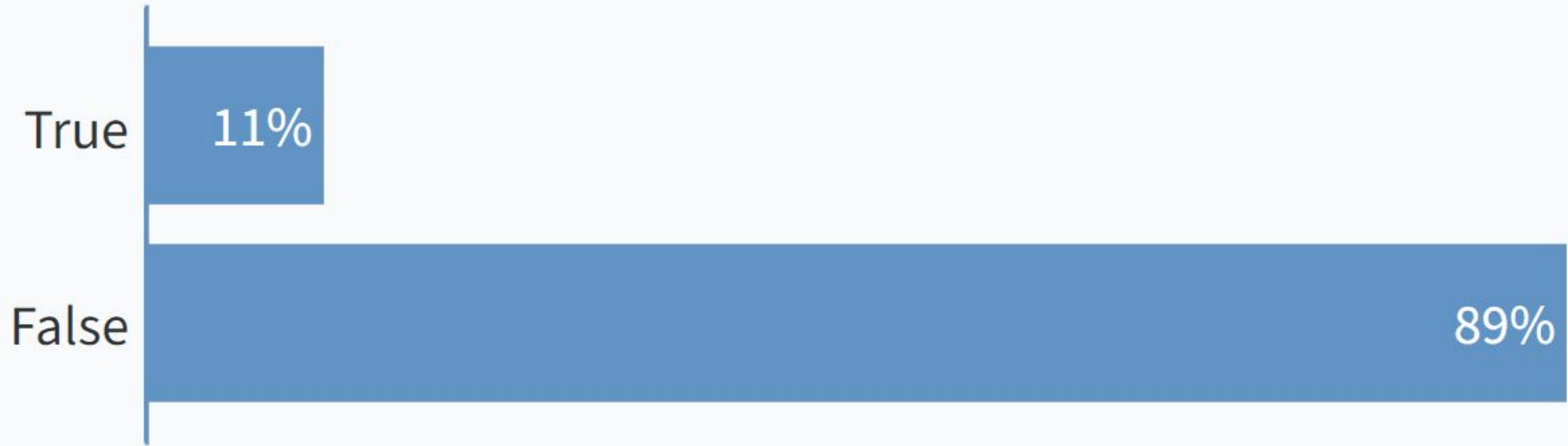
Without the school, the parish would be better-off financially.



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Directions: With the group, determine which responsibility is that of the pastor, school leader, and the parish business manager. There will be instances of overlap as well as responsibilities not applicable to any of the roles.

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Were you surprised by answers provided by any of your peers? If so, how has that answer changed your own thinking about the roles and responsibilities?

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Which of the responsibilities and roles have the greatest overlap?

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Which of the responsibilities should not have the greatest overlap

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Opportunities

1. **Fr. Anthony Saiki**, Pastor at St. Peter's Cathedral (KCK)
2. **James Sandstrom**, Principal at Hayden High School (Topeka)
3. **Jenni Crouch**, Preschool Director at Krische CDC (Topeka)
4. **Laura Haeusser**, Business Manager at St. Patrick (KCK)
5. **Joddi Maddox**, Principal at St. Joseph (Shawnee)
6. **Dan Himmelberg**, Director of Real Estate & Construction (Arch)
7. **Carla Mills**, CFO of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

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Game Plan

Principal, Pastor, and Business Managers:

1. What are 3 things you are doing well?
2. What are 3 things you could improve on?
3. **How** and **when** will you make these improvements?
4. What is needed to make the improvements?