

USCCB CCLV

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Agenda

- ▶ CCLV – Who We Are
- ▶ Seminary Enrollment Trends
- ▶ Ordination Class of 2021
- ▶ Contribution of Formation Activities
(2021 Ordinands vs. 2020 Ordinands)



Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations (CCLV)

▶ Committee

- Bishop James Checchio, Chairman
- Bishop Earl Boyea, NACTS liaison
- + 6 Bishops

▶ Secretariat

- Rev. Luke Ballman, Executive Director
- Rev. Daniel Hanley, Associate Director
- Ms. Casey Brusnahan, Administrative Assistant



Seminary Enrollment Trends (June 2021)

Source: Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, *Catholic Ministry Formation Directory*. Edited by Michal J. Kramerek, Ph.D; Thomas P. Gaunt, SJ, Ph.D.
Washington, DC: Georgetown University, 2021.



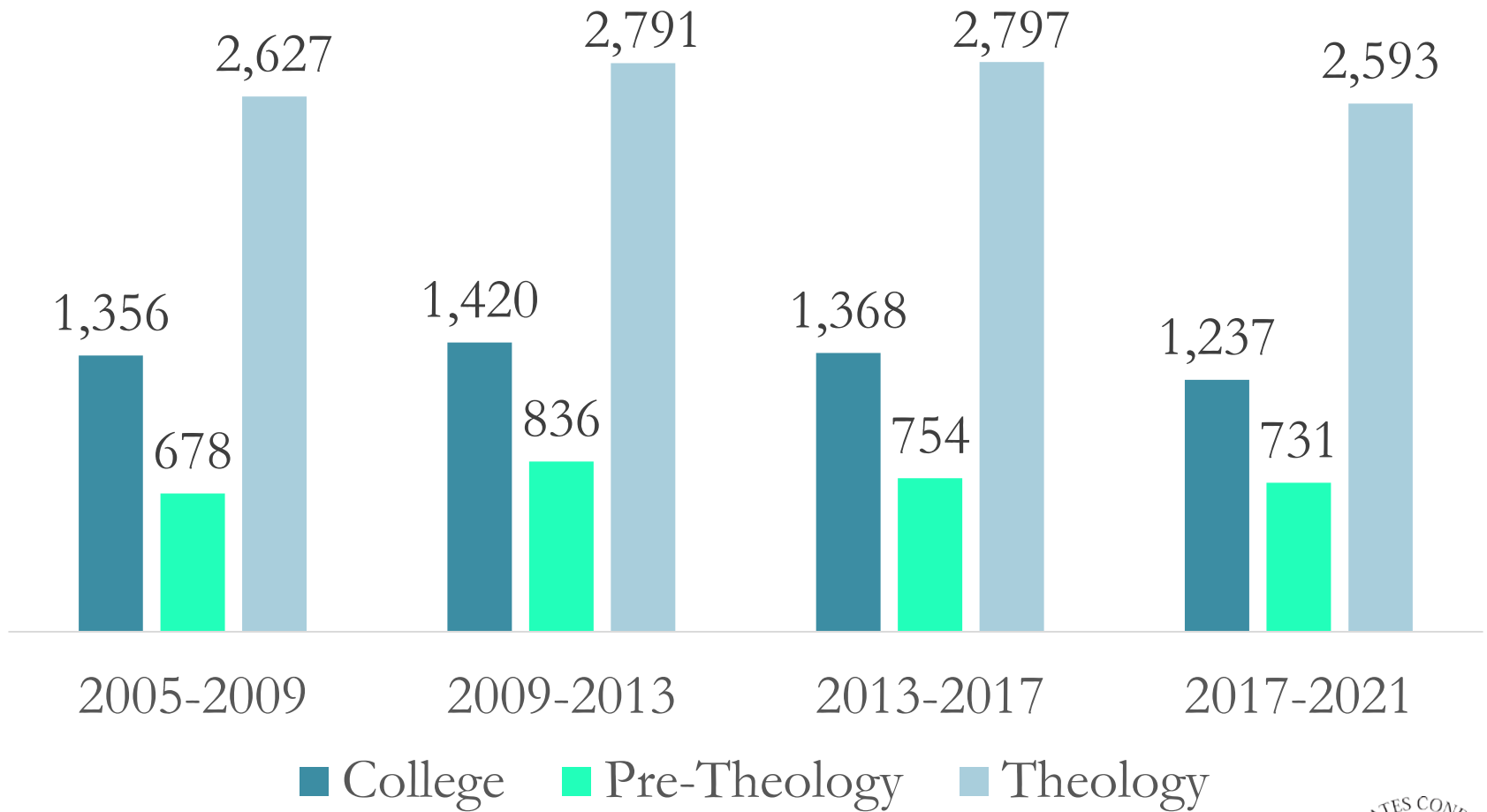


Catholic Ministry Formation Directory

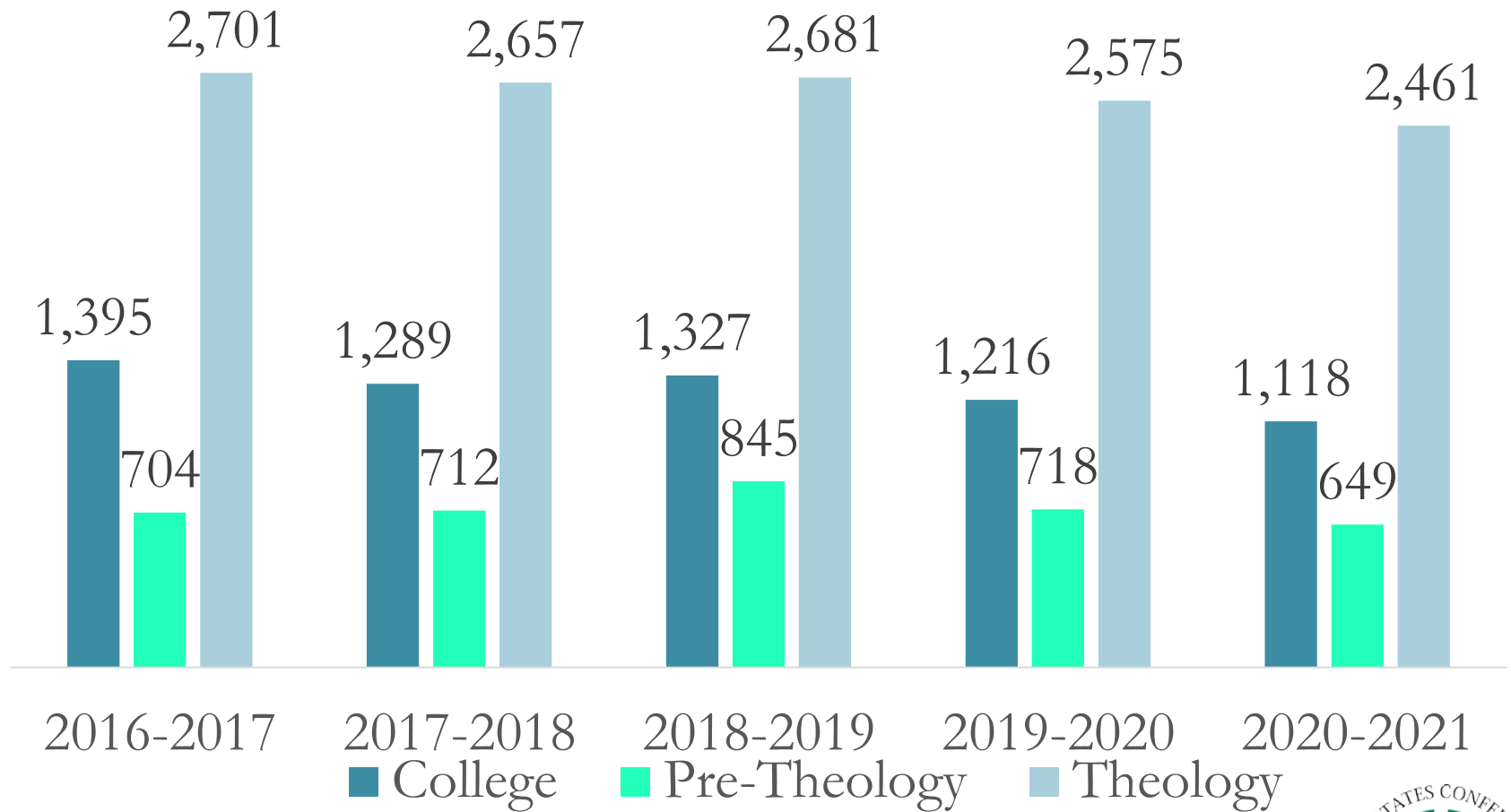
- **Priestly Formation Directory** (info on 145 high school, college, and theology level priesthood formation programs)
- **Diaconate Formation Directory** (info on 158 distinct diaconate programs)
- **Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation Directory** (info on 169 programs sponsored by arch/dioceses, Catholic colleges, universities, seminaries, and schools of theology.)



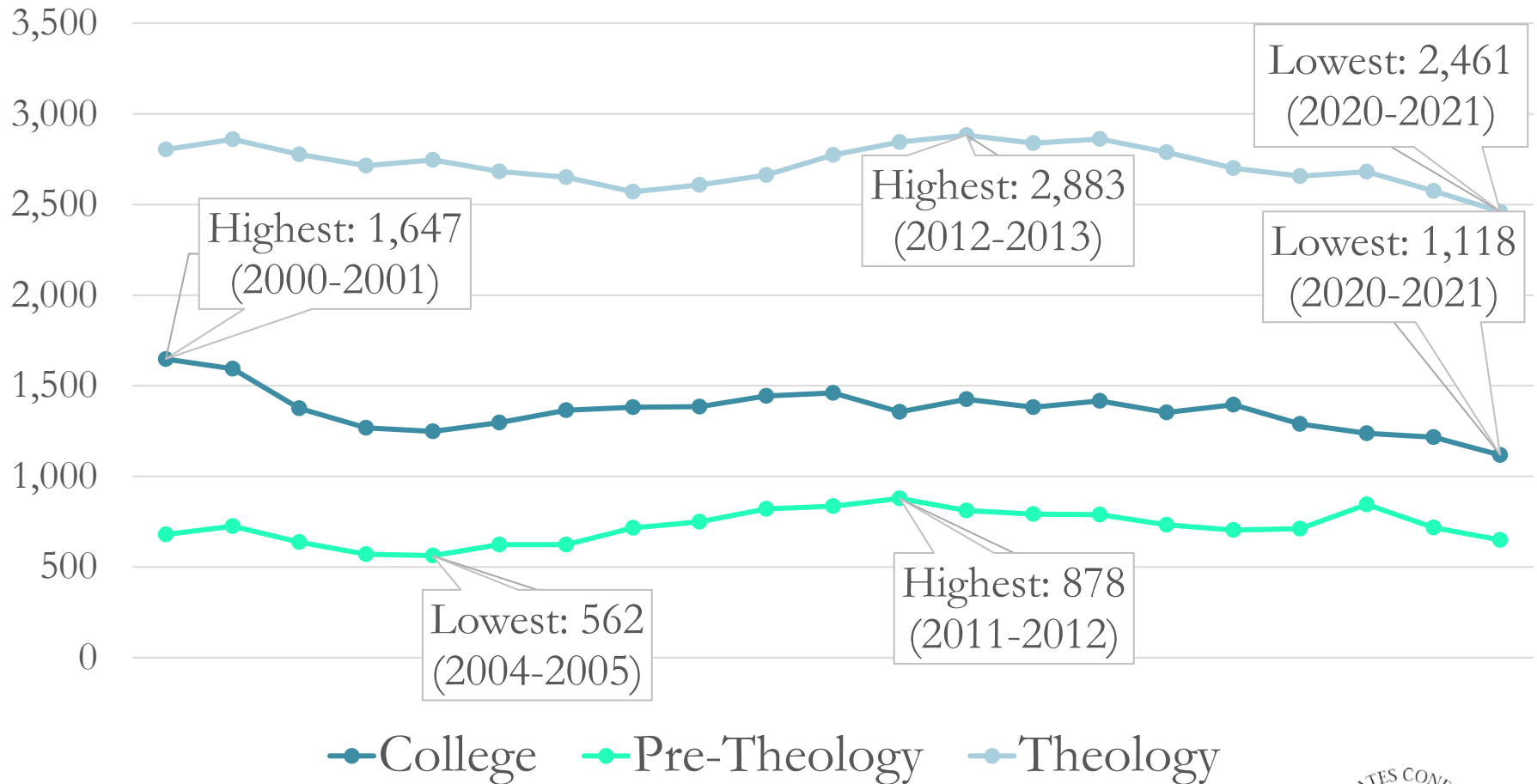
Seminary Enrollment (post-2005 average)



Seminary Enrollment (2016-2021)



Seminary Enrollment (post-2000)



Retention of Seminarians in Theology

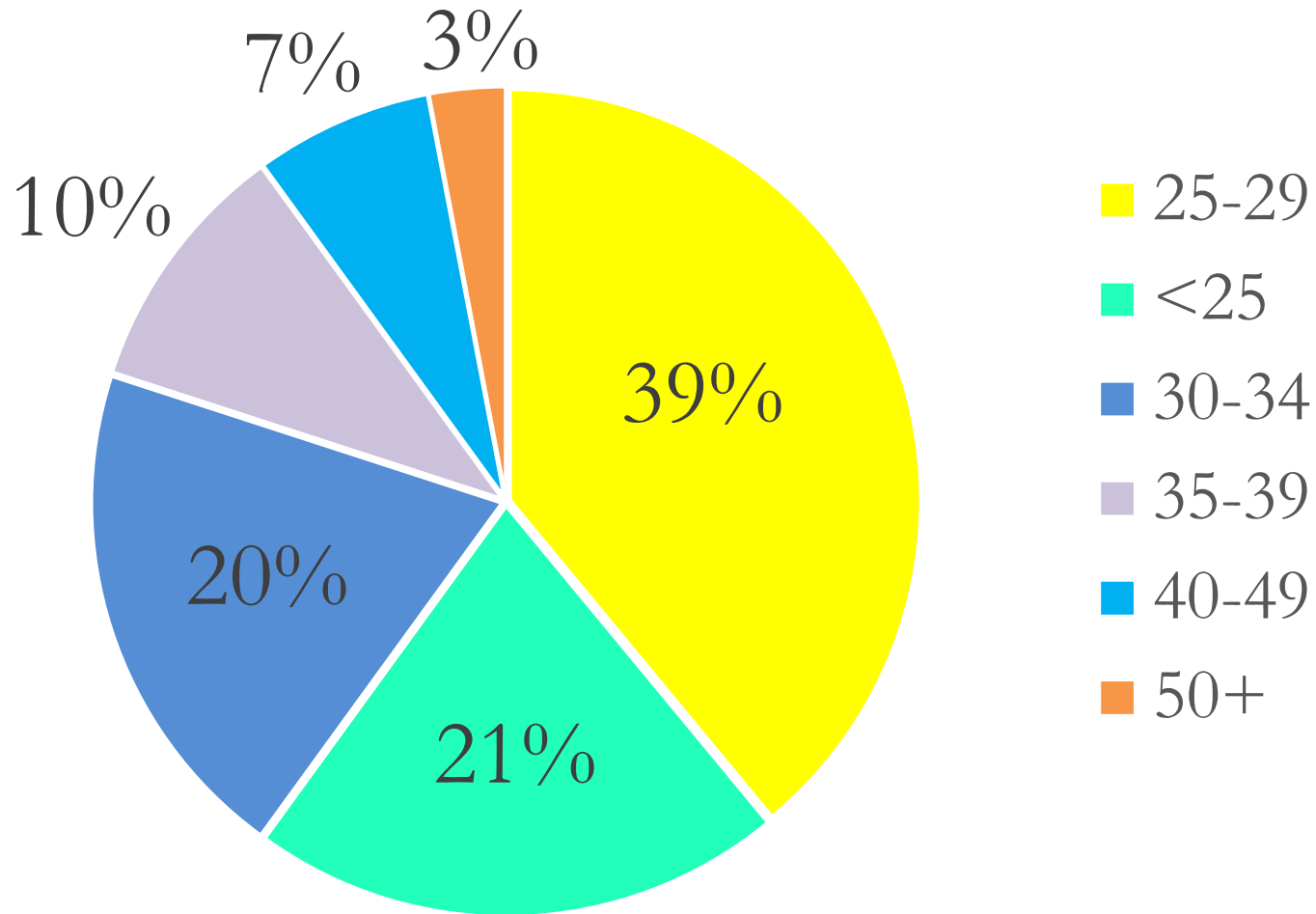
■ 2014 Entrance ■ 2015 Entrance ■ 2016 Entrance ■ 2017 Entrance



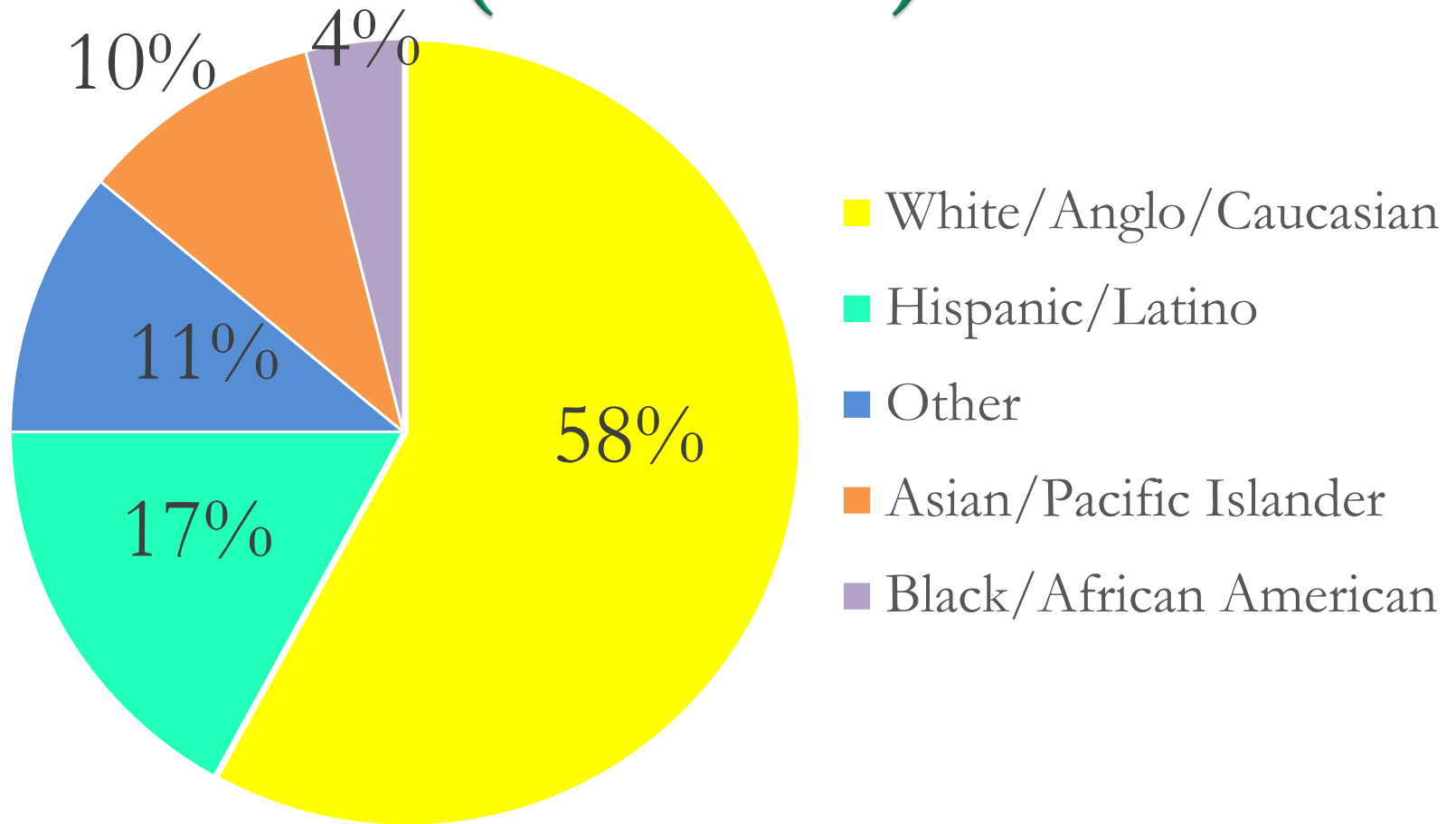
Class of 2021 retention rate: 72%
Average retention rate from 2010-2021 is 76%



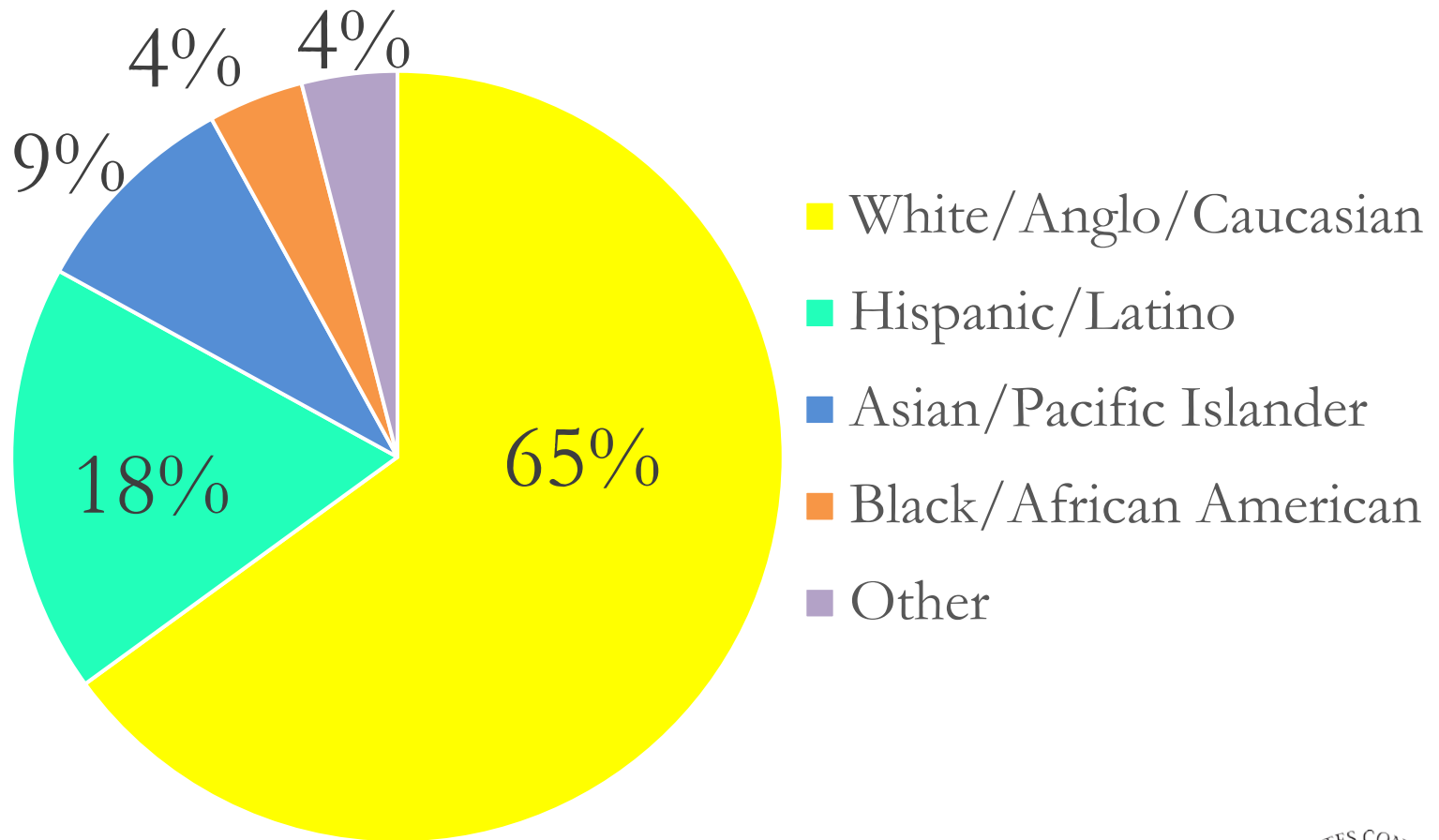
Age Distribution of Theologate (2020-2021)



Race & Ethnicity of Theologate (2020-2021)



Race & Ethnicity of College (2020-2021)



Ordination Class of 2021 Profile

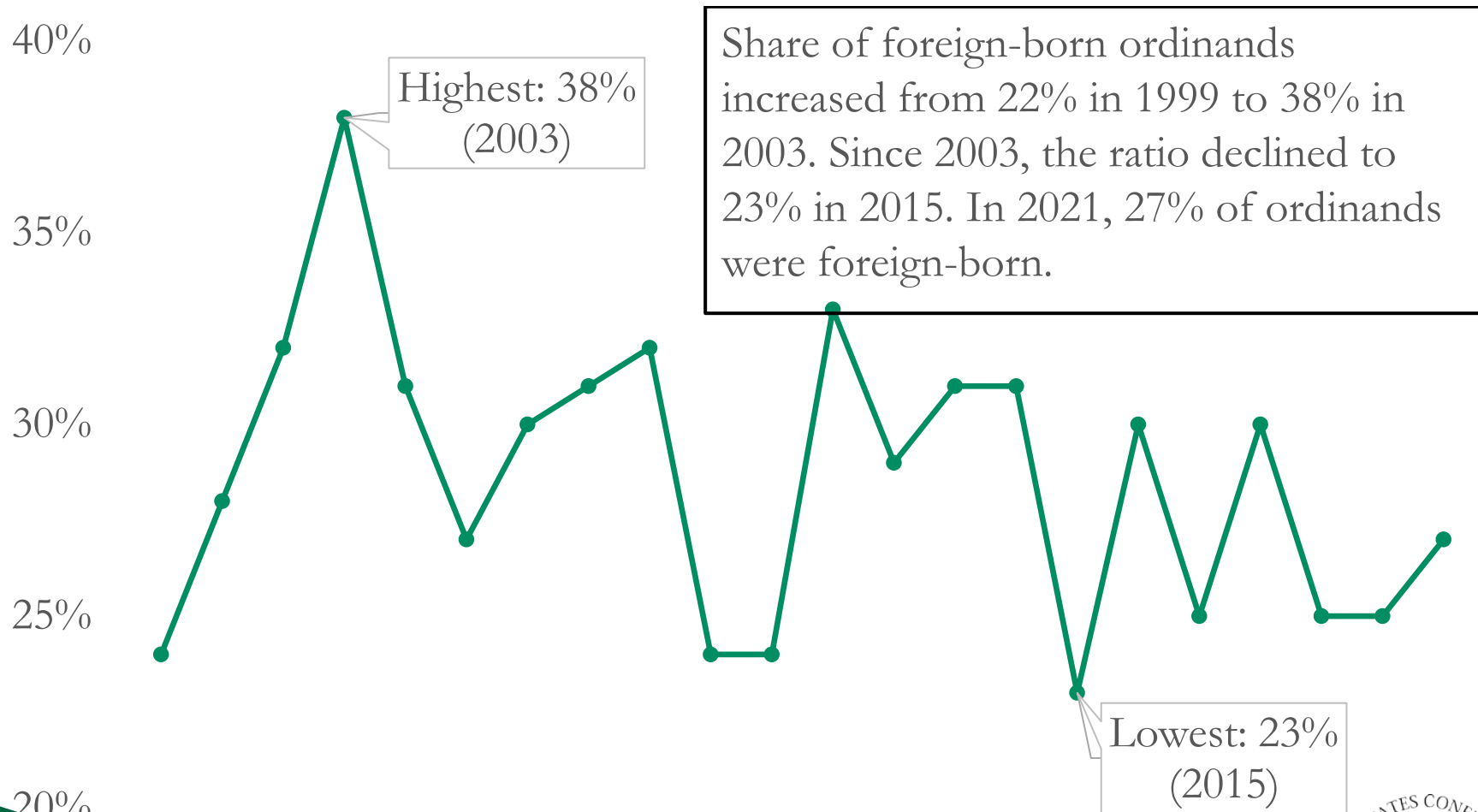


CARA Ordination Class Studies

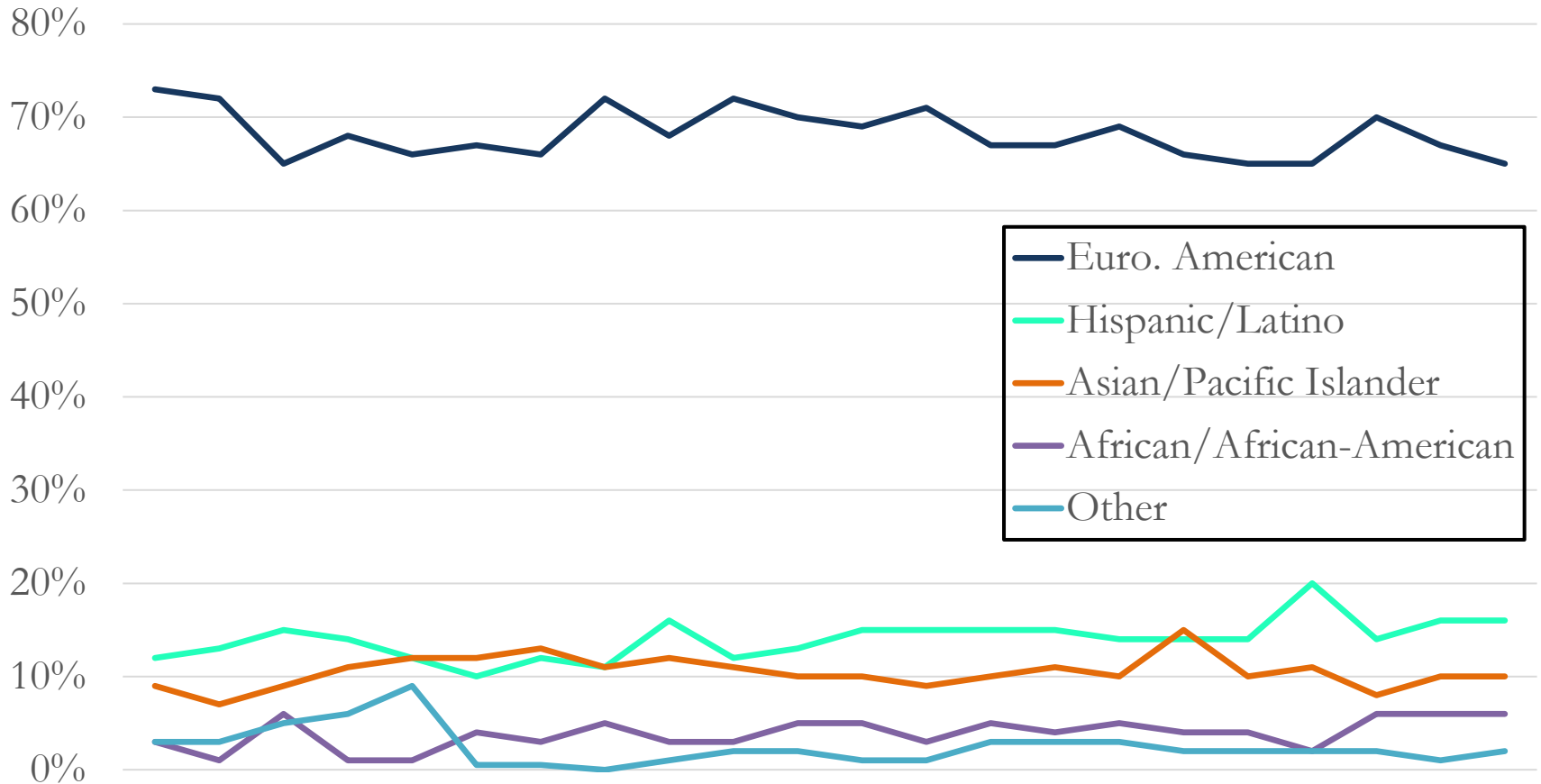
- ▶ Annual collaboration of the USCCB CCLV Secretariat and CARA since 2006. The USCCB has conducted the study since 1998.
- ▶ The survey was administered between January-March 2021.
- ▶ Of the 472 identified ordinands, 346 completed the survey (73% response rate).
- ▶ The respondents included ordinands to the diocesan (261) and religious priesthood (83).



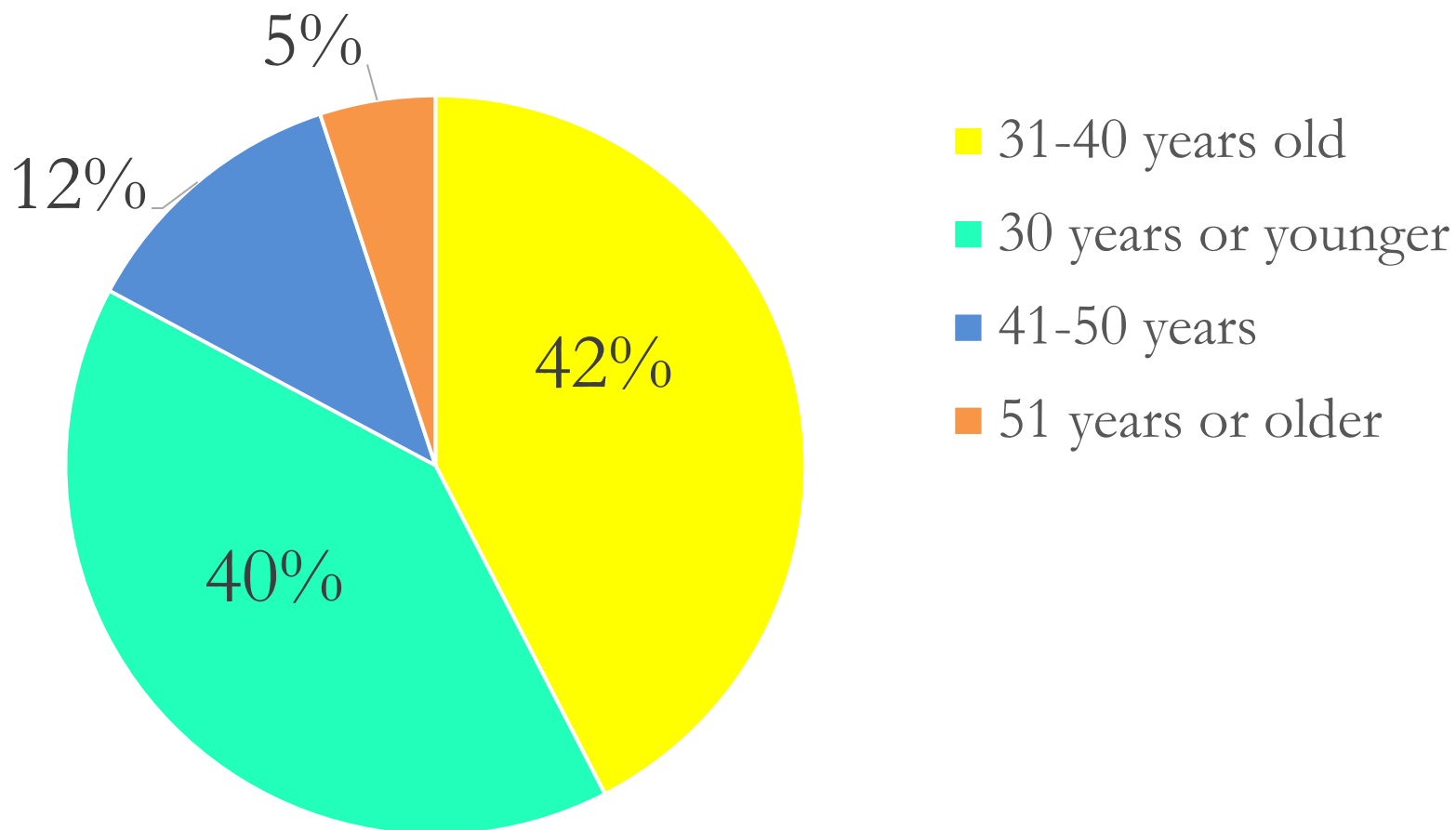
Percentage of Foreign-Born Ordinands (post-2000)



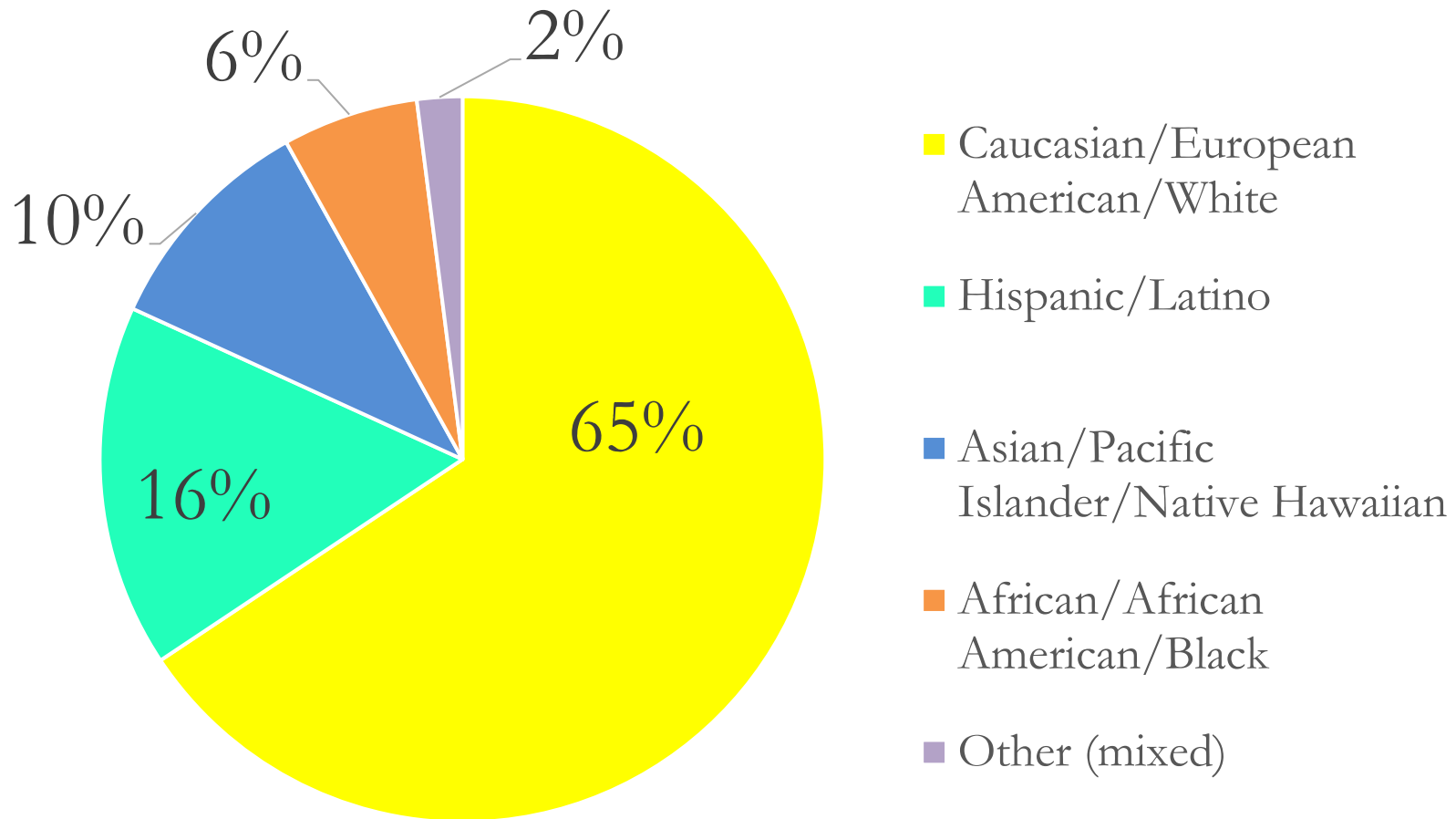
Racial/Ethnic Diversity of Ordinands (post-2000)



Class of 2021: Age at Ordination



Class of 2021: Race & Ethnicity





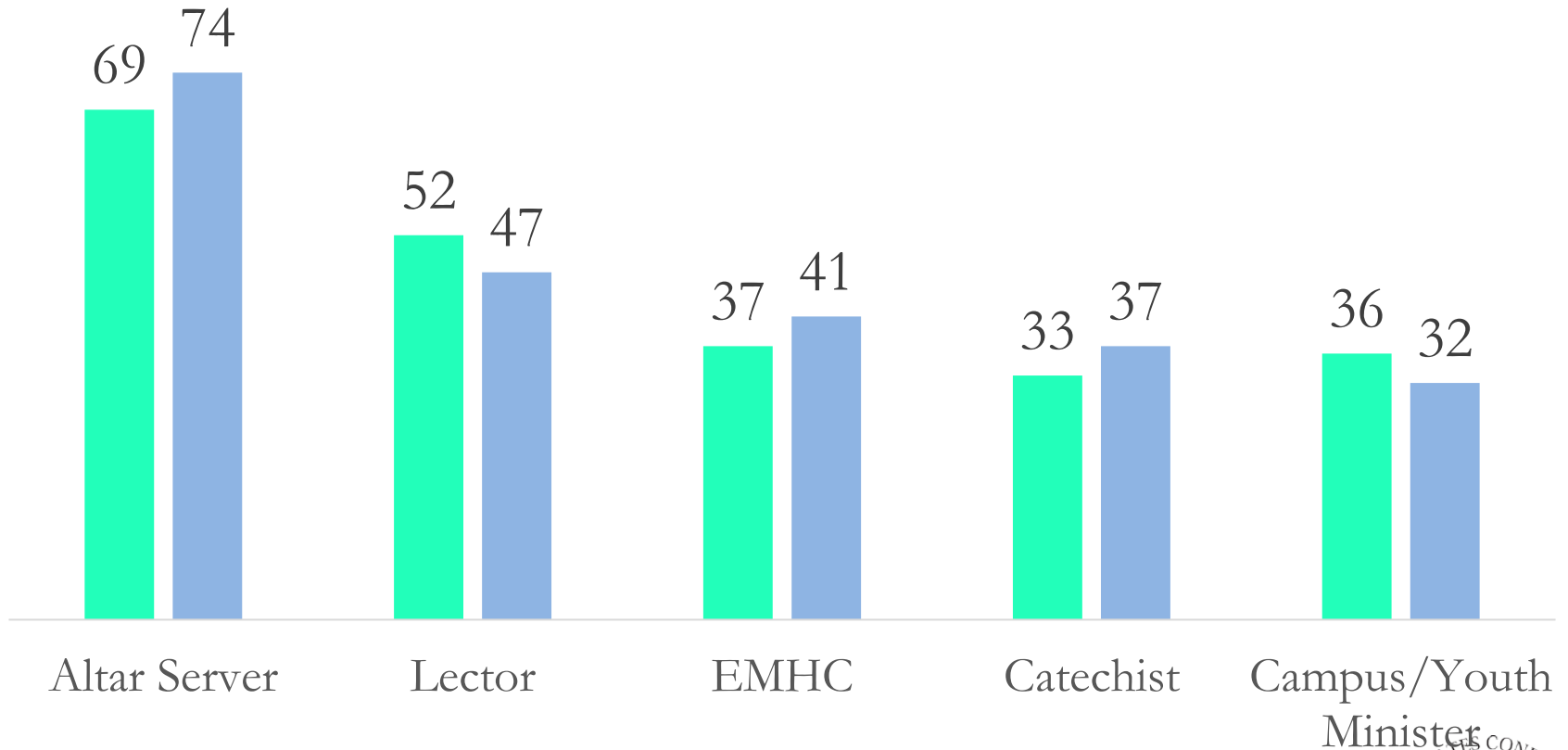
Class of 2021: Race & Ethnicity

- ▶ Most common countries of birth among foreign-born ordinands are Mexico, Vietnam, Philippines, and Poland.
- ▶ Religious ordinands are 4 percentage points more likely than diocesan ordinands to identify as Caucasian/Euro. American/white.
- ▶ Diocesan ordinands are 4 percentage points more likely than religious ordinands to identify as Hispanic/Latino.



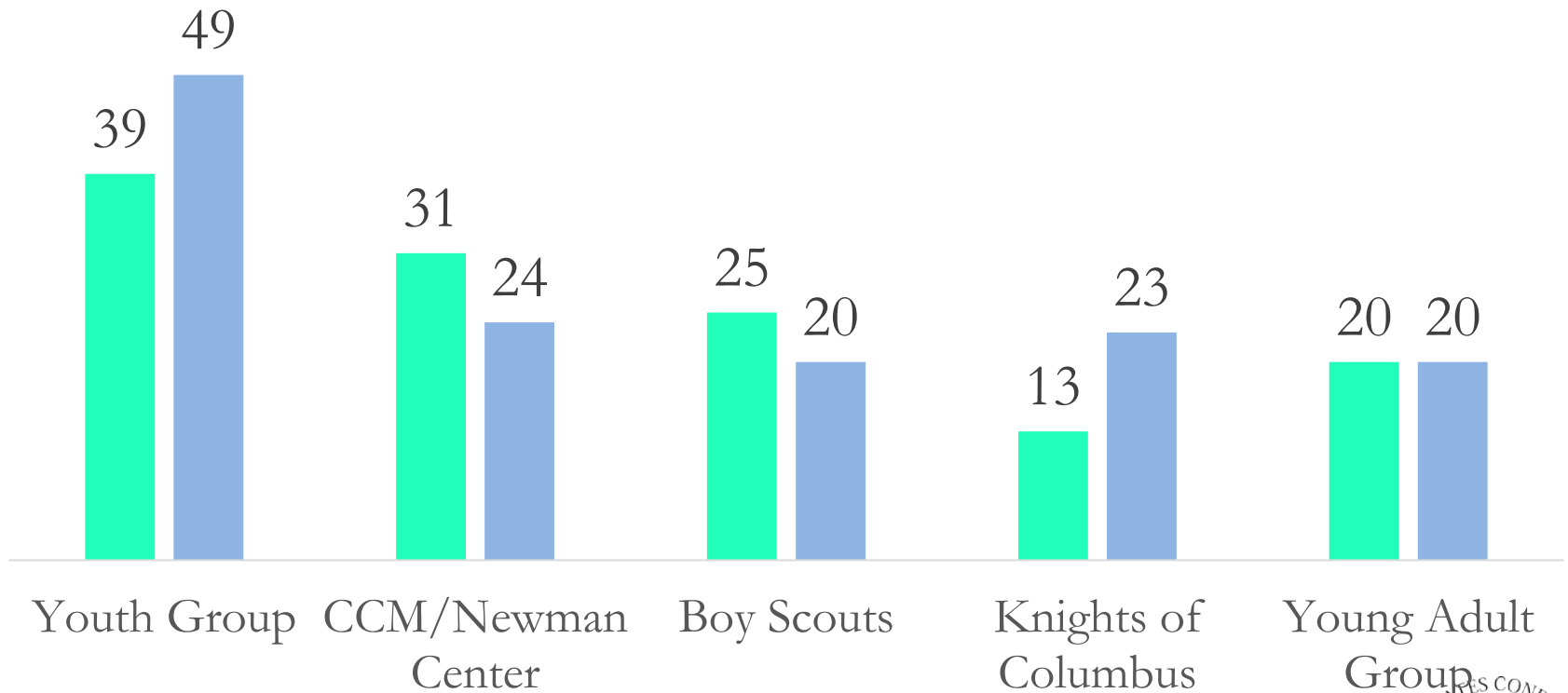
Class of 2021: Participation in Parish Ministries

■ Religious % ■ Diocesan %



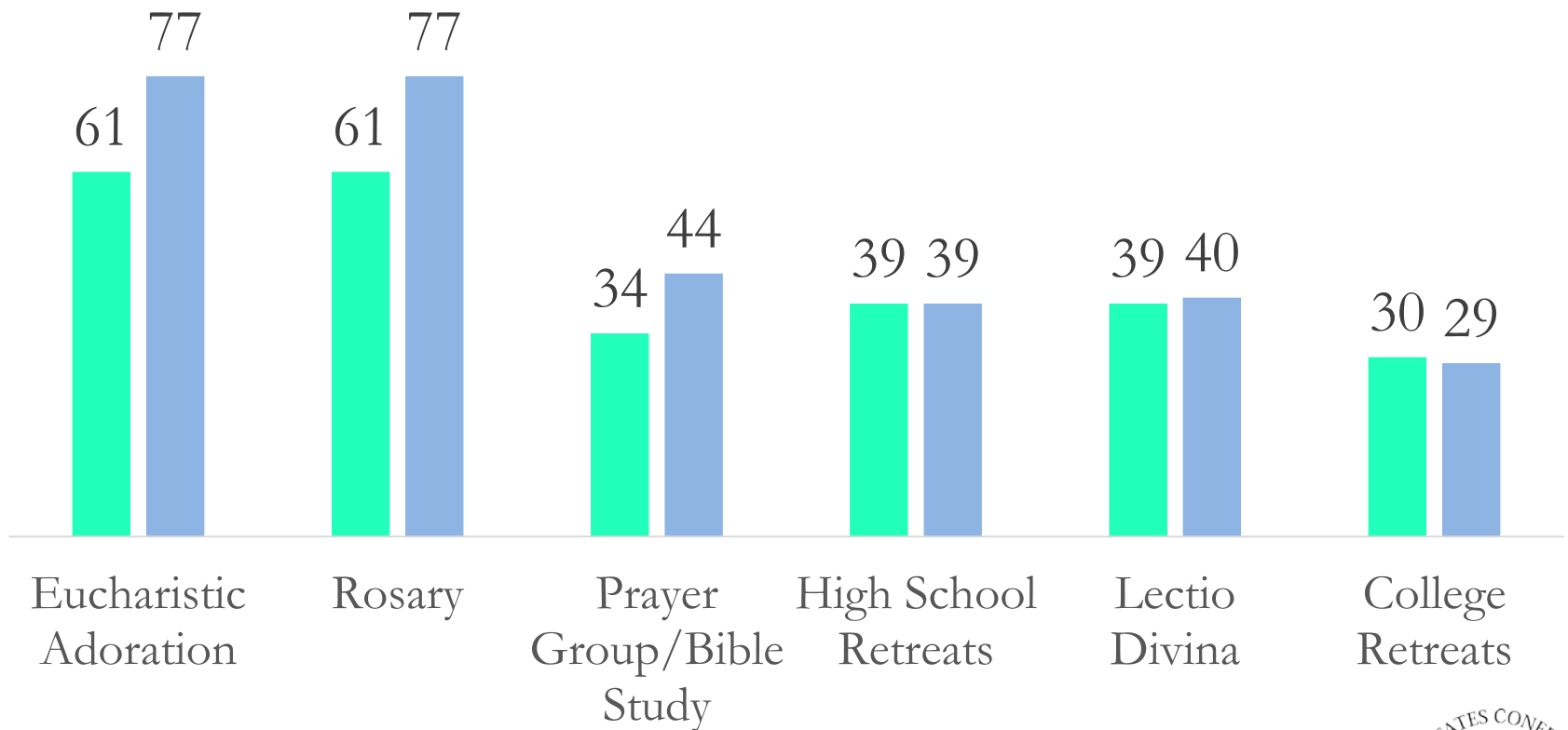
Class of 2021: Participation in Faith-Related Activities

■ Religious % ■ Diocesan %



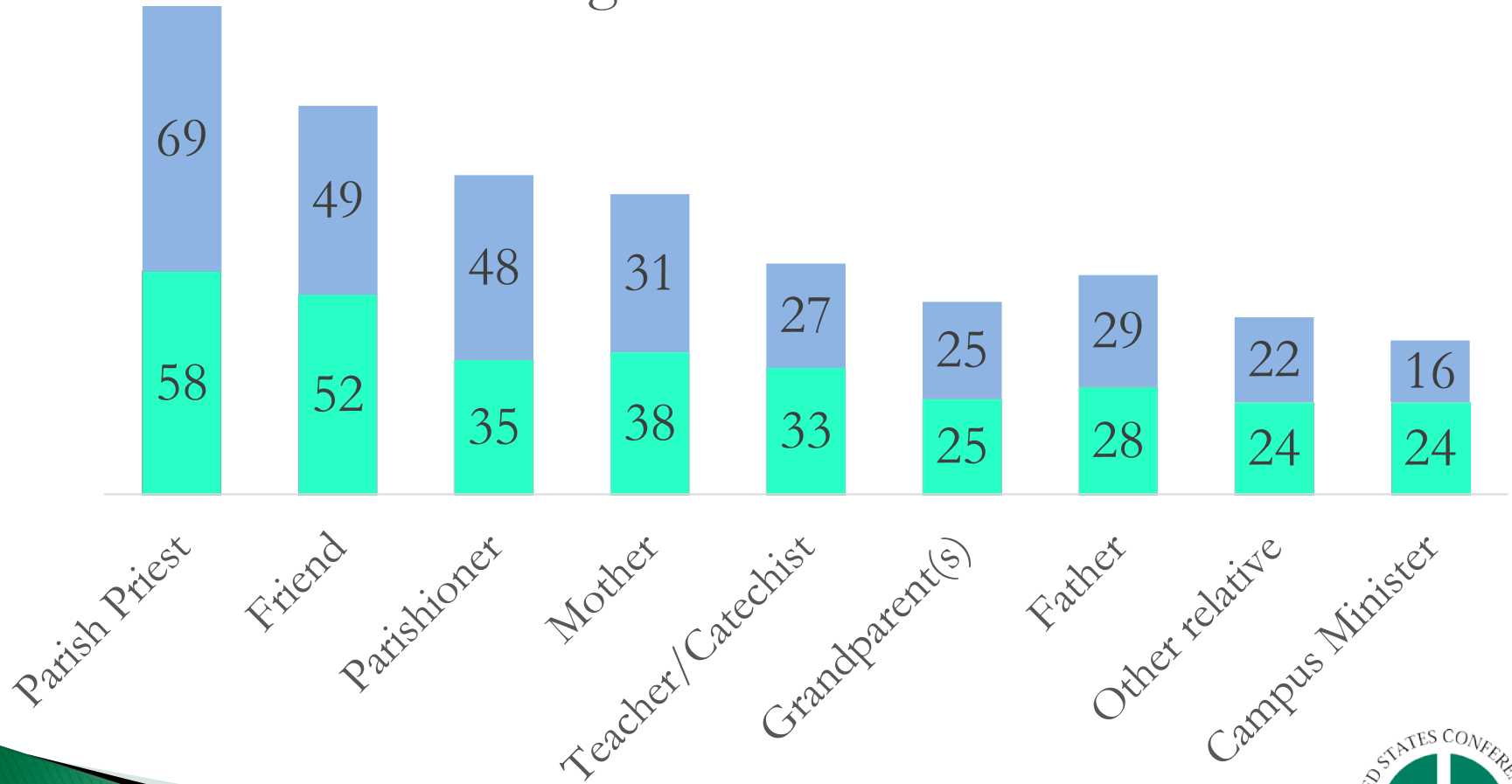
Class of 2021: Pre-Seminary Prayer Practices

■ Religious % ■ Diocesan %



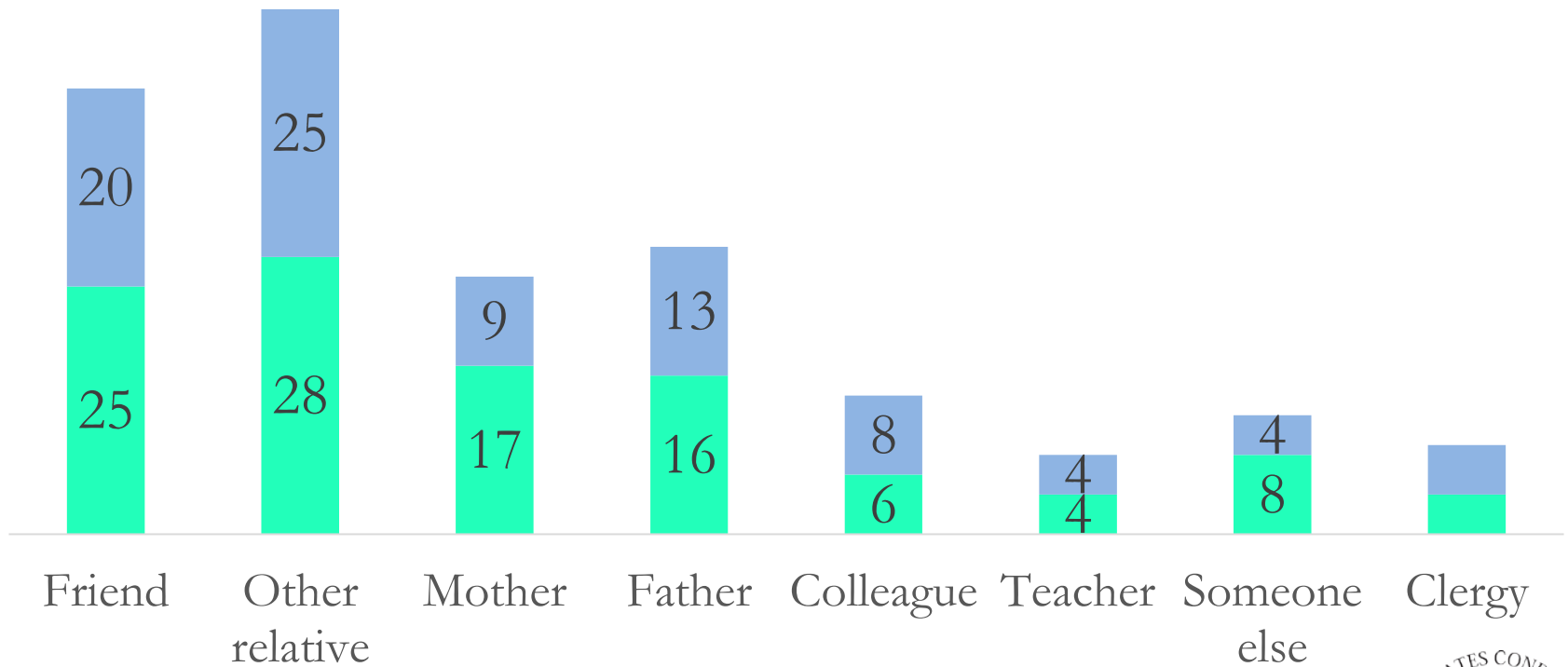
Class of 2021: Sources of Encouragement

■ Religious % ■ Diocesan %



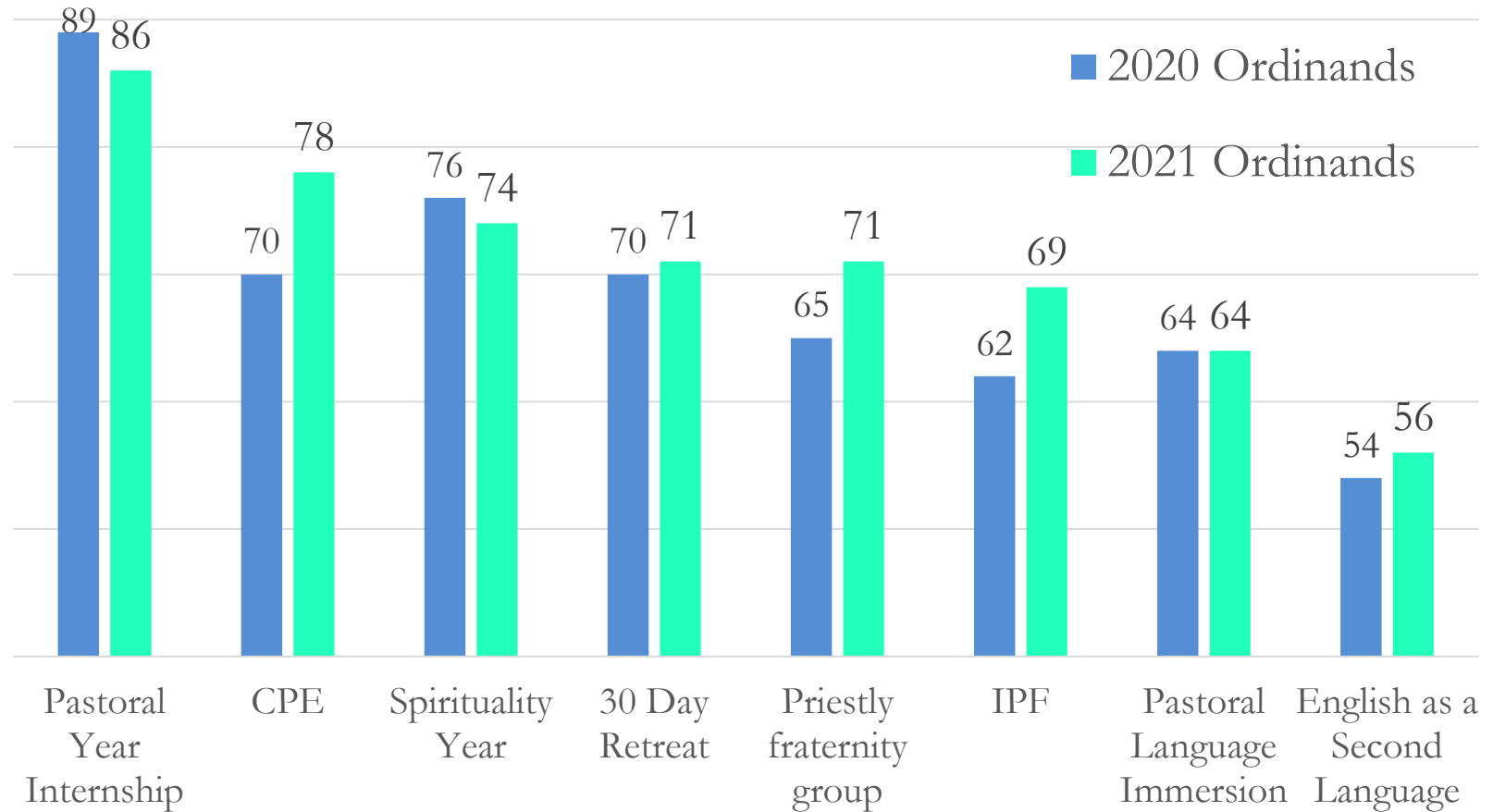
Class of 2021: Sources of Discouragement

■ Religious % ■ Diocesan %





Contribution of Formation Activities ("Somewhat" or "Very Much")



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