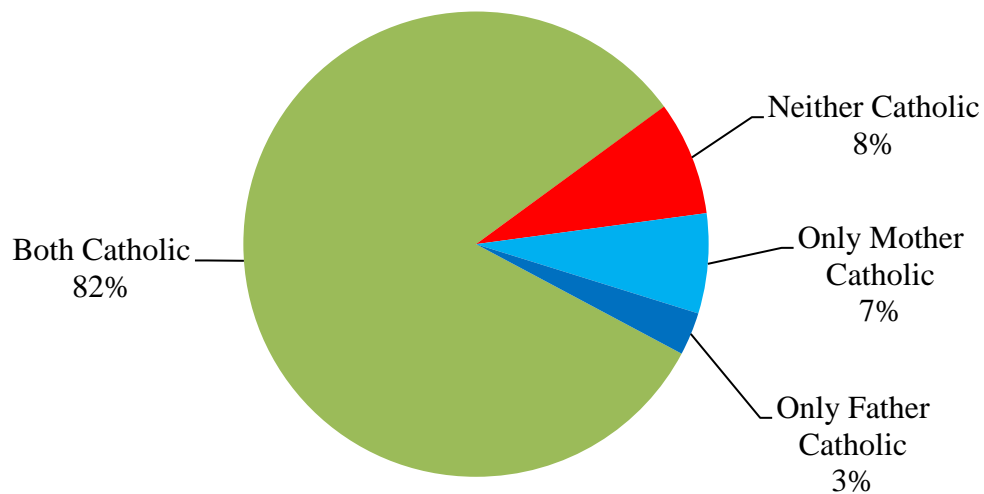


Parents of Newly Professed

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate contacted 190 individuals that professed final vows in religious institutes of men and women in 2014. One hundred eighteen responded to the survey which inquired about the religion of the respondents' parents when they were children. The results are shown below:

Religion of Parents



The large majority of the parents of newly professed were Catholic when the respondents were a child. Around nine in ten had at least one parent who was Catholic while eight in ten had two Catholic parents. Other CARA research has shown that growing up around Catholic concepts can help people discern their vocation; simply suggesting to people that they have a vocation to either the priesthood/religious life or marriage can help them to discern. Therefore it makes sense that a majority of the newly professed were raised by Catholic parents.

Data from: CARA "New Sisters and Brothers Professing Perpetual Vows in Religious Life: The Profession Class of 2014," January 2015.

To view the full CARA article go to: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/upload/Profession-Class-2014-report-FINAL.PDF