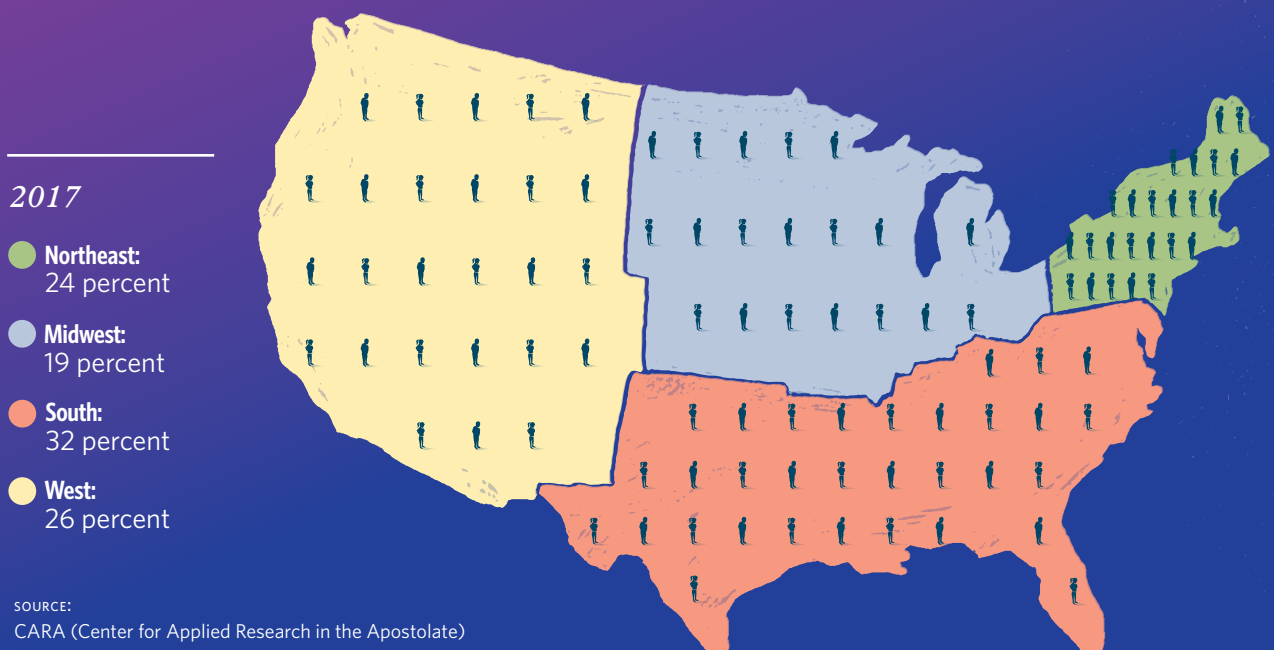
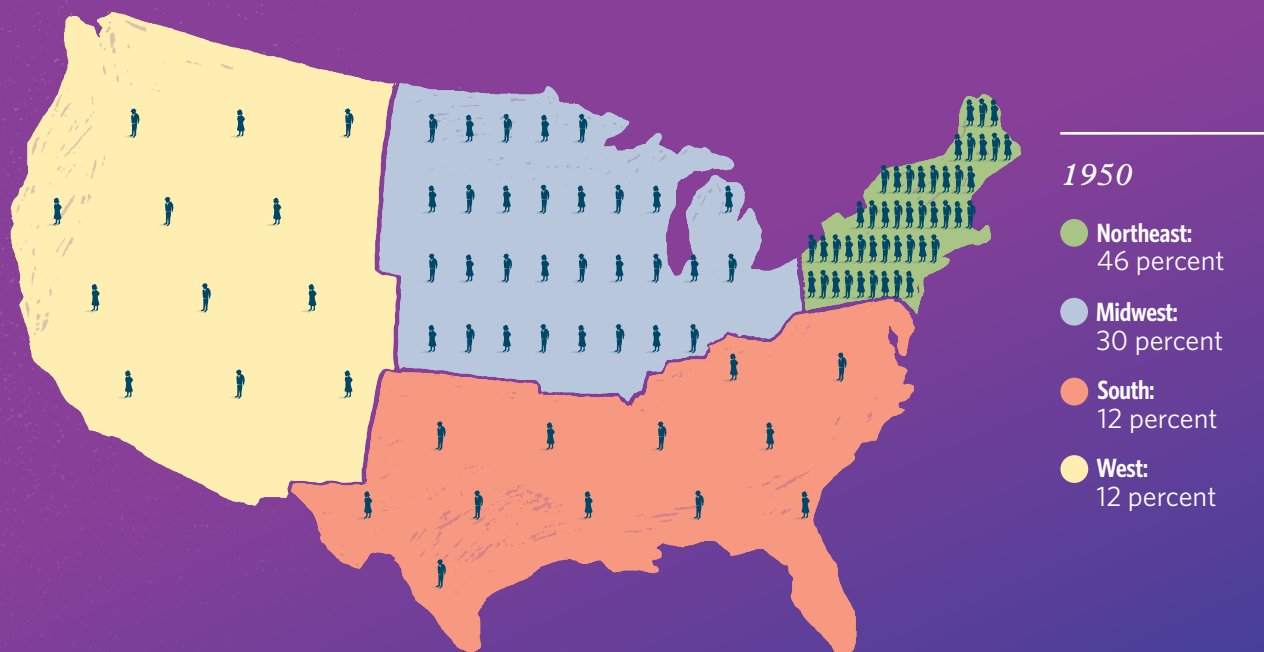


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Where They Were & Where They Went

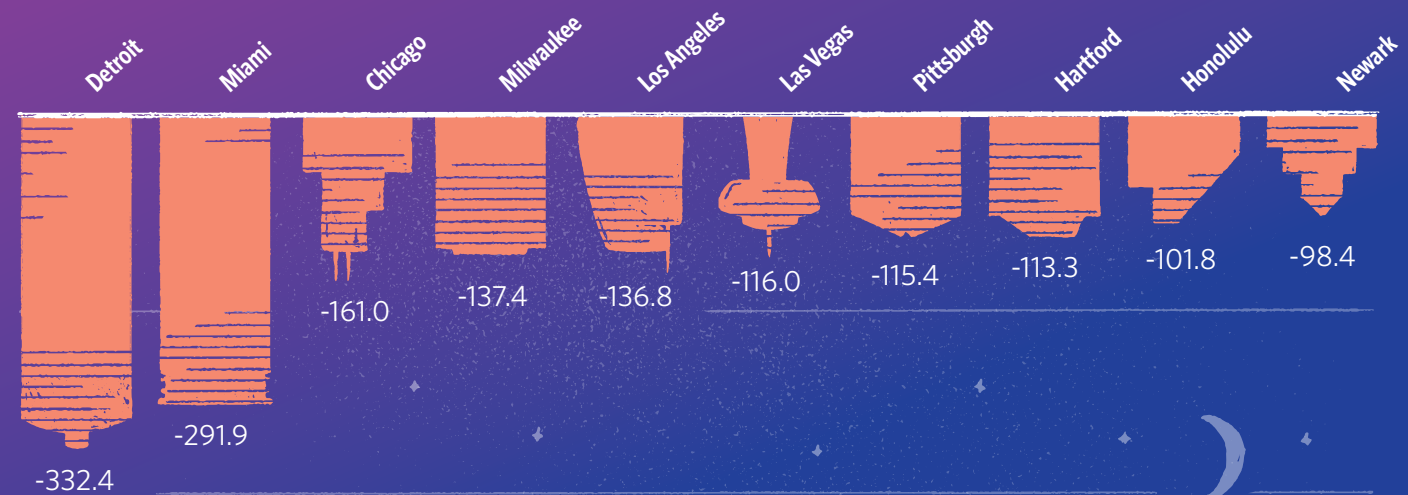
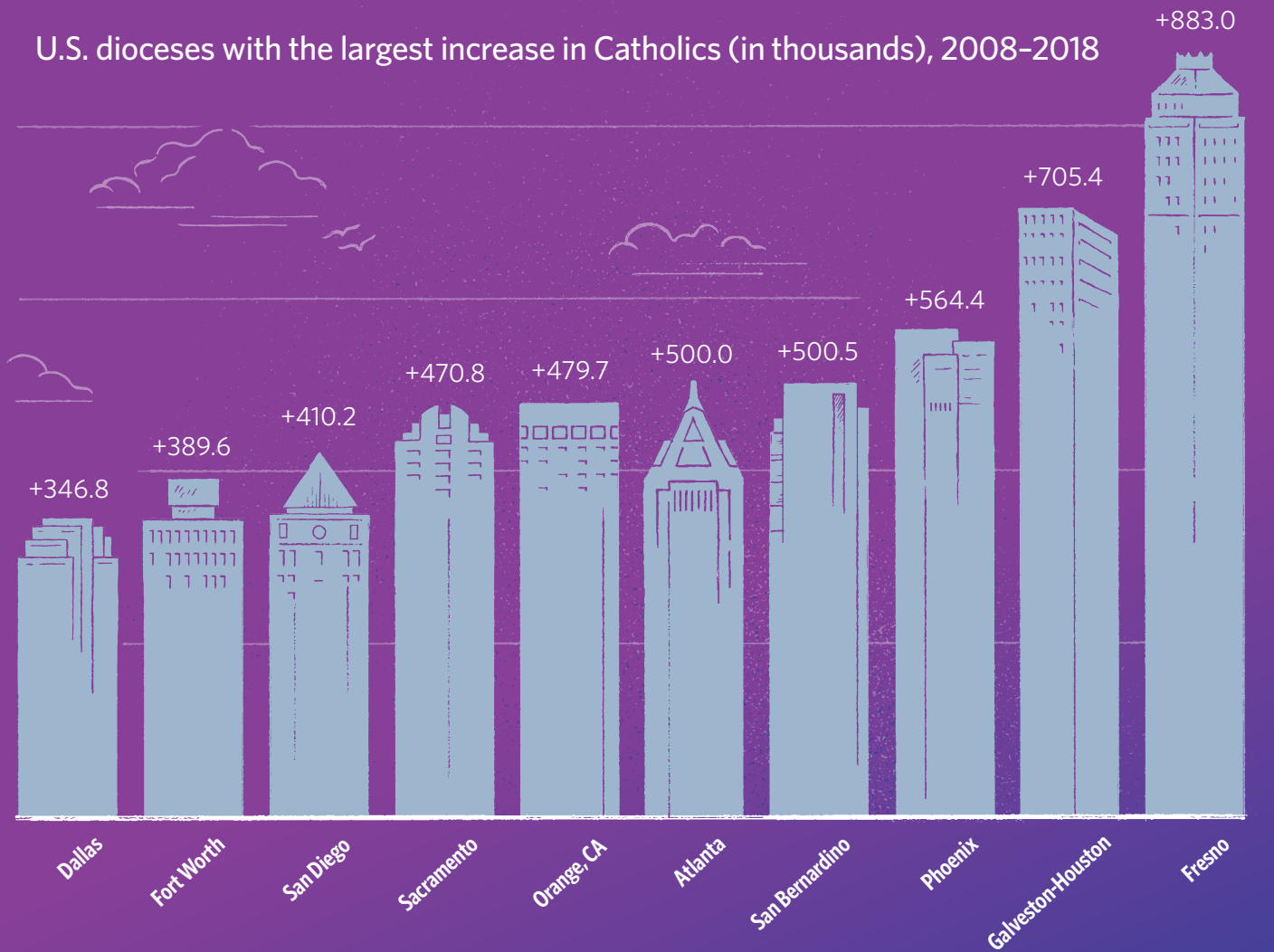
Regional distribution of
U.S. Catholics (as a percentage
of total U.S. Catholic population)



SOURCE:
CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate)

City Living

U.S. dioceses with the largest increase in Catholics (in thousands), 2008-2018



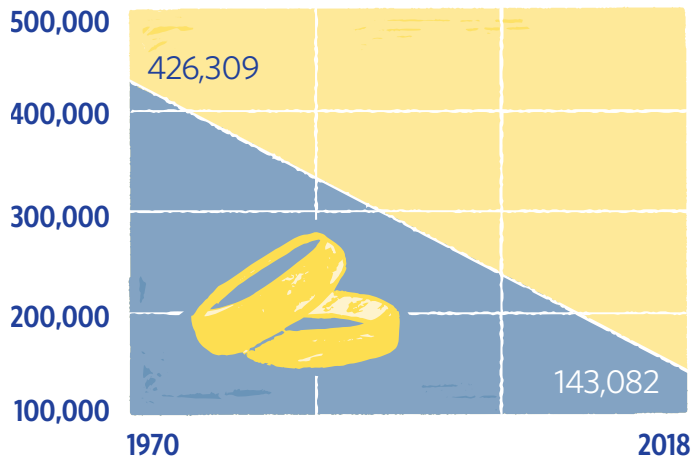
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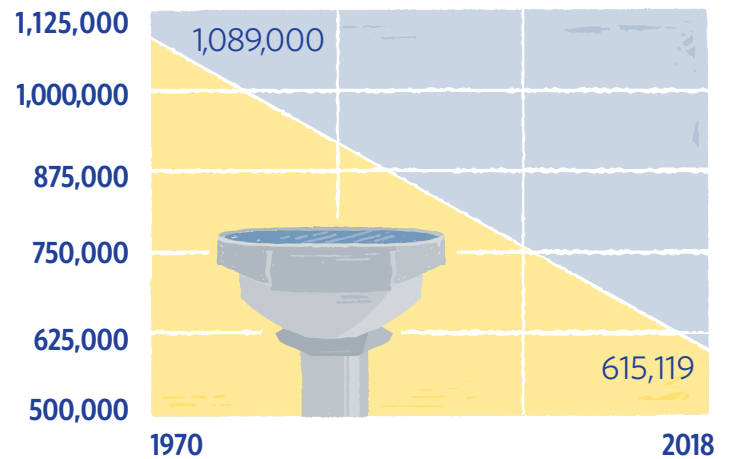


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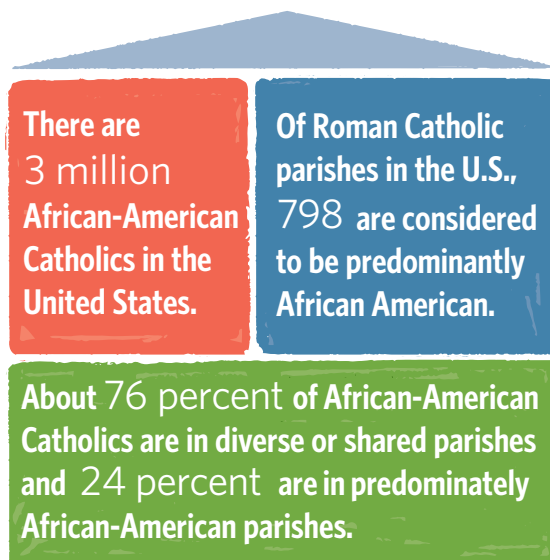
Catholic marriages, 1970–2018



Infant baptisms, 1970–2018

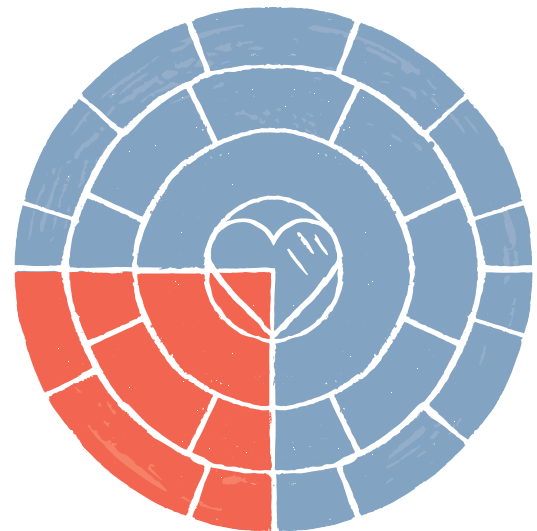


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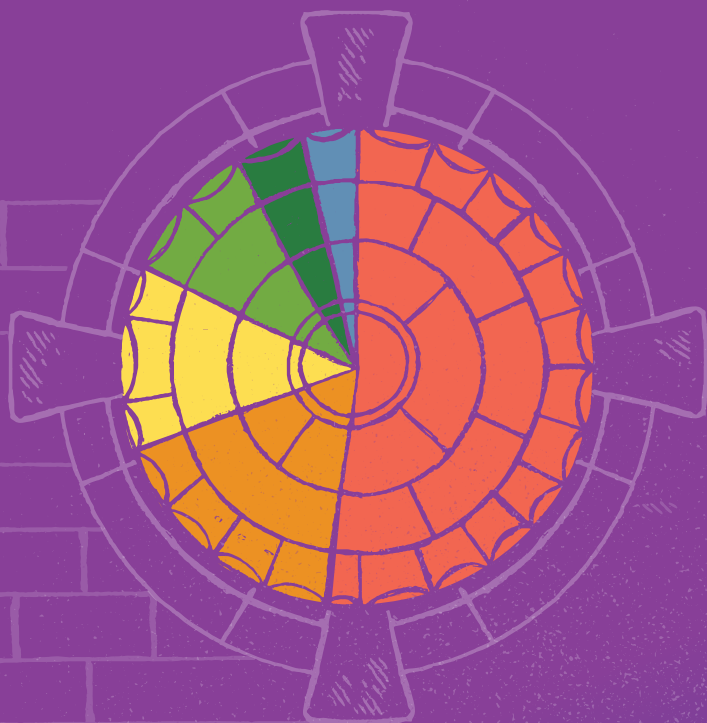
25 percent
of U.S. parishes intentionally
serve Hispanic/Latinx Catholics.

SOURCE:

Hispanic Ministry in Catholic Parishes: A Summary Report of Findings from the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry

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Race/ethnicity of U.S. Catholics

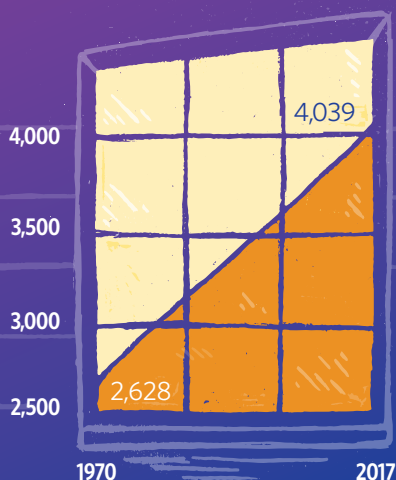


- White: 52.2 percent
- Hispanic/Latinx (1st generation): 18 percent
- Hispanic/Latinx (2nd generation): 12.8 percent
- Hispanic/Latinx (3rd generation and higher): 9.4 percent
- Asian/Native American/Other: 4.6 percent
- Black/African American: 3 percent

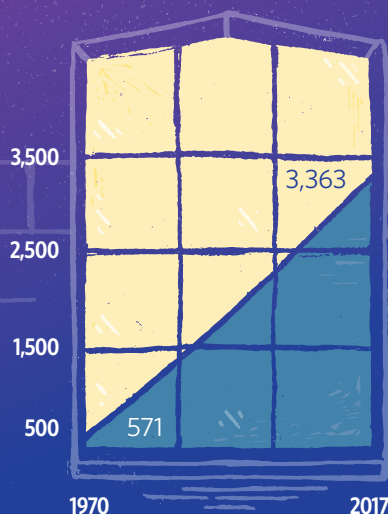
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Decades of Change

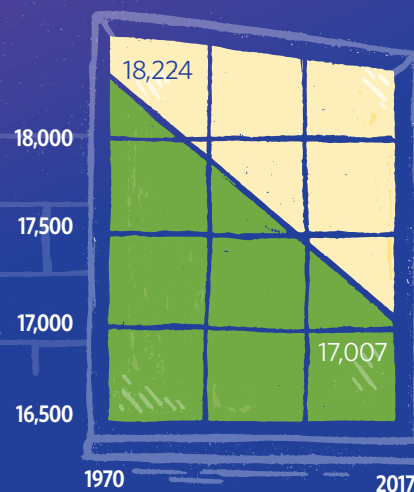
Average Catholic population per parish



Number of parishes without a resident priest pastor



Number of parishes in the U.S.



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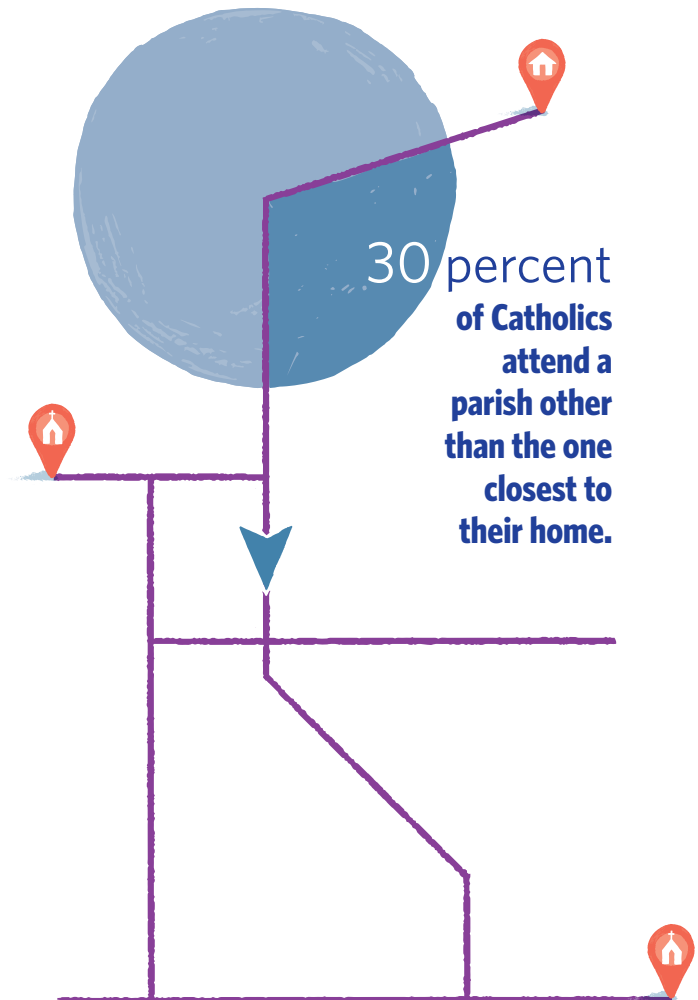
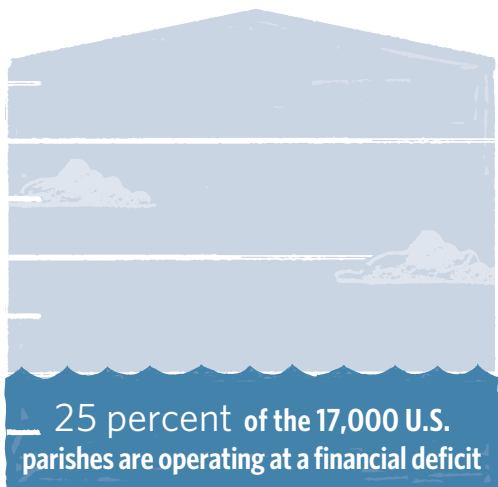
Elements that Attract Parishioners to a Parish

Its open, welcoming spirit
68 percent

The sense of belonging you feel there
64 percent

The quality of the preaching
62 percent

The quality of the liturgy
60 percent



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