

The Secularization Project

The First Round of Voting Results ending April 18, 2022

The Province voted on seven proposed texts surfacing through The Secularization Project in this first round. Voting ended April 18, 2022. Proposals receiving unqualified support from more than half of the cast votes are considered accepted in this process. Those receiving unqualified lack of support from more than half of the cast votes are dropped from further consideration in the process. Proposals that receive more than half of the cast votes that are unqualified or qualified support will go to a second vote in which qualified votes are not allowed.

Three participants did not include their names through which the Task Force avoided friars voting twice. Vito in the Communications Office and The Secularization Project Task Force believe these friars were more likely confused than voting twice. Toward total transparency, we report the results including these three responses and then without these three responses. The pie charts reflect the data from all votes.

Regardless of whether the three questionable votes are included or not, all texts received an unqualified support from more than half of the votes cast. So, all these texts are accepted for the purposes of this process.

The results from the first round of voting follow.

The deadline to submit new proposals is May 1st. [Click here to submit a new proposal](#). Two other proposals have been received since the first round of voting began, so there will be a second round of voting on newly submitted texts.

The Secularization Project Task Force thanks Vito Martinez for setting up all our voting and reporting mechanisms. The graphs in this report are also his creation. Thanks, Vito.

Thank you for your participation.

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The Secularization Project Task Force

Text #1: Destination Ministries

That as the Province adds, hands over, abandons, sustains, or changes ministries in the future, it gives preference to “destination ministries” that offer opportunities to Catholics, Christians, and others which are not typically available in parishes.

Counting all votes

47 support
6 do not support
3 could support with changes

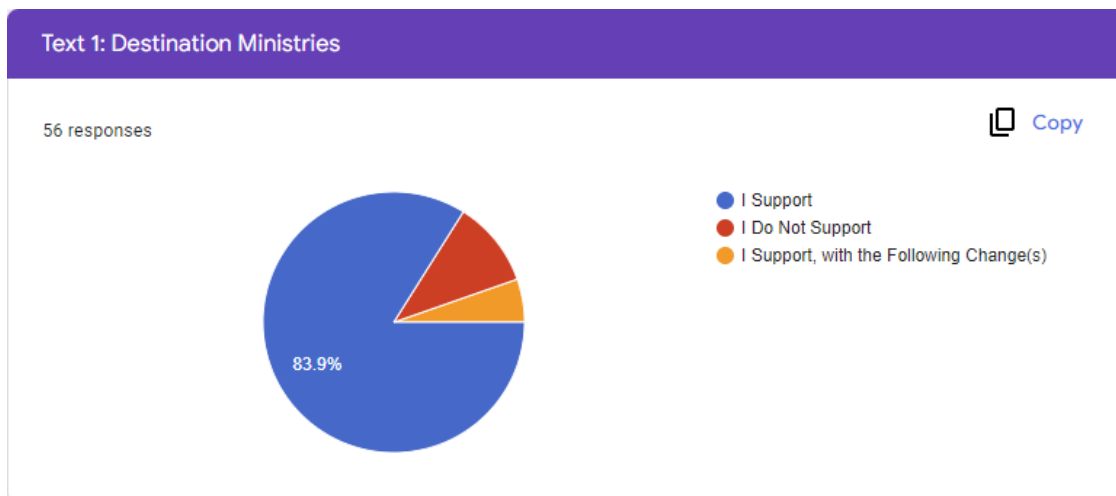
56 Total

Excluding 3 questionable votes

44 support
6 do not support
3 could support with changes

53 Total

Proposal #1 is accepted for the purposes of this process.



Text #2: St. Francis - Milwaukee

That the Province of St. Joseph develop programming, events and displays for the St. Francis Milwaukee church and Capuchin Center to create a pilgrimage/destination site for the region. An open doors policy for the church to provide prayer and other sacraments, enhanced hospitality for groups to visit the center, along with displays that tell the story of this place would be developed. Suitable Capuchin and other personnel would be assigned to this new ministry.

Counting all votes

47 support
9 do not support
0 could support with changes

56 Total

Excluding 3 questionable votes

44 support
9 do not support
0 could support with changes

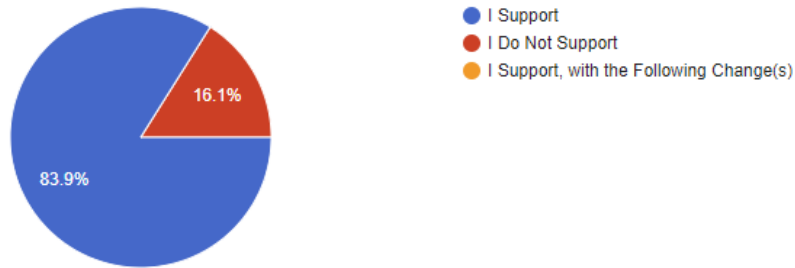
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Proposal #2 is accepted for the purposes of this process.

Text 2: St. Francis in Milwaukee

56 responses

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Text #3: A New Ministry

That before the Provincial Chapter of 2026, the Provincial Council establish a new provincial ministry in a geographic area of the province in which we currently have no provincial ministry.

Counting all votes

30 support
24 do not support
2 could support with changes

56 Total

Excluding 3 questionable votes

28 support
23 do not support
2 could support with changes

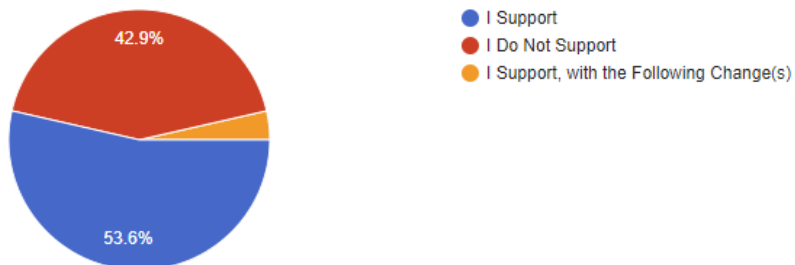
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Proposal #3 is accepted for the purposes of this process.

Text #3: A New Ministry

56 responses

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Texts ## 4 + 5 combined: Engaging Secularization as a Value

The Province will engage in ongoing reflection and dialog on the impacts of secularization on our fraternal life and ministries, with a focus on discerning, engaging, and integrating those trends and other elements of secularization that are consistent with the life and mission of the Church and the Province. Beginning at Provincial Chapter 2023 or shortly thereafter, friars gather in small groups to share what each one has taken from secularization as a value in their lives and how it fits with our Capuchin values.

Counting all votes

29 support
26 do not support
1 could support with changes

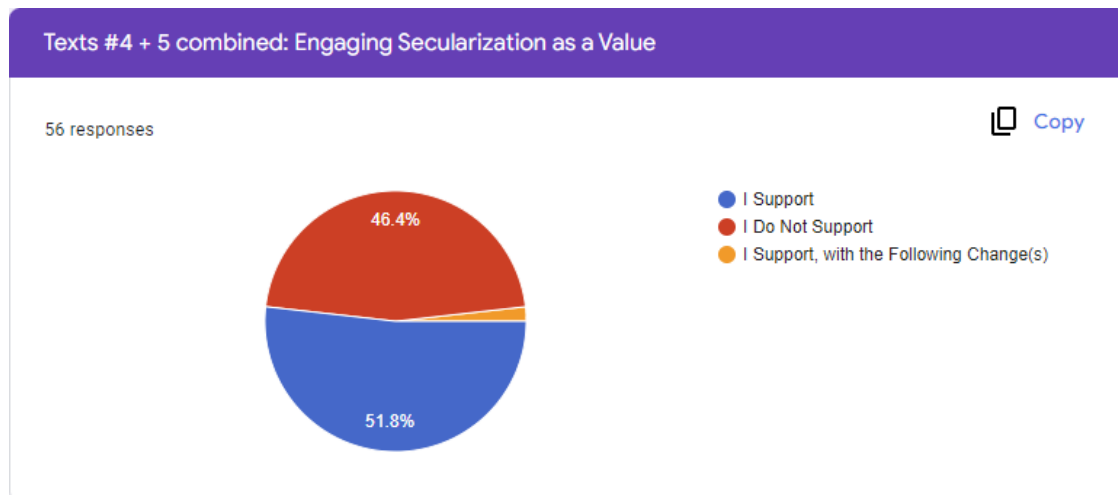
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Excluding 3 questionable votes

27 support
25 do not support
1 could support with changes

53 Total

The combined Proposal #4+5 is accepted for the purposes of this process.



Text #6: YouFra

Set up a Capuchin Franciscan spirituality, formative & vocation(al) trajectory covering the ages from High School up to Adulthood. (YouFra)

Counting all votes

37 support
15 do not support
4 could support with changes

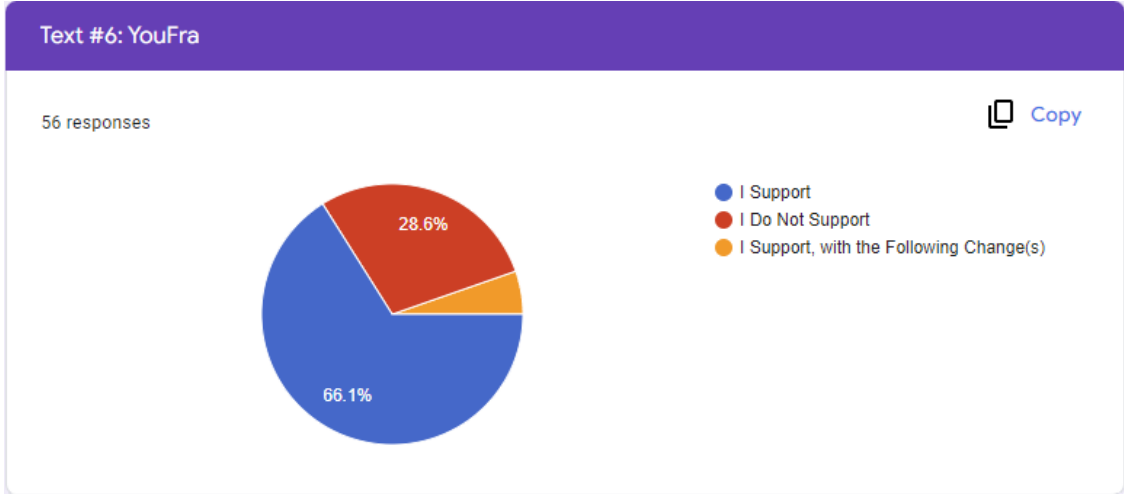
56 Total

Excluding 3 questionable votes

35 support
14 do not support
4 could support with changes

53 Total

Proposal #6 is accepted for the purposes of this process.



Text #7: Montana Ministries

That during the first two years of the next provincial triennium, the Provincial Council facilitates a process through which the provincial membership engages in a reflective evaluation of its ministries on the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana, leading to a discerning choice at the Provincial Chapter of 2026 to continue, change or discontinue these provincial ministries.

Counting all votes

42 support
 8 do not support
6 could support with changes

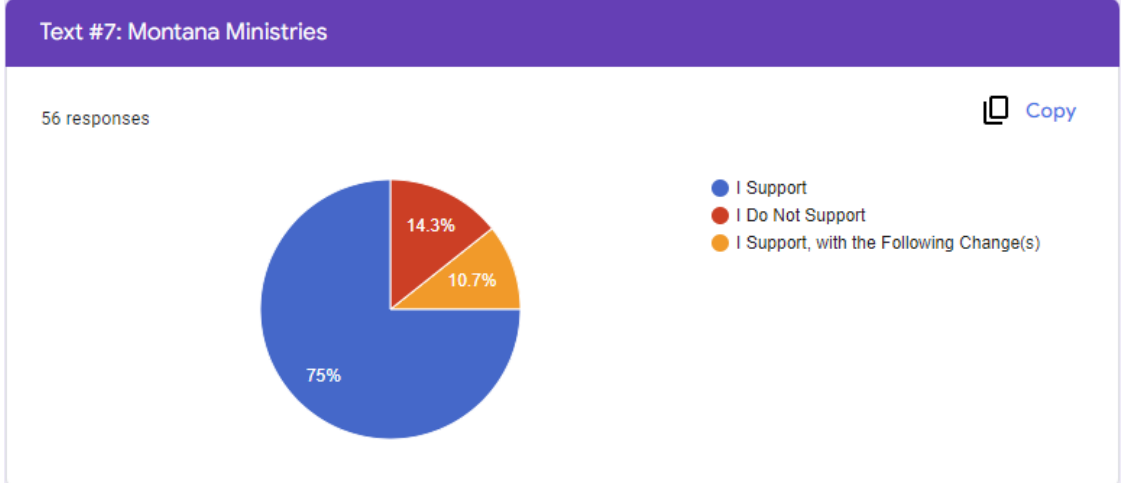
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Excluding 3 questionable votes

40 support
 7 do not support
6 could support with changes

53 Total

Proposal #7 is accepted for the purposes of this process.



Text #8: Chapter Reports

That henceforward, the chapter reports of all provincial ministries and provincial offices so designated by the Provincial Council include a list of Capuchin and other church vocations impacted by the ministry or office during the past triennium. That the same ministries and offices describe their efforts over the past triennium to promote vocations.

Counting all votes

33 support
23 do not support
0 could support with changes

56 Total

Excluding 3 questionable votes

31 support
22 do not support
0 could support with changes

53 Total

Proposal #8 is accepted for the purposes of this process.

