

Building Hope
AUTUMN GATHERING 2025

WE BEGIN IN
PRAYER
AS
PILGRIMS OF
HOPE



STATEMENT OF MISSION

The great social, cultural and religious change of our time brings challenges and opportunities for all people—both for people of faith and for people who do not see themselves in this way. In response, the Archdiocese of Dublin is initiating a process of review and renewal, and is providing a Statement of Mission as a starting point for reflection and conversation in each parish and in the diocese as a whole.

MISSION

Encounter with the person of Jesus makes us who we are, and shapes what we do. Being at the service of this encounter is the heart of our mission. The living Christ calls and empowers the Dublin Archdiocese to act with resolve and become more fully a place of welcome and compassion, which embodies the power, hope and joy of the gospel.

VISION

Across the Archdiocese we build up together:

- Communities that are faith-filled
- Communities of co-responsibility through servant leadership
- Communities that are active in social justice and
- Communities of welcome and inclusion.

We are called to develop new ways to accompany the people of our time. This will require new thinking and a shift of mind-set in everyone.

Within the reality of our cultural, social and church context, we must create new possibilities for mission:

- Supporting people to deepen their faith and relationship with God
- Creating the structures that support vibrant communities of faith, and
- Advocating for those who are on the margins

Aware of the need for responsible stewardship, and of the diminishing resources available of time, talent and treasure, we are invited into an ongoing process of prayerful dialogue, discernment and decision making, concerning our missionary priorities.

VALUES

Continuously opening ourselves to the challenges and opportunities provided by change.

Building a culture of dialogue, discernment and solidarity.

Actively participating together as baptised People of God.

Working alongside each other to effect renewal.

Including and accompanying all, especially those on the margins.

Supporting and resourcing faith development.

Committing ourselves to care for the earth and sustainability.

Grounding all we do as communities in the mission and ministry of Jesus.

A SYNODAL & MISSIONARY CHURCH: WALKING TOGETHER, OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Building Hope – an ongoing process of dialogue and discernment

‘Our faith calls us to open our hearts,
not only to renewing our own commitment to Christ,
but to rediscovering our parishes and partnerships of parishes
as places of mission.’

Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Pastoral Letter ‘Building Hope with Open Hearts’



Refresh: Pastoral Strategic Planning

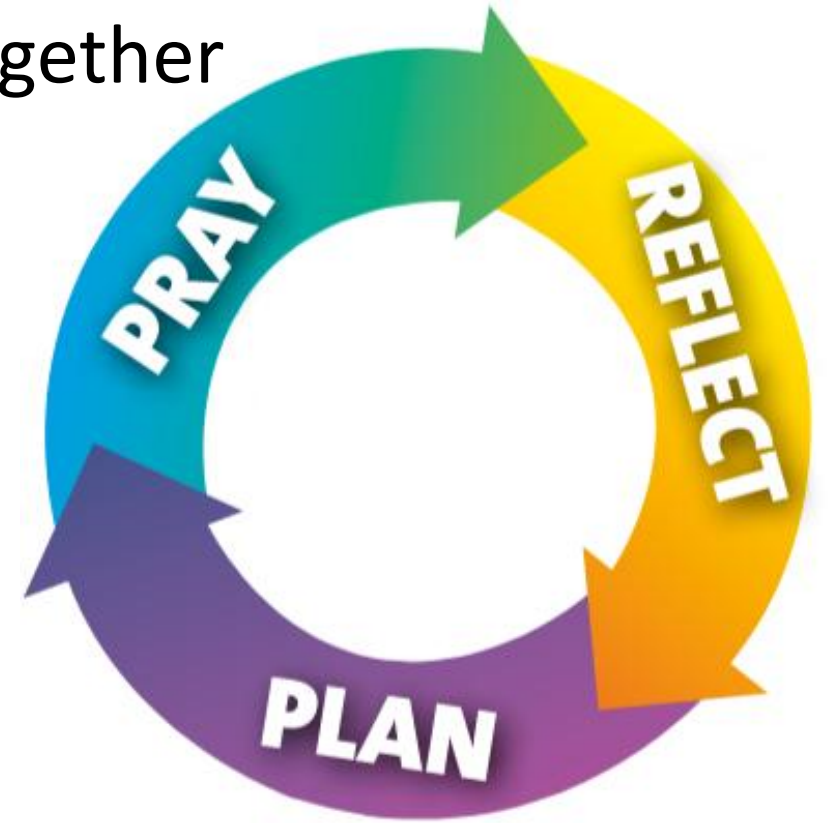
- Four strategic **FOCUS** areas
- Fixed 3-year **OBJECTIVES** 2025-2027
- Suggested pastoral **ACTIONS** 2025-2027



Refresh: Pastoral Planning Cycle

PRAY together, **REFLECT** together, **PLAN** together

A cyclical process towards action
which encourages us to remain
open to the Spirit.



Refresh: Our October 2024 'ASKS'

1. **SHARE the PRAY → REFLECT → PLAN methodology** in parish/partnership - host a 2-hour session for PPC/chosen leadership
2. **DISCERN and PLAN together pastoral ACTIONS**
3. **Be ENCOURAGERS of the process** – *'Building Hope with Open Hearts'*



IN SUMMARY



FROM DISCERNMENT
(PRAY – REFLECT – PLAN)
TO DECISION-MAKING:

WHAT DECISIONS DID YOU MAKE?
WHAT ACTIONS DID YOU TAKE?



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1. Parish survey – share self-evaluation learnings
2. Video Clips – share good practice

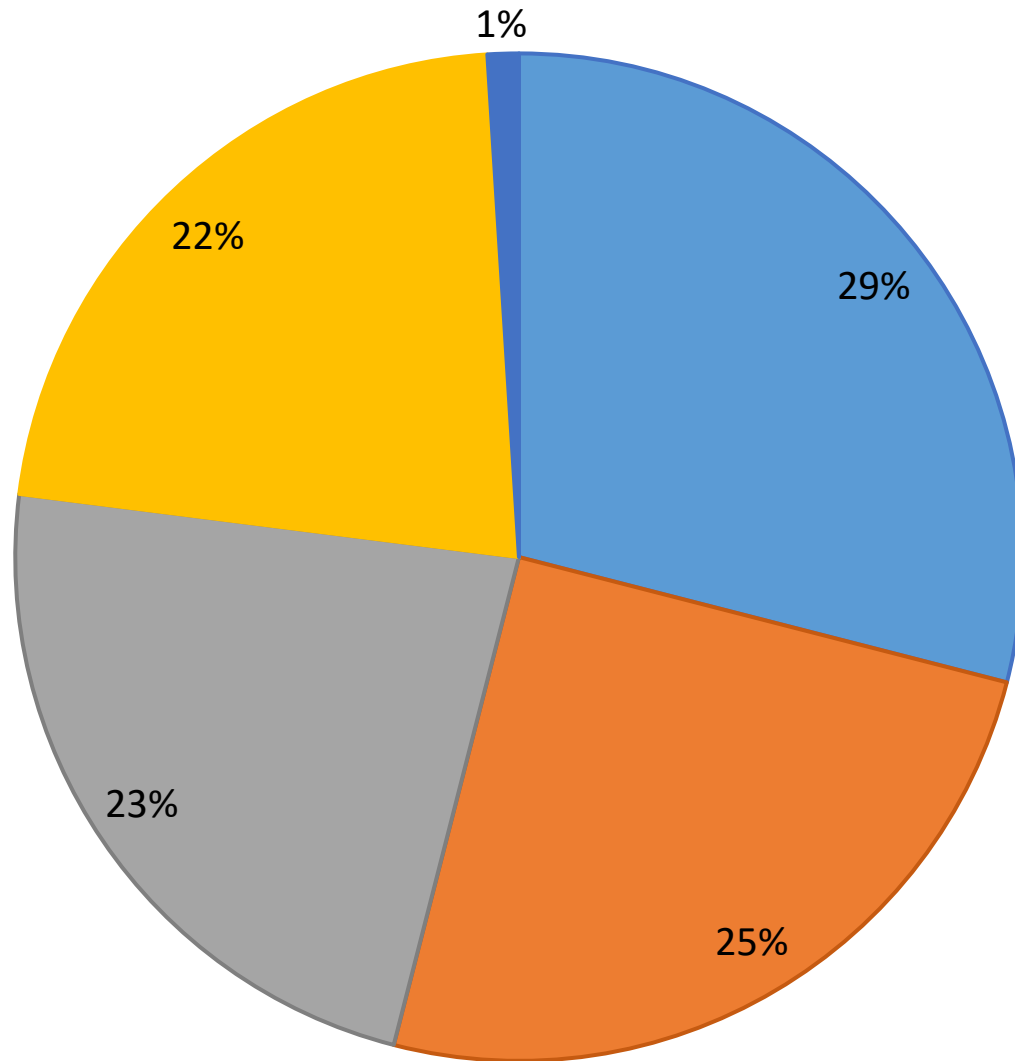


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Parish Self-evaluation asked 3 questions in each of the 4 FOCUS areas:

1. What OBJECTIVE(S) has your parish worked on during 2025?
2. Give an example of an ACTION your parish took to meet the OBJECTIVES.
3. Overall, on a scale of 1 to 5, where would you consider your parish concerning the ACTIONS chosen in 2025 to meet the OBJECTIVES?

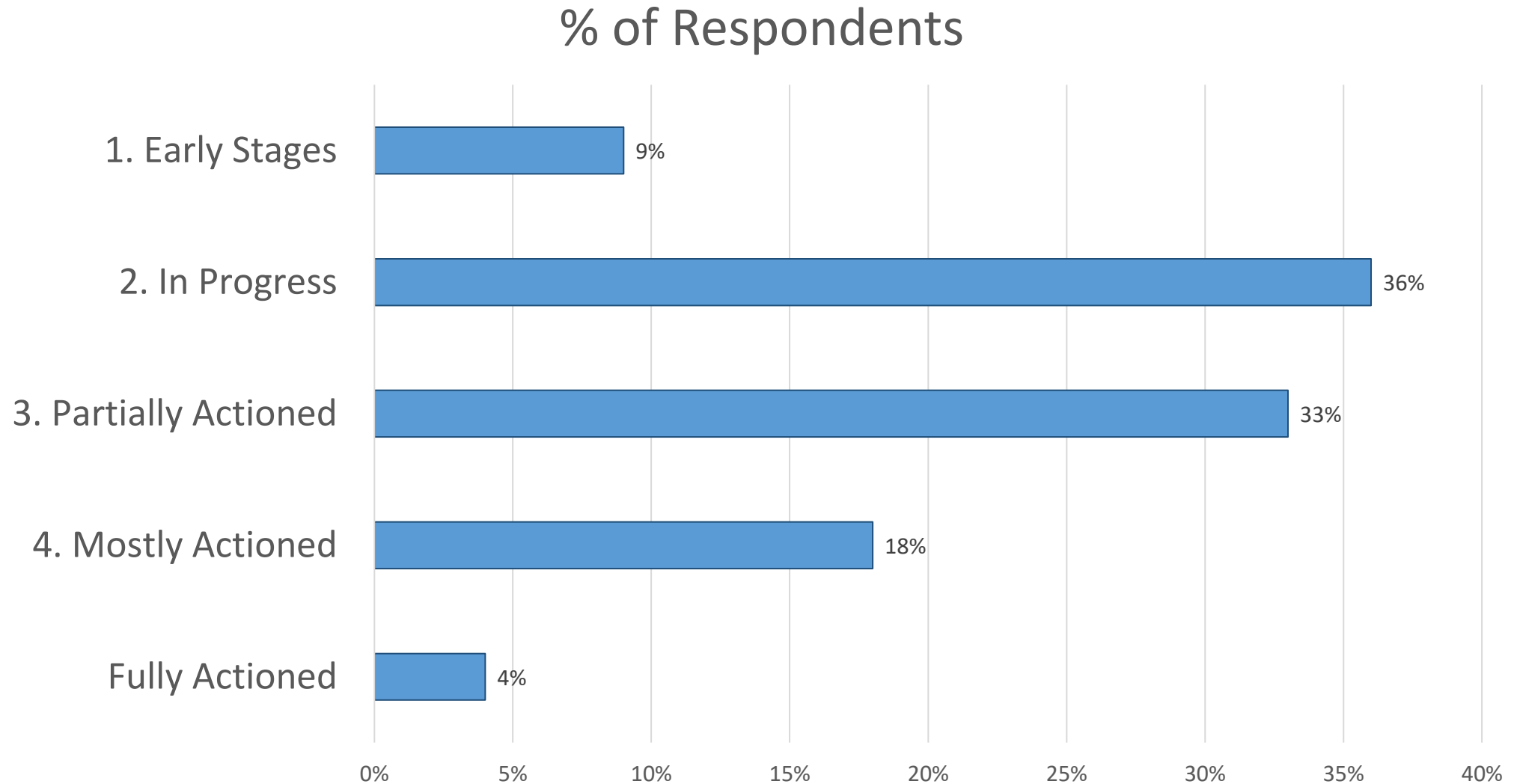
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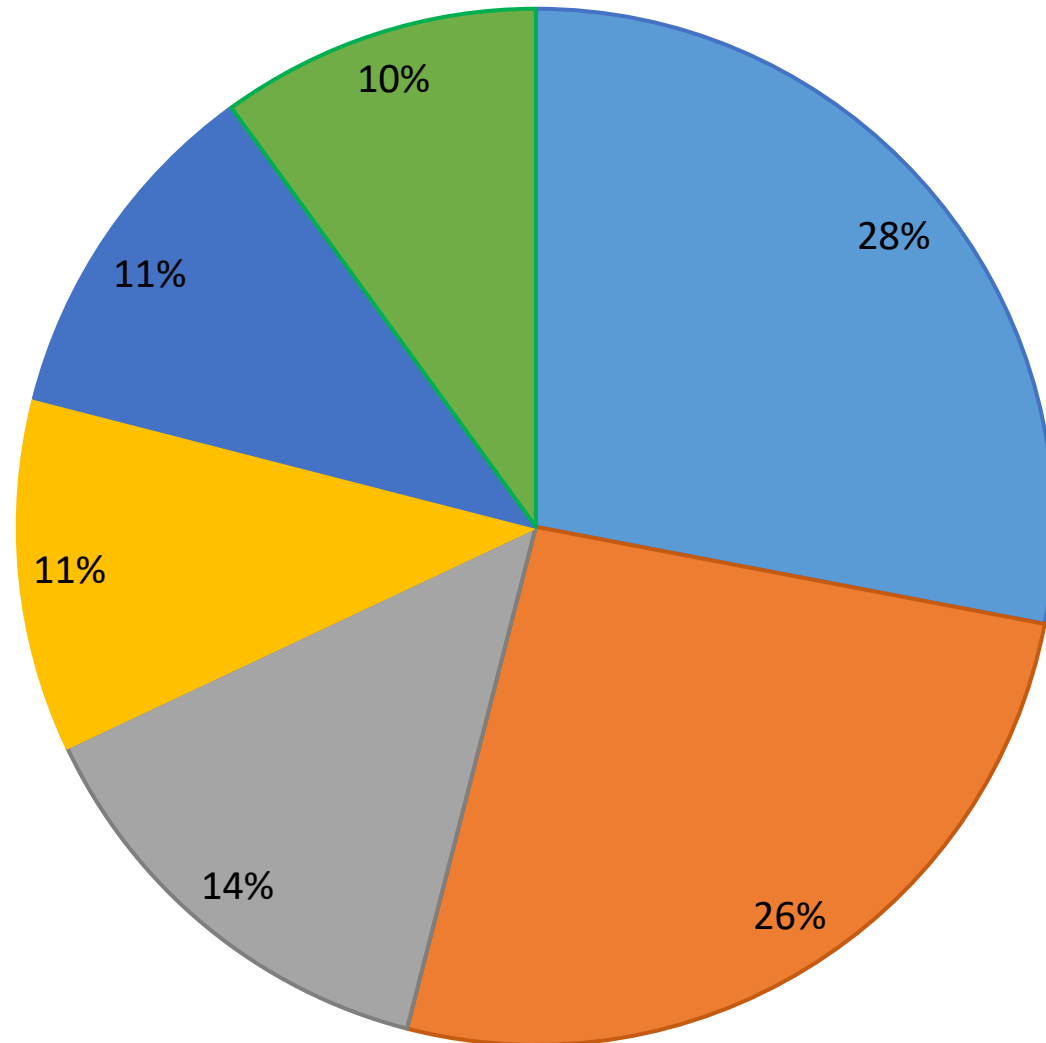
CHOSEN OBJECTIVES

- Differentiated Co-Responsibility
- Team-based Ministries
- Priestly Ministry
- Funeral Ministry
- None

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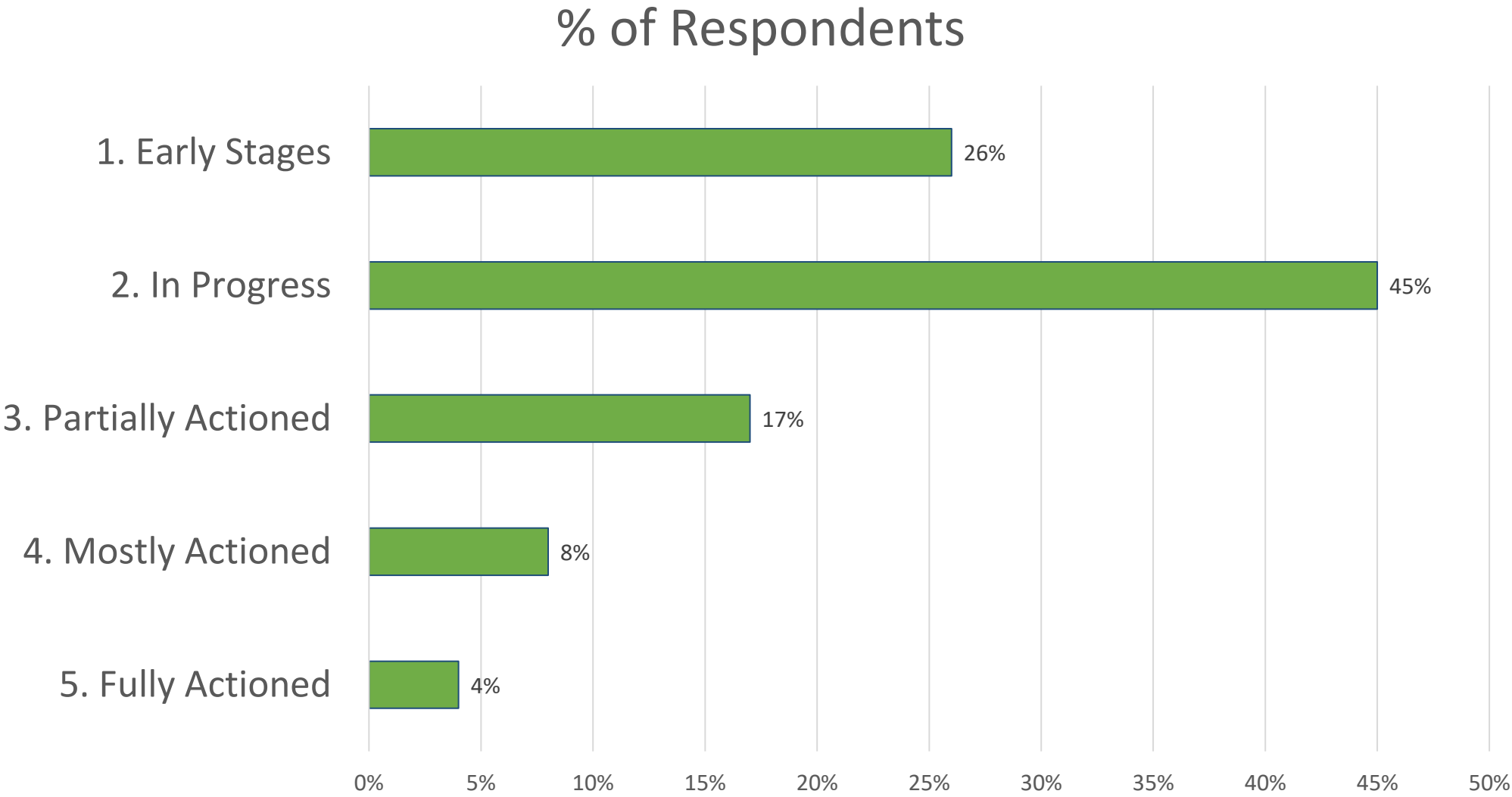
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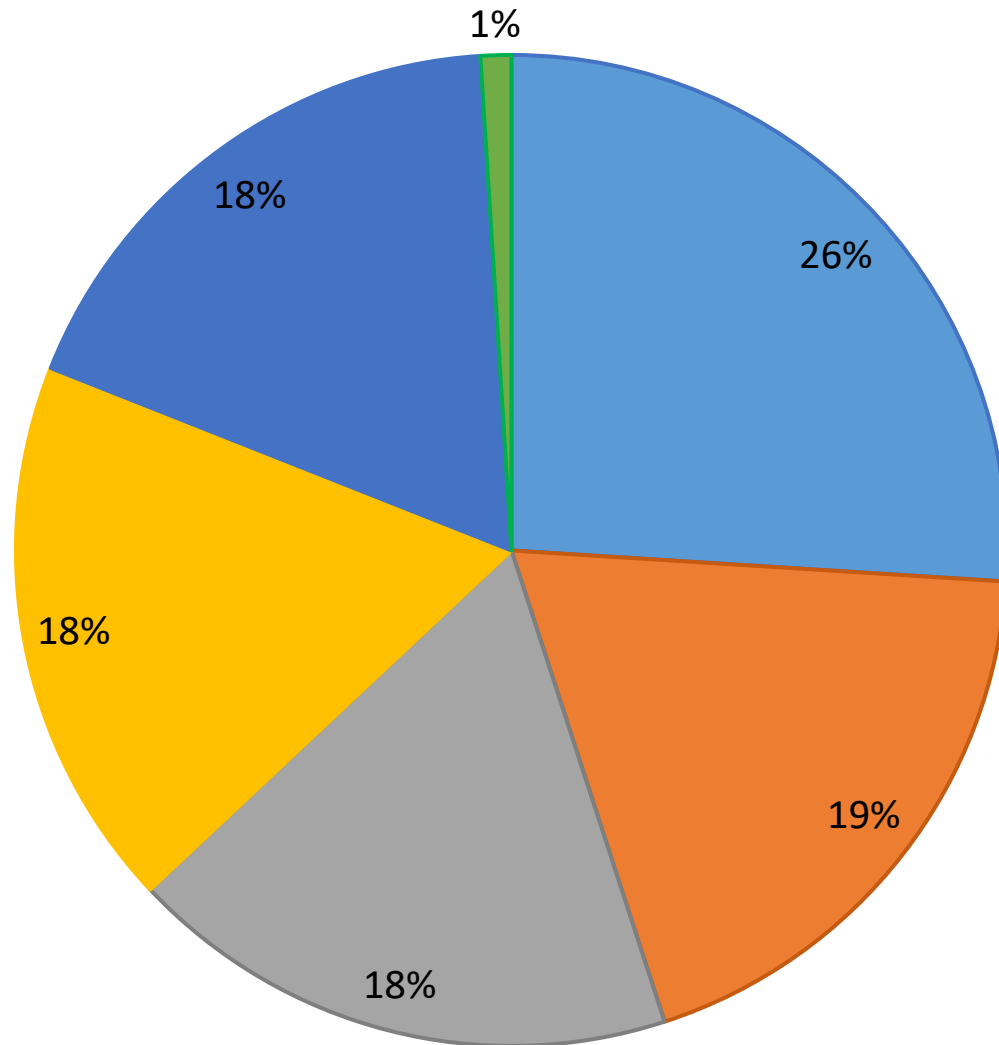
CHOSEN OBJECTIVES

- Active Outreach
- Care of Creation
- Lenten CST Programme
- Local Pastoral Social Analysis
- None
- Establish SJCC Group

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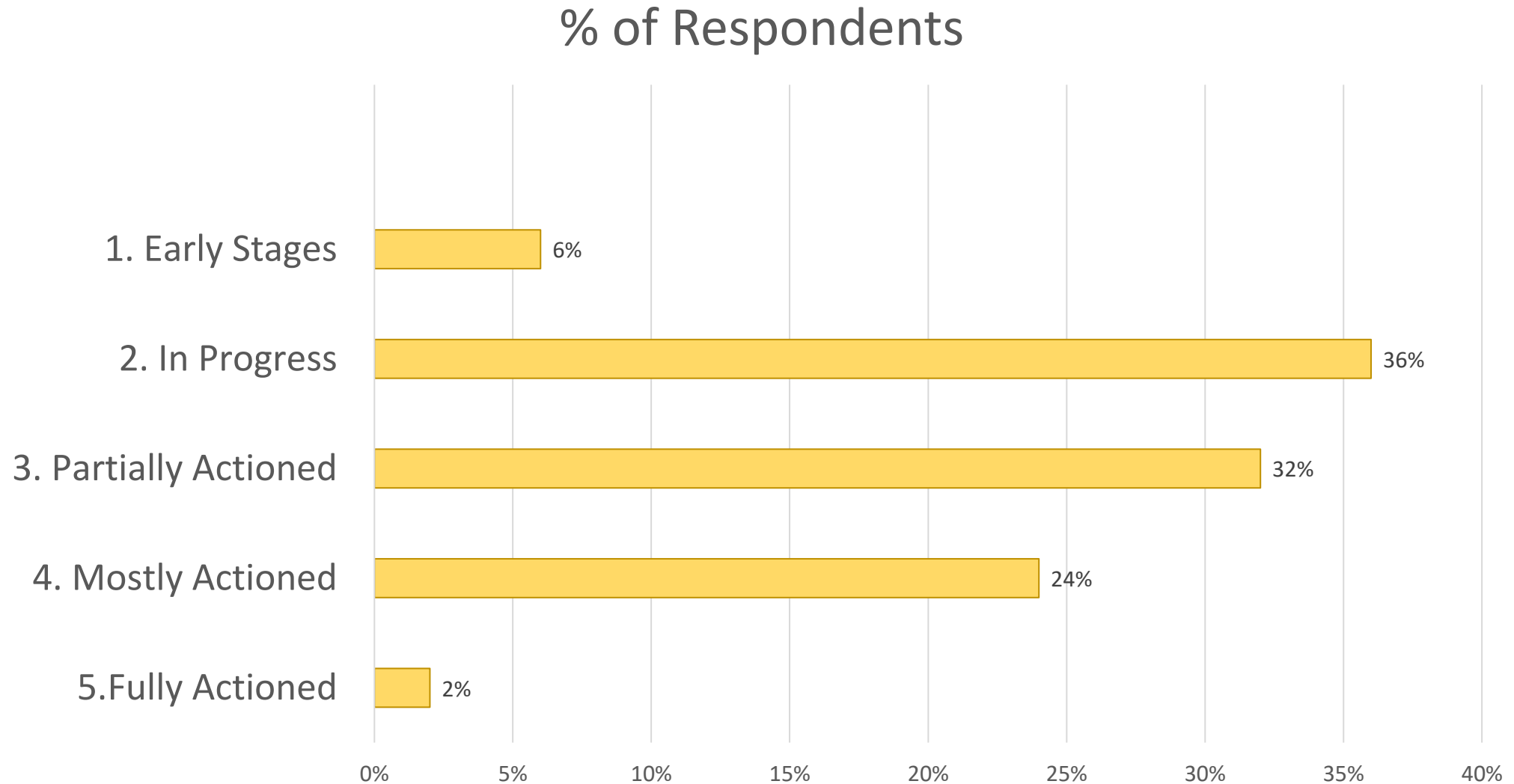
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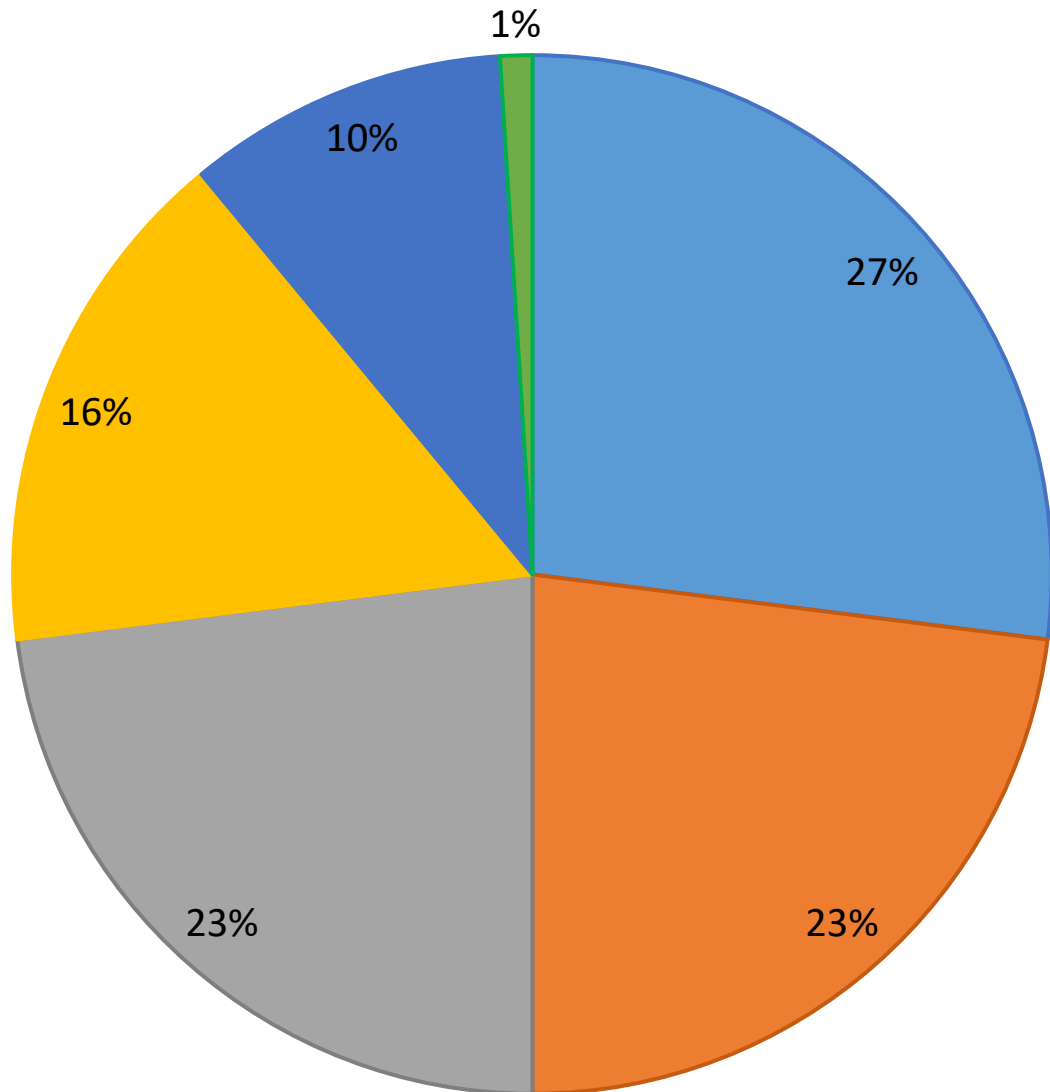
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- Welcome & Hospitality Teams
- Evangelise
- Communications
- Youth & Young Adults
- Inclusive & Family-friendly
- None

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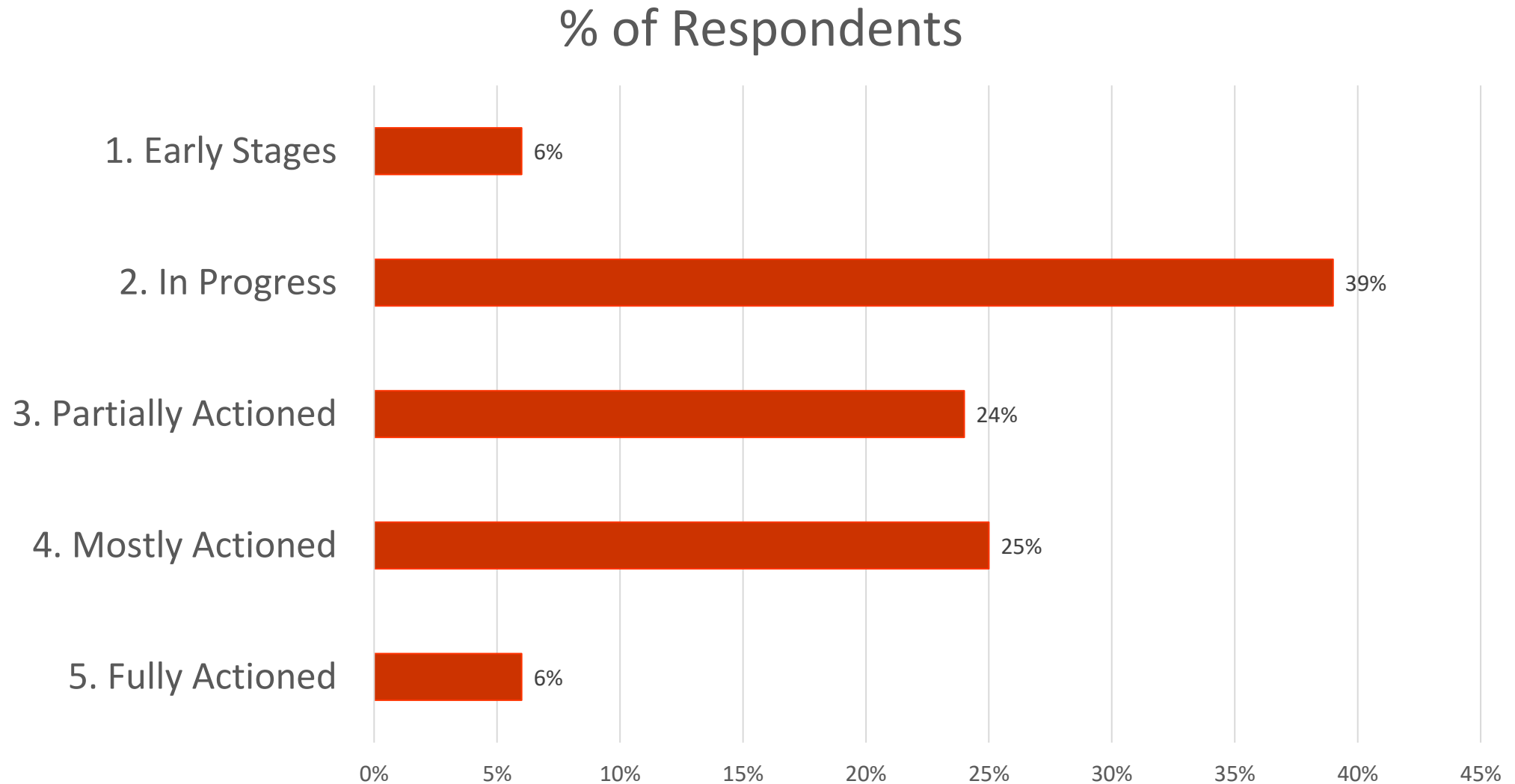
FAITH-FILLED



CHOSEN OBJECTIVES

- Sacramental Preparation Accompaniment - home, parish, school
- Deepening Spirit of Prayer
- Spirit-filled, Hopeful Eucharistic & Liturgical Celebrations
- Adult Faith Formation
- Faith Development Needs - Families & Children, Youth & Young Adults (18-35)
- None

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SMALL GROUP WORK - SYNODAL SHARING 1

What stays with you?
What do you notice?



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SMALL GROUP WORK - SYNODAL SHARING 2

How does what you have seen and heard connect with the actions you have chosen in your own parish / partnership?



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SMALL GROUP WORK - SYNODAL SHARING 3

In the light of this evening,
what practical actions will
you bring back to your
pastoral council for decision?



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Sharing Wisdom & HOPE



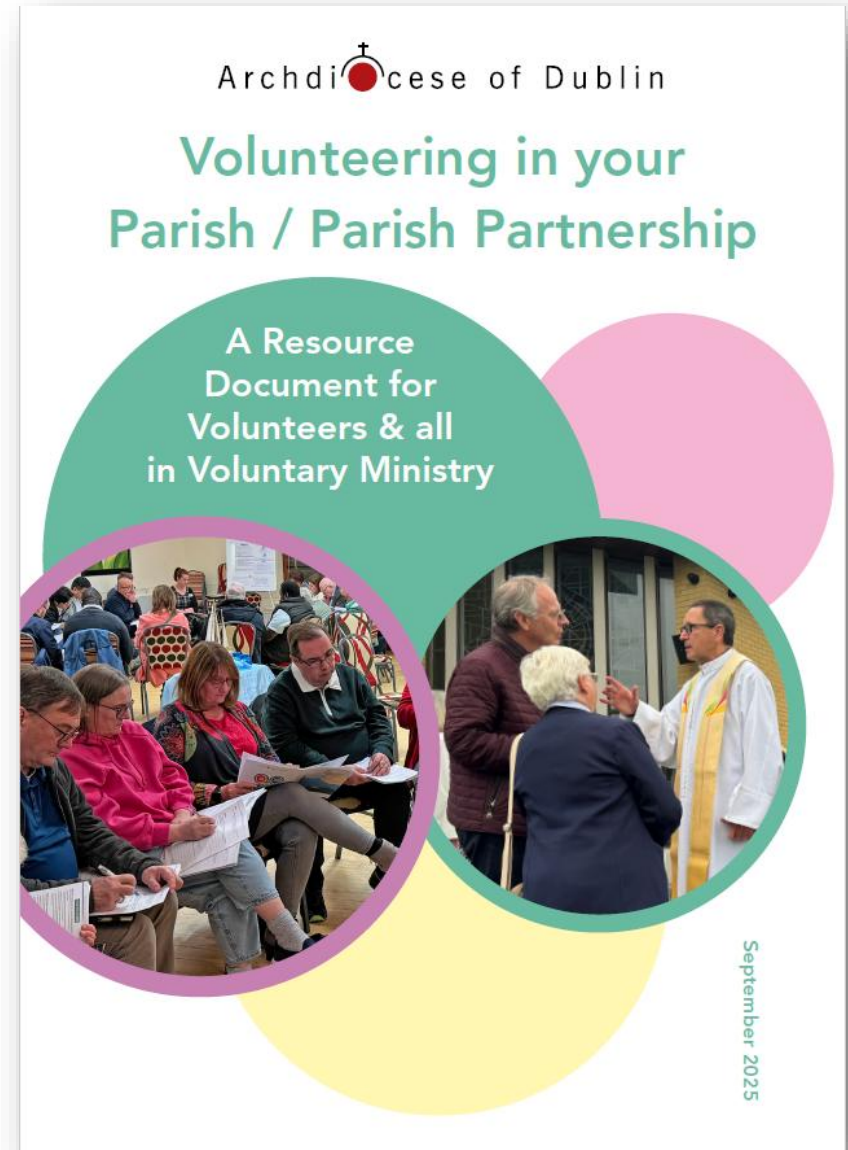
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RENEWING VOLUNTEERING

- Roles & Responsibilities
- Volunteer Policy
- Discernment and Selection
- Induction
- Volunteer Agreement
- Code of Conduct



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CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING



The *Building Hope* Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

You constantly journey with us
even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness
to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another,
in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.



The *Building Hope* Prayer

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.



The *Building Hope* Prayer

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.



THANK YOU
&
SAFE HOME!

