Four Generations of American Catholics in Transition

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Slide 2: Comparing Catholics by Generations

1987:
- Pre-Vatican II: 31%
- Vatican II: 47%
- Post-Vatican II: 22%

2011:
- Pre-Vatican II: 10%
- Vatican II: 33%
- Post-Vatican II: 34%
- Millennial: 23%
Slide 3: Changes in Location of Catholic Population, 1987 and 2011
Slide 4: What is very important to you as a Catholic?

- Pre-Vatican II
  - The Sacraments: [Bars]
  - Church Teachings about Mary: [Bars]
  - Church activity for Social Justice: [Bars]
  - Teaching authority claimed by Vatican: [Bars]
  - A celibate male clergy: [Bars]
  - A regular daily prayer life: [Bars]
  - Helping the poor: [Bars]
  - Belief in Jesus' resurrection from dead: [Bars]
  - Devotions (e.g. Rosary, Adoration, etc.): [Bars]
  - Church Teaching oppose death penalty: [Bars]
  - Church opposed to Same Sex Marriage: [Bars]
  - Church teachings opposed to abortion: [Bars]

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- Post-Vatican II
  - The Sacraments: [Bars]
  - Church Teachings about Mary: [Bars]
  - Church activity for Social Justice: [Bars]
  - Teaching authority claimed by Vatican: [Bars]
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Slide 5: Catholics who strongly agree that...

- Being Catholic is a very important part of who I am
- The Sacraments are essential to my relationship with God
- Important to me that younger generations of my family grow up as Catholic
- I cannot imagine being anything but Catholic
Slide 6: Where do you believe the locus of moral authority should rest with each of these social issues? 1. With the pope and bishops, 2. With individuals taking Church teaching into account and then following their conscience, or 3. With dialogue between Church leaders and the laity. The percentage saying Church leaders:
Slide 7: How important is the Catholic Church to you personally?

- **Pre-Vatican II**
  - The most important part of my life
  - Among the most important parts of my life
  - Quite important as are other areas of my life
  - Not terribly important to me
  - Not very important at all to me

- **Vatican II**
  - The most important part of my life
  - Among the most important parts of my life
  - Quite important as are other areas of my life
  - Not terribly important to me
  - Not very important at all to me

- **Post-Vatican II**
  - The most important part of my life
  - Among the most important parts of my life
  - Quite important as are other areas of my life
  - Not terribly important to me
  - Not very important at all to me

- **Millenials**
  - The most important part of my life
  - Among the most important parts of my life
  - Quite important as are other areas of my life
  - Not terribly important to me
  - Not very important at all to me
Slide 8: Percentage of Catholics who say that it is very or somewhat meaningful to them that Catholics can disagree with aspects of Church teachings and still remain loyal to the Church:
Slide 9: You can be a good Catholic without...

- Pre-Vatican II:
  - Going to Church every Sunday: Orange
  - Obeying the Church's teachings on birth control: Blue
  - Obeying Church teaching on divorce/remarriage: Green
  - Obeying Church teaching on abortion: Purple
  - Believing in the Real Presence in Eucharist: Red
  - Believing in Jesus' Resurrection from dead: Black

- Vatican II

- Post-Vatican II

- Millennials
Aside from weddings and funerals, about how often do you attend Mass?

Pre-Vatican II:
- At least once a week: [Bar Graph]
- Two or three times a month: [Bar Graph]
- About once a month: [Bar Graph]
- A few times a year: [Bar Graph]
- Seldom or never: [Bar Graph]

Vatican II:
- At least once a week: [Bar Graph]
- Two or three times a month: [Bar Graph]
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- A few times a year: [Bar Graph]
- Seldom or never: [Bar Graph]

Post-Vatican II:
- At least once a week: [Bar Graph]
- Two or three times a month: [Bar Graph]
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Slide 13: On a scale from 1 to 7, with 1 being “I would never leave the Church,” and 7 being “Yes, I might leave the Church,” where would you place yourself?