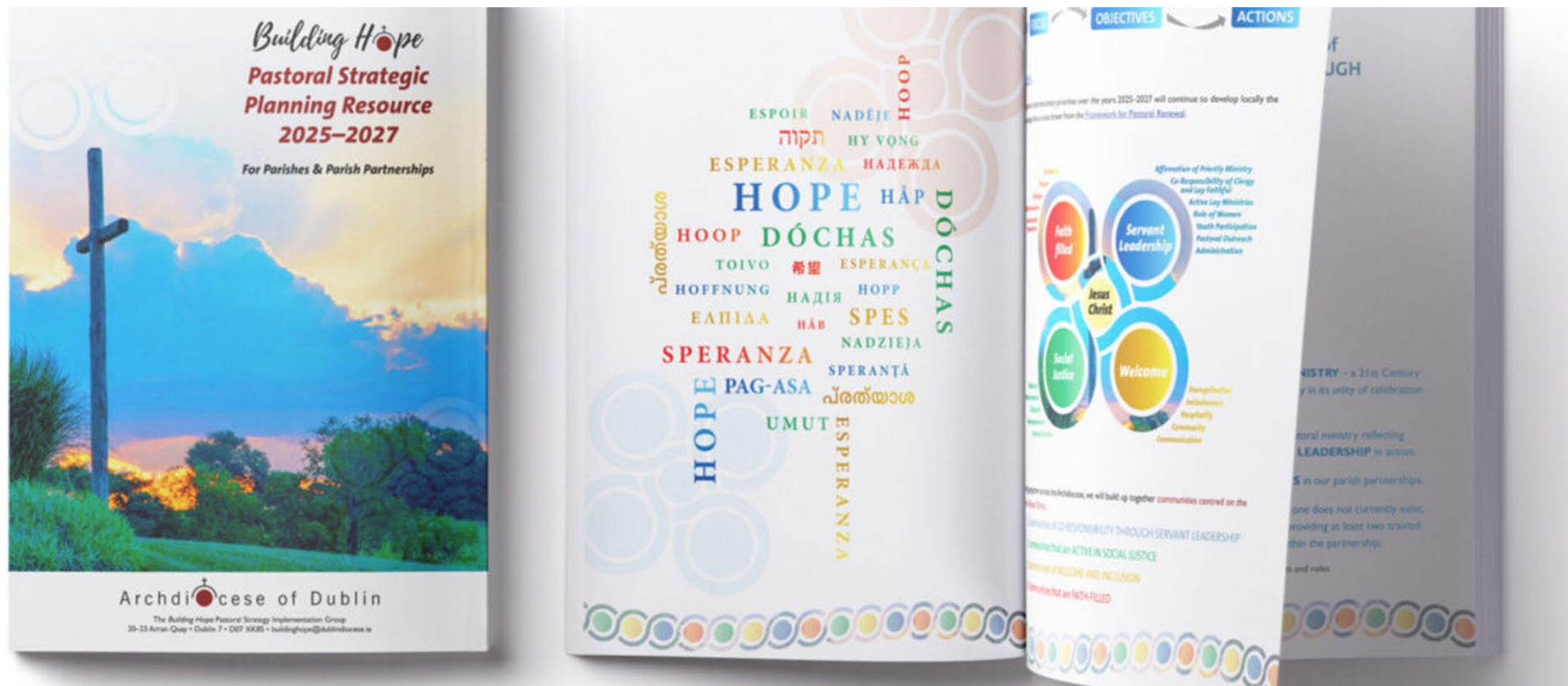




Building Hope AUTUMN GATHERING 2026

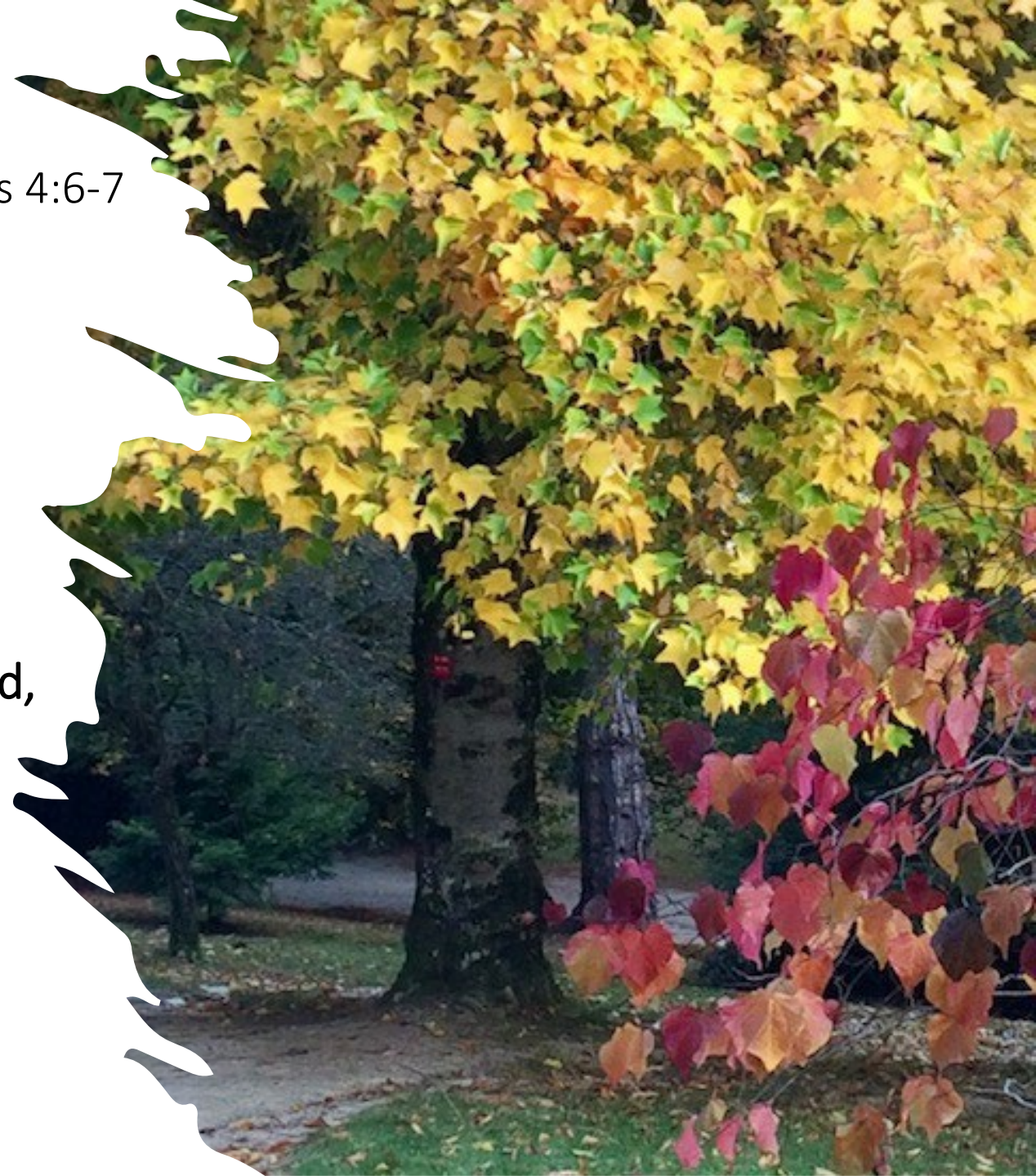
WE BEGIN IN
PRAYER
AS
PILGRIMS OF
HOPE



A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-7

There is no need to worry;
but if there is anything you need,
pray for it,
asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can understand,
will guard your hearts and your thoughts,
in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



RESPONSE:
LORD OF LIFE,
WE ARE ONE IN YOU



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.

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



Pastoral Strategic Planning

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



Synodal Pastoral Planning Methodology

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

A cyclical process towards pastoral **ACTION**
which encourages us to remain
open to the Spirit.



RECOLLECTING



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

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



REVIEWING / EVALUATING

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

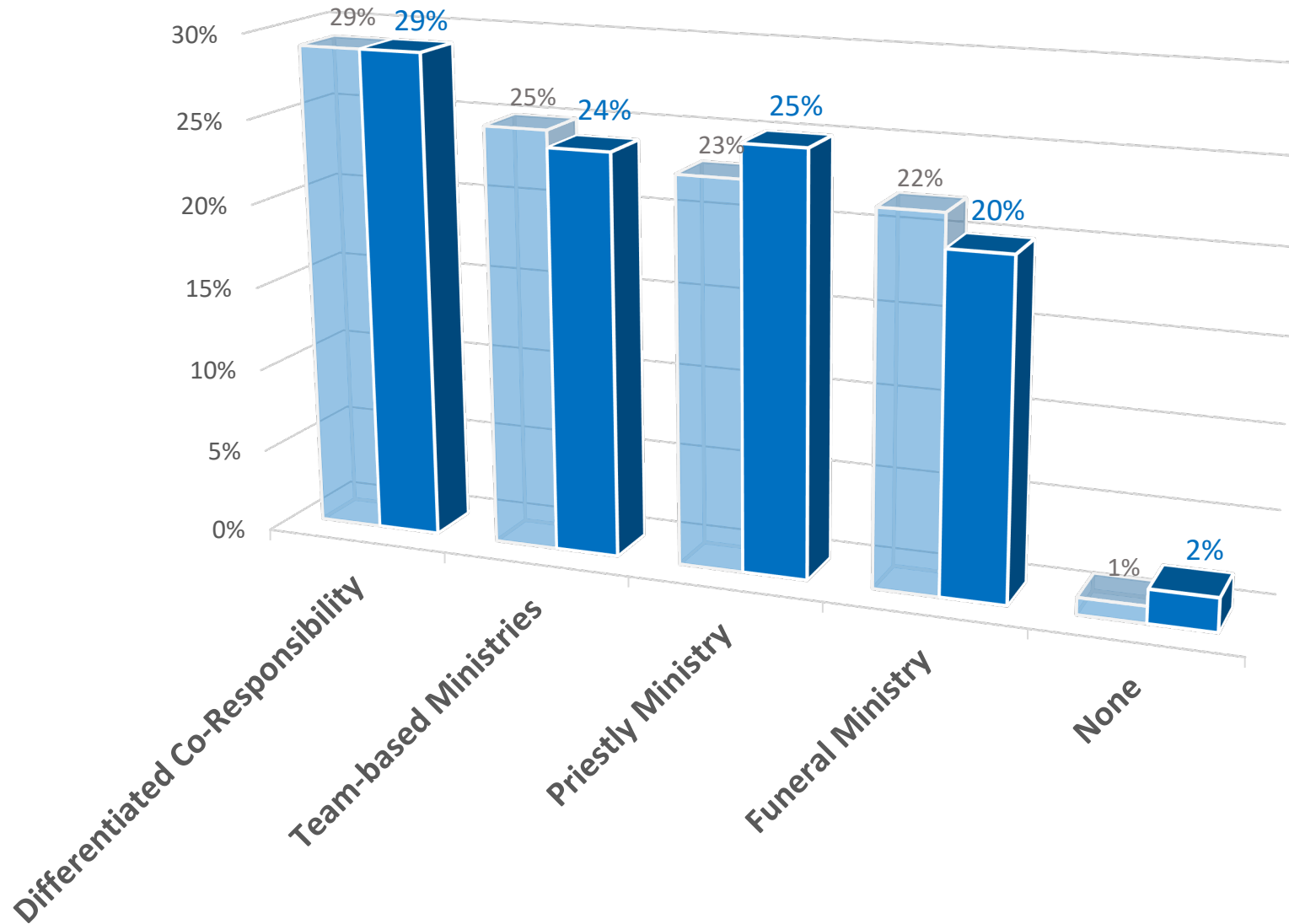


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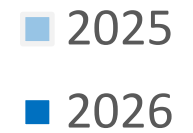
Parish Self-evaluation: 3 questions in each of the 4 FOCUS areas:

1. What OBJECTIVES has your parish worked on during 2026?
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 2026 to meet the OBJECTIVES?

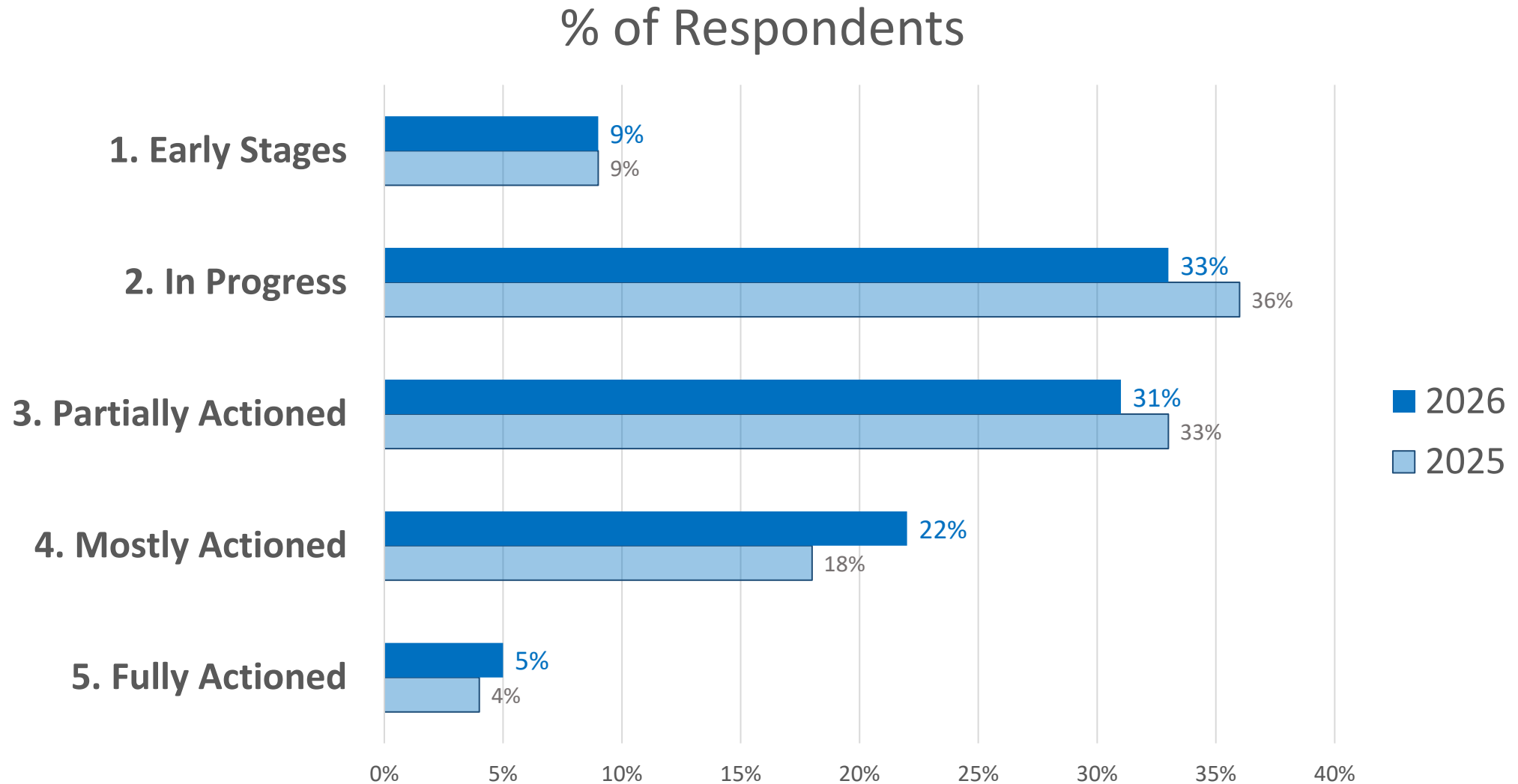
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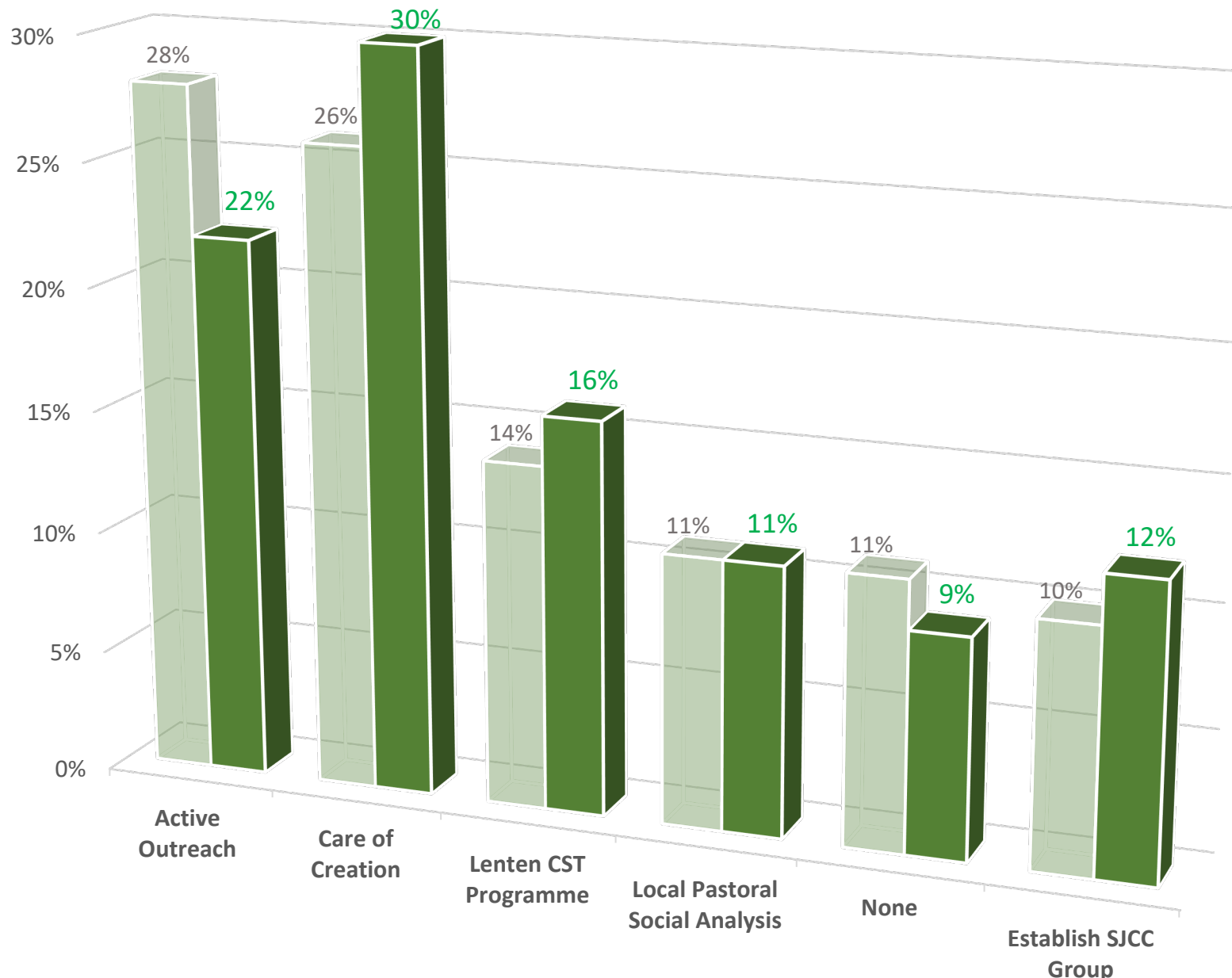
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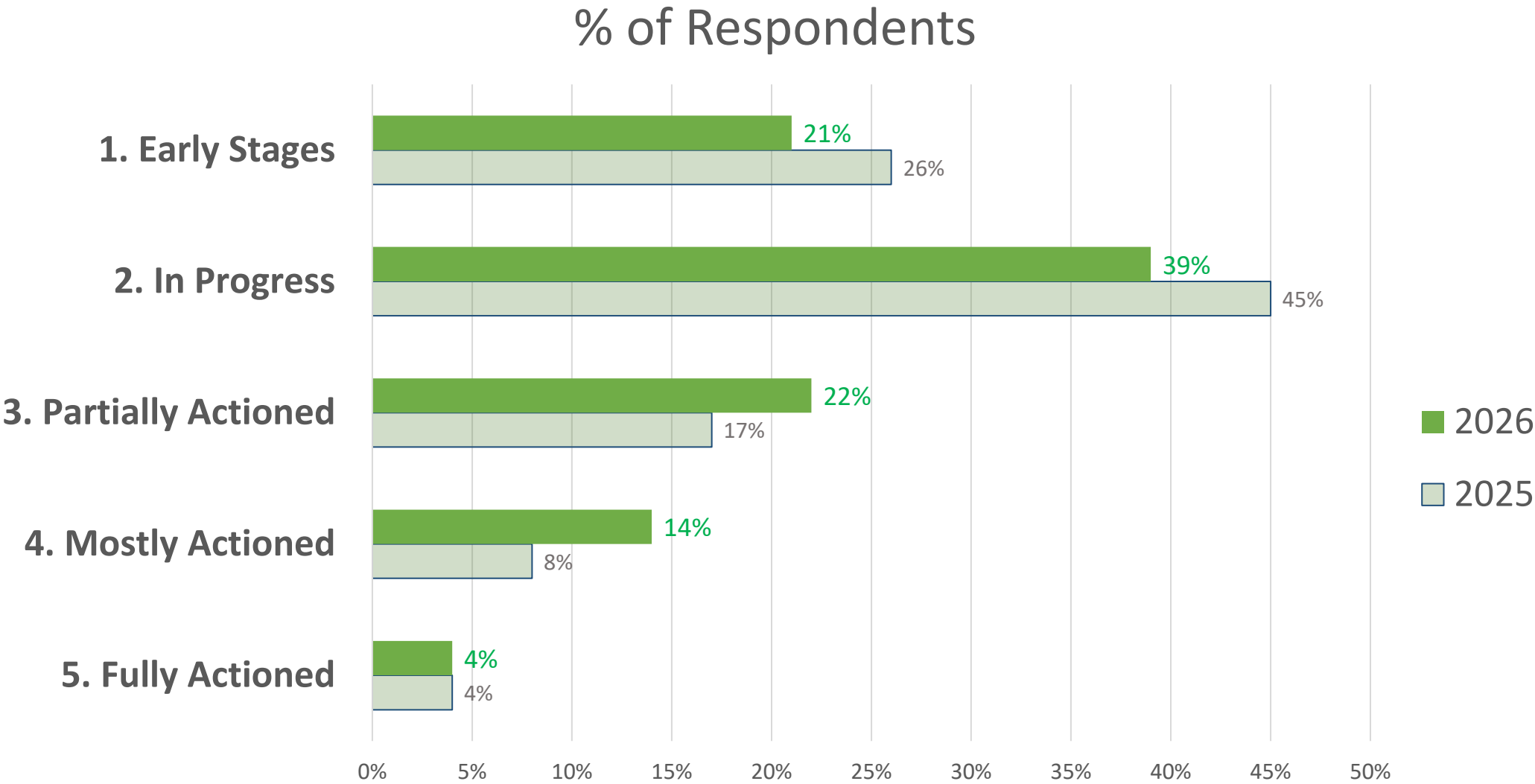


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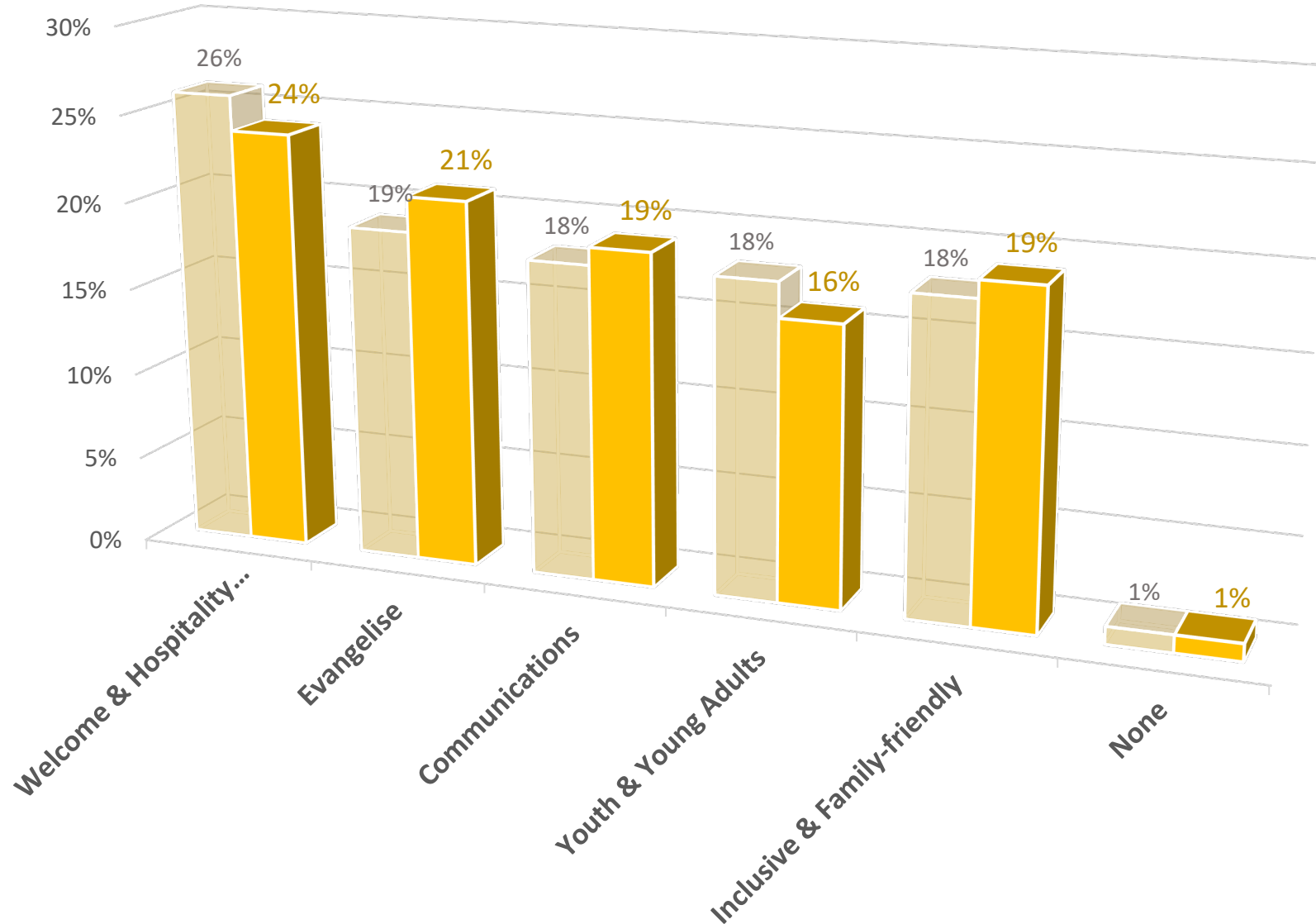
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SOCIAL JUSTICE



WELCOME & INCLUSION



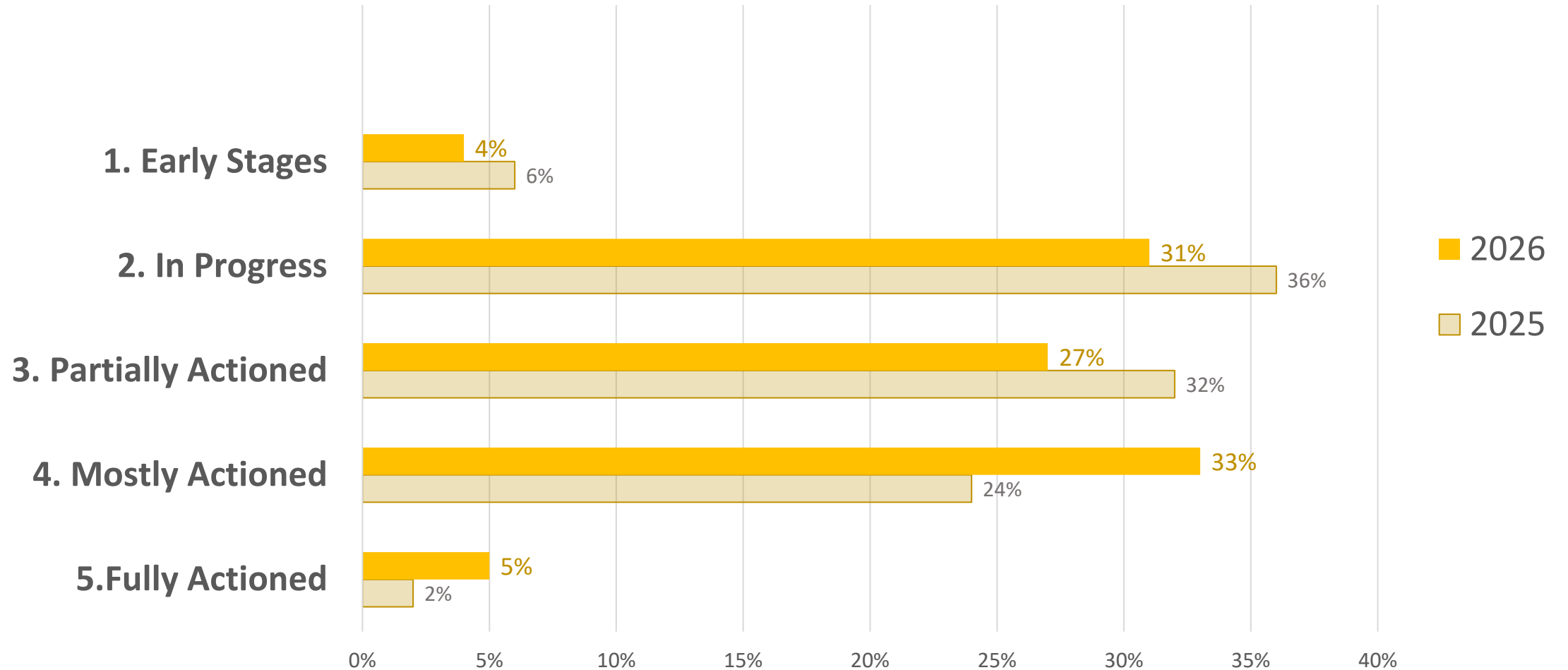
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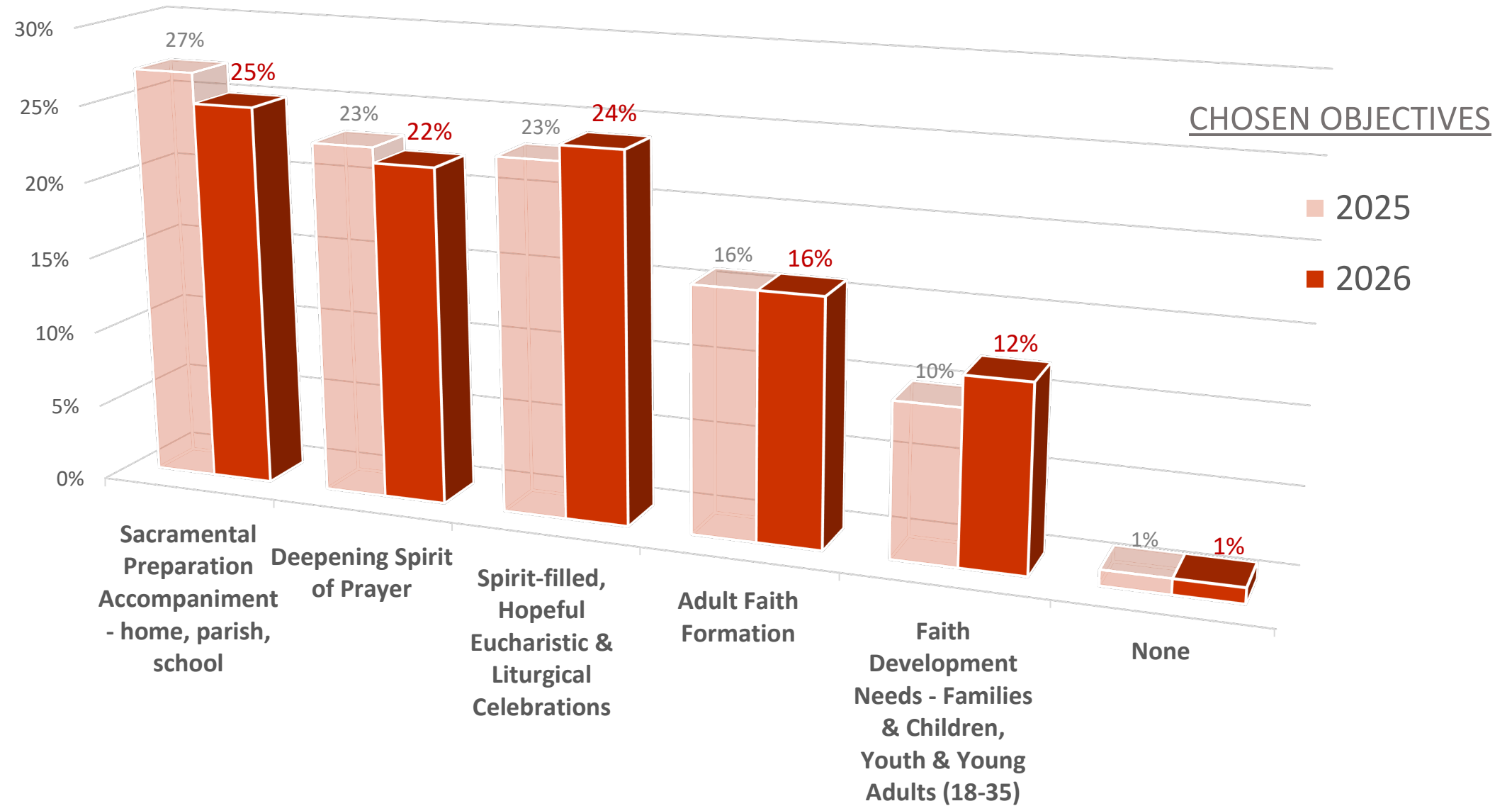
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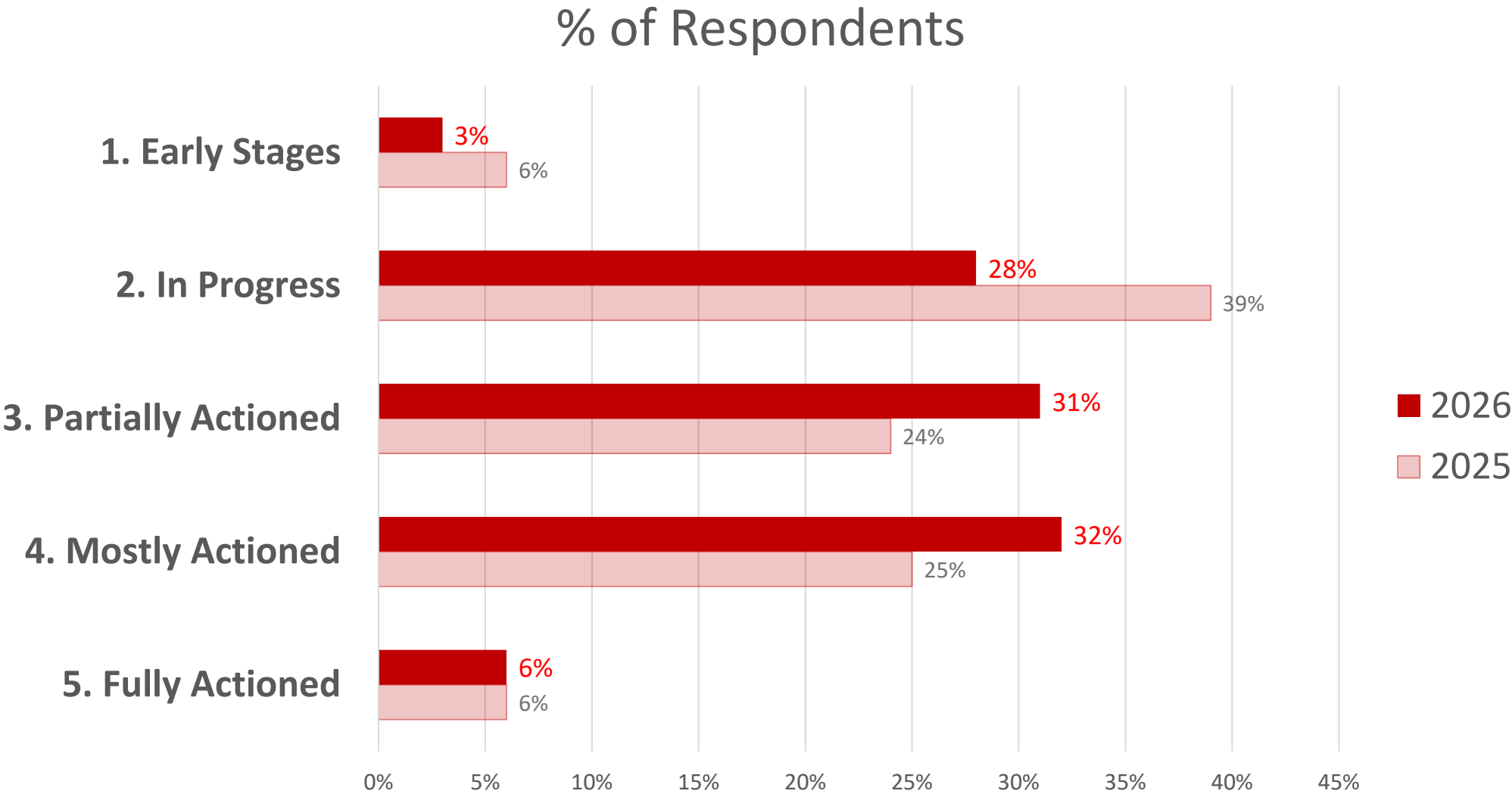
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FAITH-FILLED



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FROM DISCERNMENT
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Conversation in the Spirit



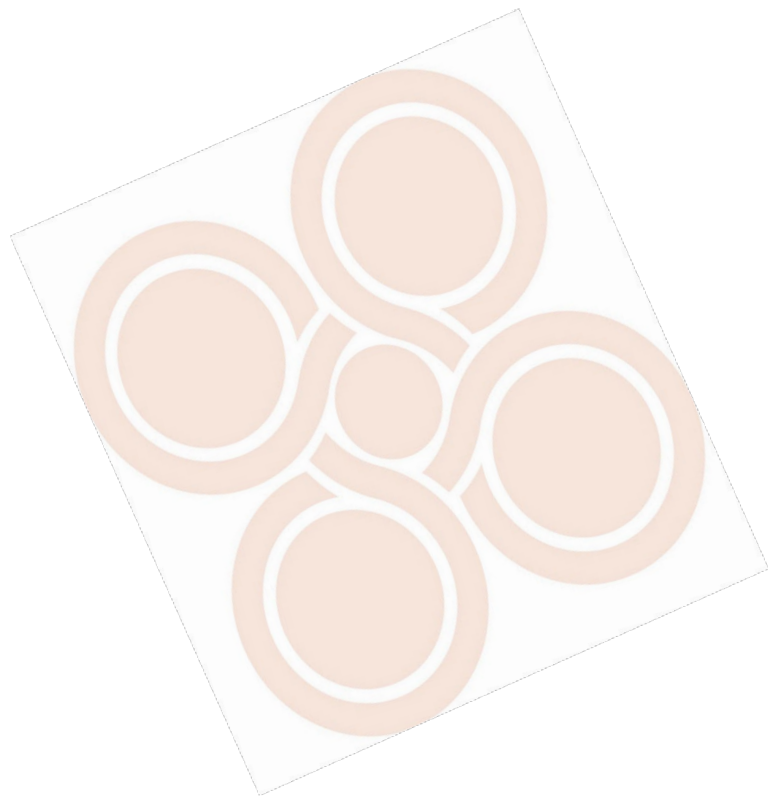
How does what you have seen and heard presented, connect with the pastoral actions YOU have chosen in YOUR parish / partnership?



What pastoral
actions can you
develop further
in Year 3?



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Emerging Insights



Resourcing You!

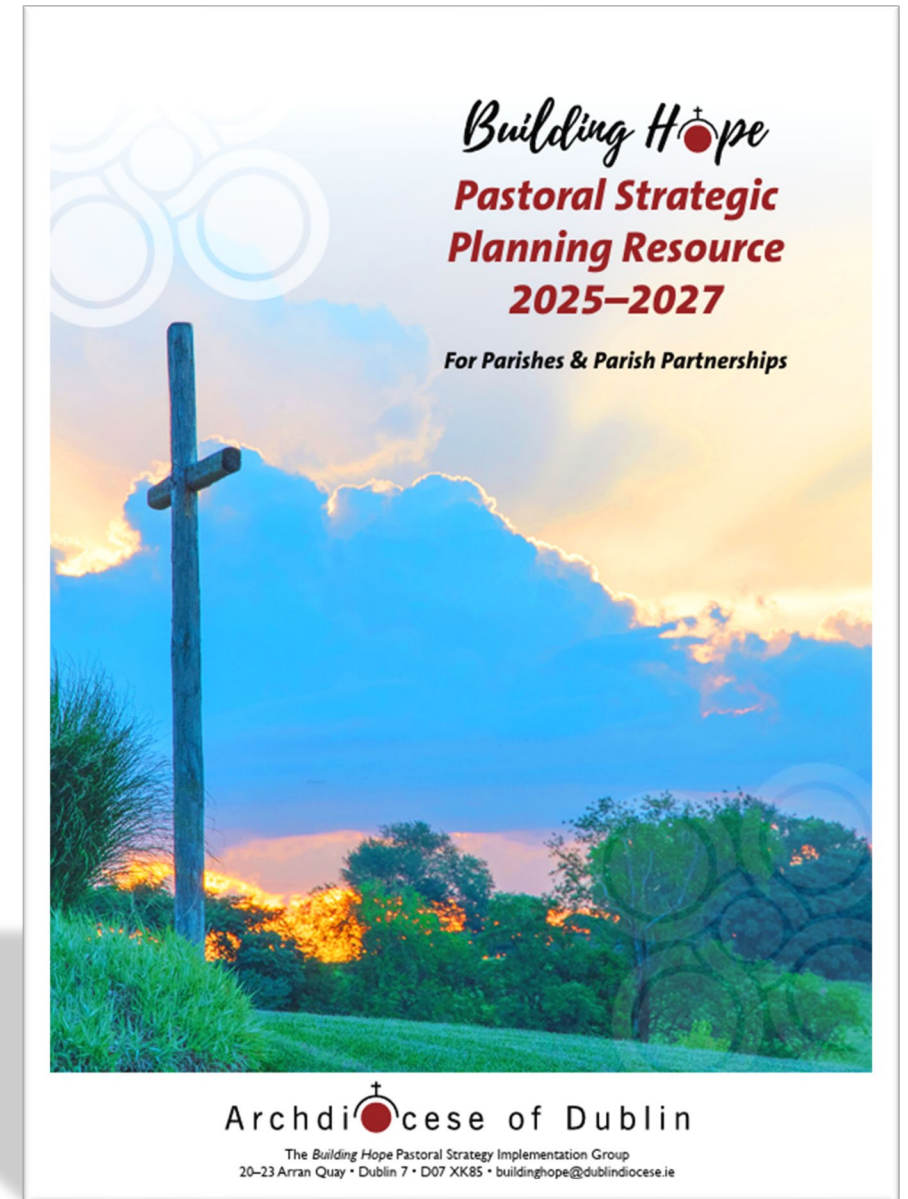


PLANNING RESOURCE

“Suggested Template Planning Form”

(Pages 31-34)

- Helps pastoral planning -- > pastoral actions
- Invites decisions...
 - Who can we include in the conversation?
 - What resources might we need?
 - What steps will we take towards completion?
 - What is our timeline – steps and stages?
 - Who will lead/coordinate?
- On-line editable formats of pages 31-34 available under the *Building Hope* tab on Diocesan website



CO-RESPONSIBILITY & VOLUNTARY MINISTRY

FOCUS 1: Building Communities of Co-responsibility through Servant Leadership OBJECTIVE 3: Team Ministries

Two Resources:

- *'Voluntary Ministry Matters'* PPC Guidebook
- offers questionnaires, resources, steps
- *'Volunteering in your Parish / Parish Partnership'*
- guides and supports best practice in volunteering as a registered charity

Both available under 'Volunteer' on the Diocesan website



SYNODALITY

- Renew and Refresh your Pastoral Council
- Planning for PASTORAL action
- Planning WITH the parish
- Parish Assemblies

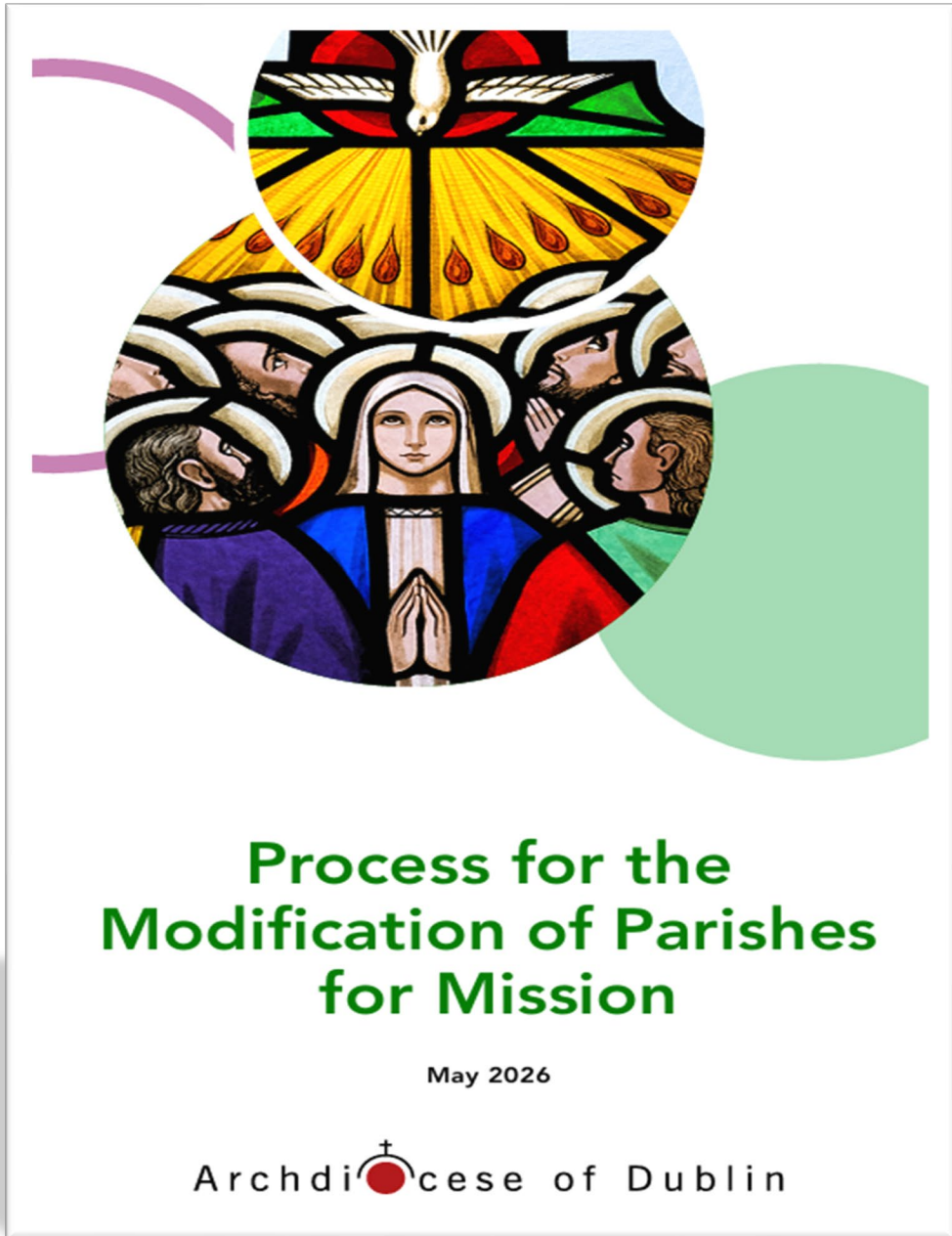
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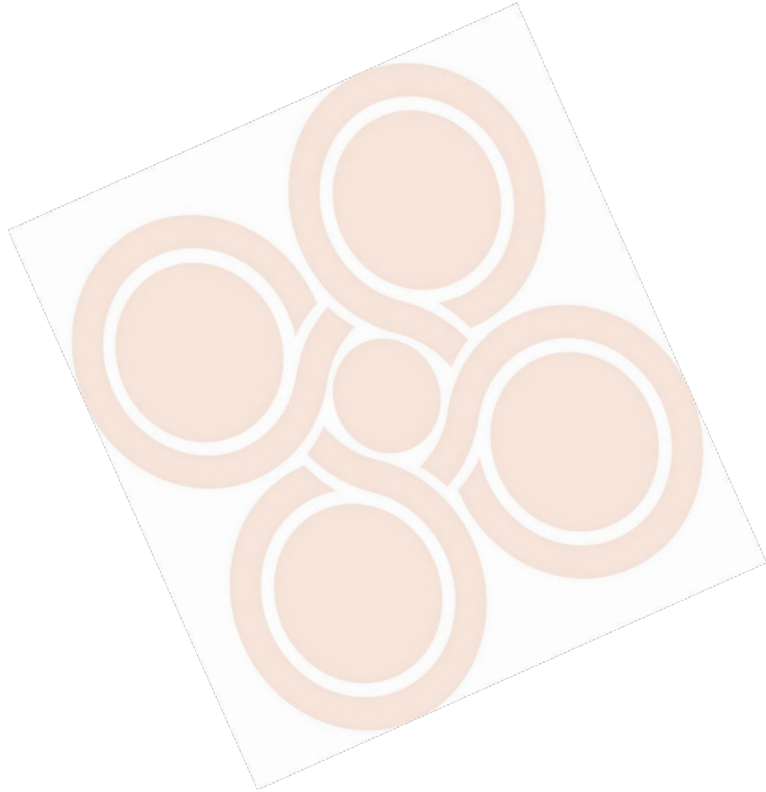


MODIFICATION OF PARISHES

- Archbishop's Pentecost 2026 Pastoral Letter
- Process for the Modification of Parishes for Mission
- Engage in conversation at parish and partnership pastoral councils
- Support through the Office of the Moderator

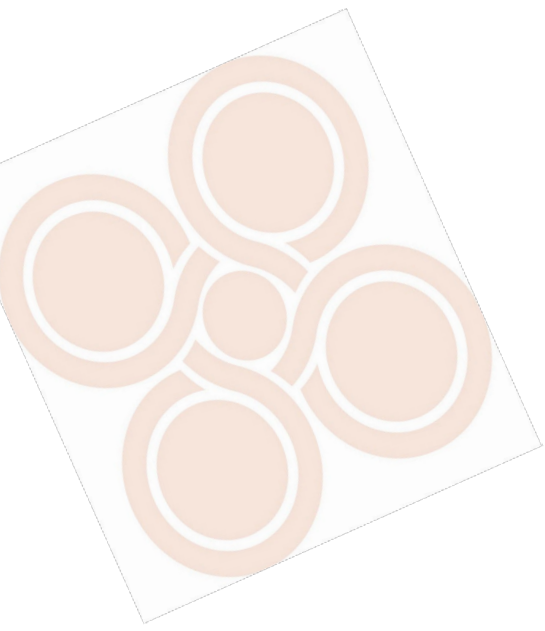


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Gathering Wisdom





WE ASK 3 THINGS PLEASE...

1. Bring back to your PPCs what you have seen and heard tonight
2. Consider how you will communicate with your wider parish community
3. Contact us for resources & support



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CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING



Novena Prayer

Mary, Mother of the Church,
stand with us at this Spirit-filled time.
Grace us with your faithful presence
as we pray, reflect and plan.

Mary, our Mother,
wrap your mantle of gentleness and courage around us.
Inspire us to say 'yes' to your Son,
as we breathe in the Spirit of Truth and Love,
to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.



Holy Mary,
you stood at the foot of the Cross, broken-hearted.
You witnessed the joy of the resurrection
and the wonder of Pentecost.
You walked great distances in your time.
Be with us now on our Synodal Journey, *Building Hope*.

Beloved Mother,
open our hearts generously to our baptismal calling.
Encourage us into ever deepening communion
with your Son, with each other,
with those most in need, and with all of God's creation.

A Mhuire Mháthair,
hold us close to you
as we embrace God's loving invitation
to wholeness, healing and peace.
Amen.



THANK YOU
&
SAFE HOME!

