



HOLY CROSS
Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Diaconate Program



Did you know Canon Law includes rules for Deacons?

THE REGIONAL SYNOD OF NEOCAESARIA

Epitome of Canon 15

- ❖ Seven Deacons according to the Acts of the Apostles should be appointed for each great city

POP QUIZ!

Can anyone name the first seven Deacons?

First Seven Deacon POP QUIZ!

Stephen

DEC 27th

Philip

OCT 11th

Prochoros

JULY 28TH

Nicanor

JULY 28TH

Timon

JULY 28TH

DEC 30TH

Parmenas

JULY 28TH

Nicolaos

NOT COMMEMORATED

II. Program 4 Part Structure

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Sessions & Term Papers

Part 1

Clergy Mentoring

Part 2

Cluster Groups

Part 3

Alumni & Outreach

Part 4

III. Demographics and statistics

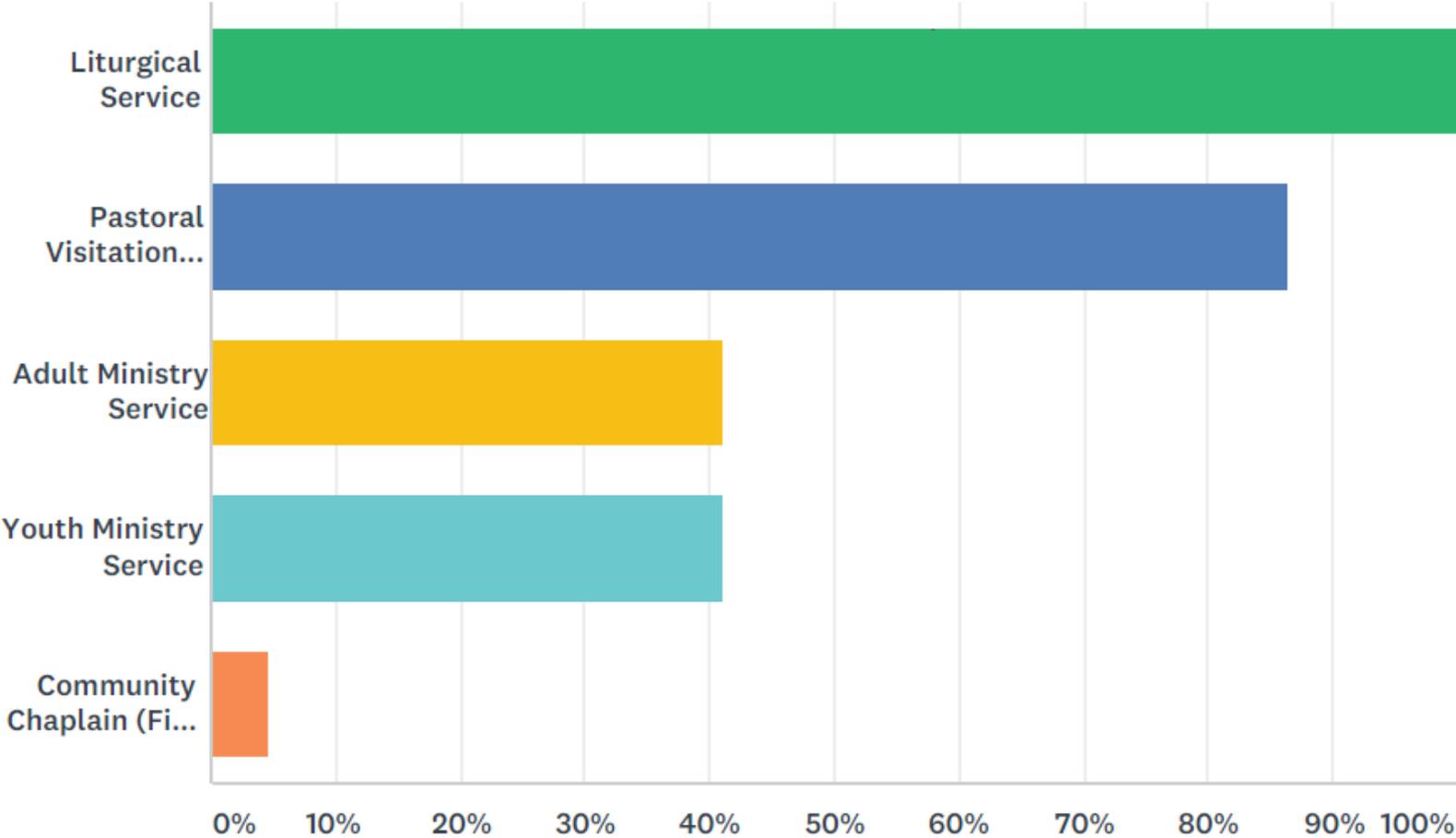
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
4	15	18	18	10	11	4	2	0	8	5	95

Since the beginning of the program, **95** students have been accepted into the program.

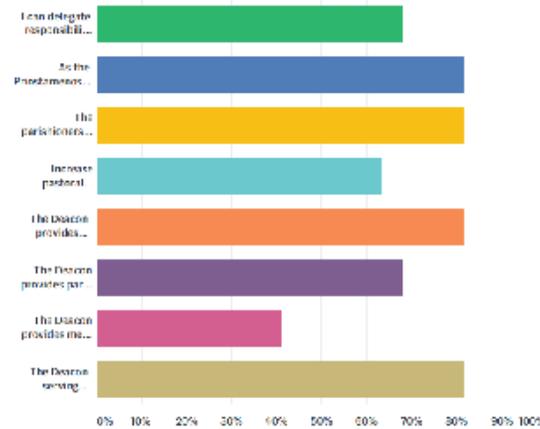
- ii. completion figures
 - a. Fifty-Six (56) individuals have received a Letter/certificate of completion of the program.
- iii. ordination figures
 - a. Thirty-Five (35) graduates of the program have been ordained deacons
 - b. Three (3) out of those deacons have been ordained priests.
- iv. average age: approximately 49
- v. about 40% of students who have enrolled in the program embraced Orthodoxy later in life

Q What activities does your Deacon currently participate in within your parish. (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 28



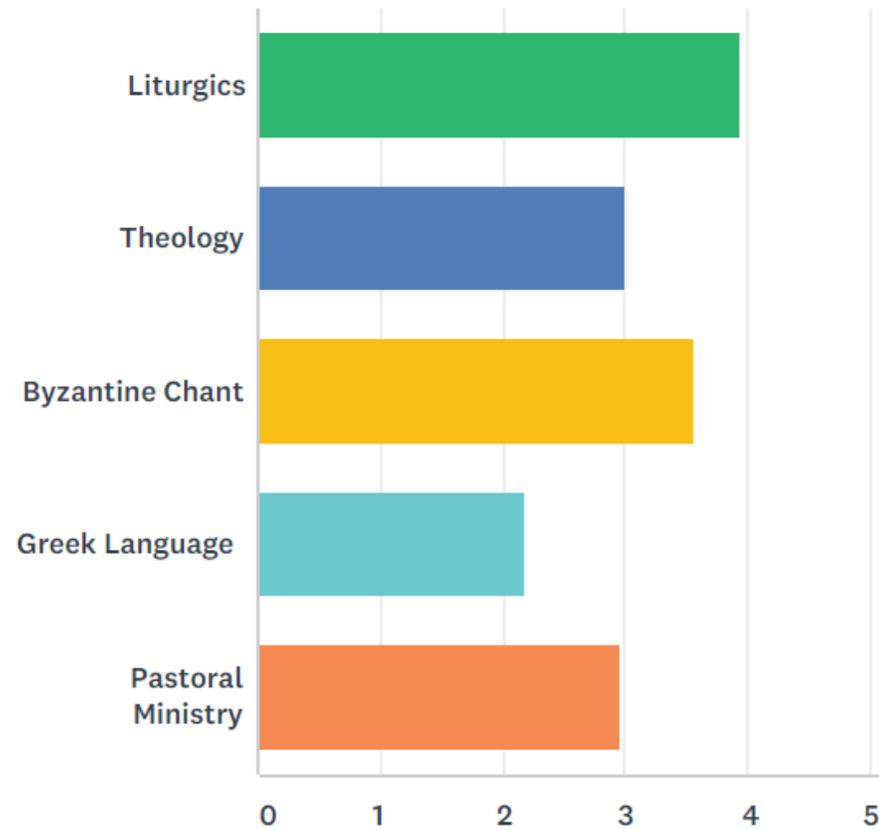
Q What tangible benefits has the Deacon serving at the parish provided you. (Choose all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I can delegate responsibility to prepare for Liturgical Services to the Deacon (preparing the Gospel, set icon of the day).	68.18%
As the Priostamenos, I enjoy the brotherhood and fullness of Orthodox worship by serving with a Deacon.	81.82%
The parishioners have the opportunity to witness the fullness of the Liturgy as the Deacon and myself worship together in our assigned roles as clergy indicated in the pew worship books.	81.82%
Increase pastoral visitation outreach (Deacon is able to visit parishioners in nursing homes, assisted living, shut-ins).	63.64%
The Deacon provides another positive role model for parishioners in need and understands to guide them to me or makes me aware of the need so I may act accordingly.	81.82%
The Deacon provides parish life ministry support outside of the services	68.18%
The Deacon provides me with more time to devote my energies to other aspects of parish life.	40.91%
The Deacon serving shortens communion, unction, and other sacramental lines.	81.82%

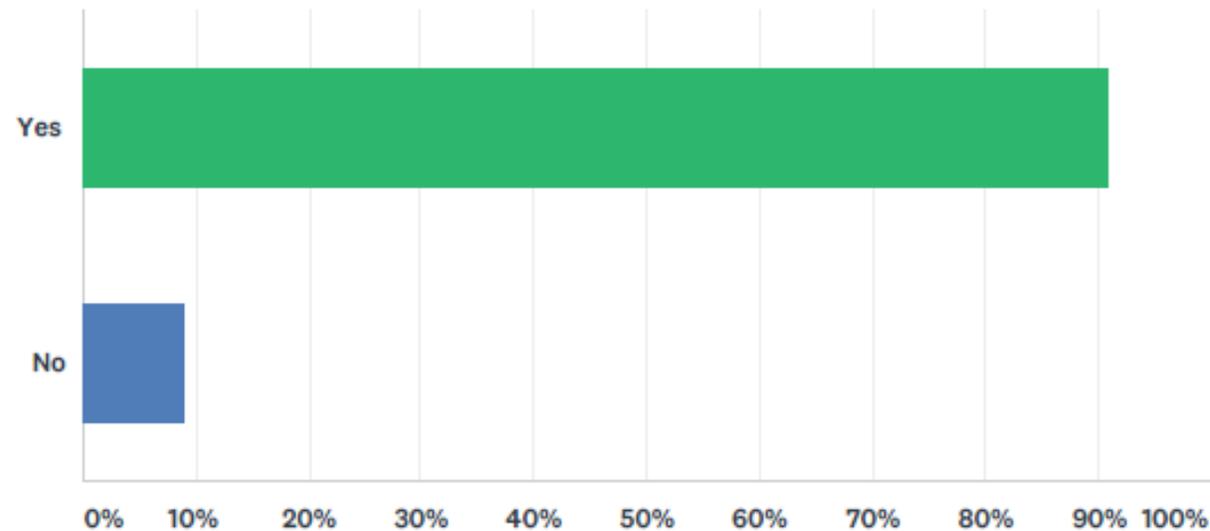
Q What area would you like to see HCHC focus on, to better prepare Deacons to serve the Church. (Choose rank from 1 to 5 with Priority 1 being highest)

Answered: 28



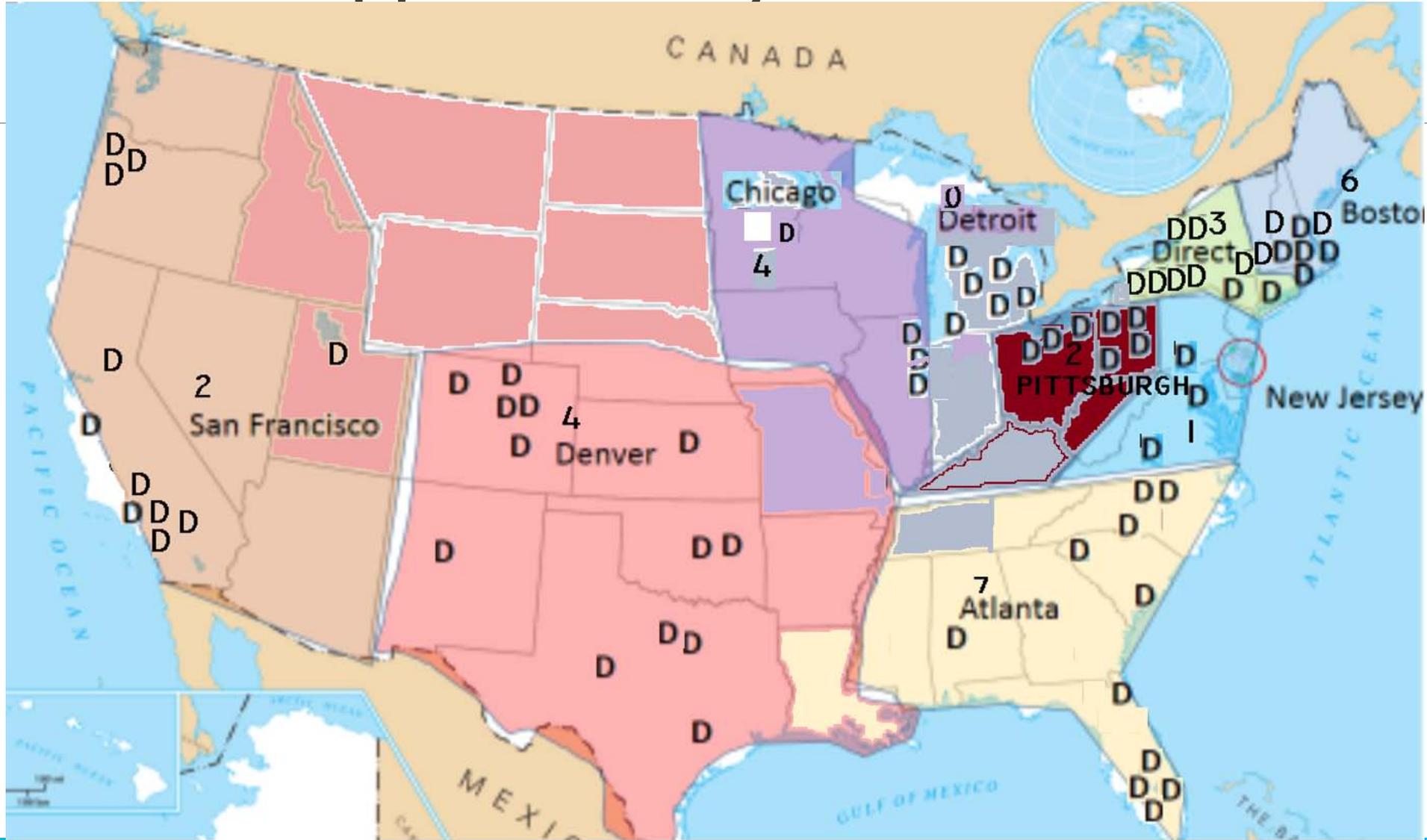
Q) Based on your experience, serving with an ordained Deacon who graduated from the HCHC Diaconate Program, would you recommend this program to other priests who are approached by individuals who hear the call to be a Deacon? If no, please elaborate

Answered: 28



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	90.91%
No	9.09%

There are approximately 70-80 GOA Deacons



IV. Future of The Program

- ❖ **Governance Is under the Holy synod**
- ❖ **Archdiocesan-wide Diaconate Fellowship**
- ❖ **Pan-Orthodox Diaconate Community**
- ❖ **Deacon's in every parish**
- ❖ **Improve educational offerings and continuing education**
- ❖ **Define diaconate ministerial protocols for GOA**