

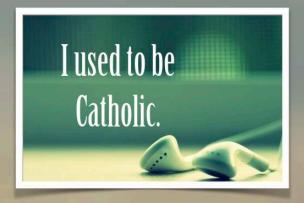
SELF-IDENTIFIED CATHOLIC

45% go to church 1/month and on major holidays

4% go to church weekly

48% say personal relationship with God is possible

67% belief in Jesus' resurrection is essential



REASONS FOR LEAVING

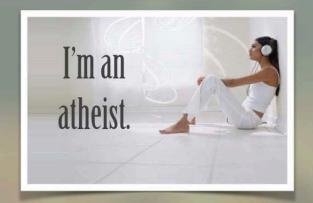
71% "drifted away"

65% stopped believing in a specific teaching

43% spiritual needs not met

27% sex abuse scandal

5% separation or divorce



SELF-IDENTIFIED ATHEIST

15% believe in God

19% are formal members of religious congregations

10% pray weekly outside religious services

21% believe miracles happen

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