

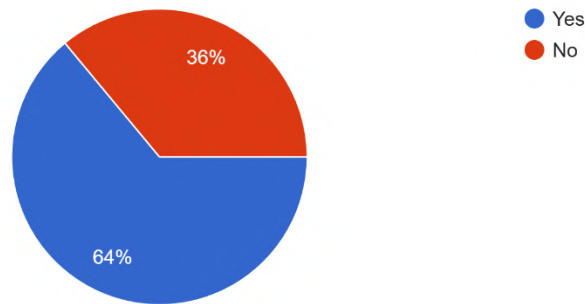
# St Francis Xavier Eco Survey Analysis 2025

The sample survey collection was conducted with the guidelines of survey collection, only after Mass and after the final hymn is sung. The survey took less than 10 minutes to complete. The sample size of minimum 40 household for each of the 5 Masses, totalling to more than 200 respondents. The sample survey has some skewness, since parishioners leaving after communion and before the final hymn is concluded could not be captured. In order to have an unbiased survey, handphones and tablets using Google form were used with face-to-face engagement.

The survey took 1 month to complete from 27 September 2025 to 2 November 2025. This could have been shortened if there were more volunteers. The age of the volunteers was age 40 and above. An average of 3 to 5 volunteers was available for each Mass. Each person could do an average of 3 to 5 surveys for each Mass. Most Masses had only 30 minutes for us to conduct the survey as most parishioners would disperse after that time.. However, the Sunday 6:30 am and 8:30 am Masses had more surveys collected because the coffee morning allowed more time to conduct the survey. The survey had 333 respondent of which only 213 decided to take the survey.

## 1. Would you like to take the survey?

333 responses



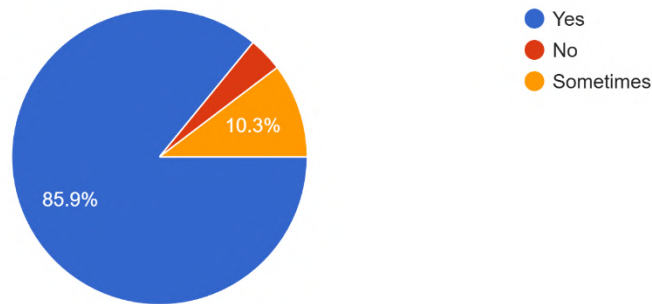
**\*\*64% Yes\*\*, \*\*36% No\*\***

\* A strong majority is willing to engage.

\* 36 % declined should be people who had to rush somewhere or were just not interested

## 2. Do you regularly attend mass at the Church of SFX , PJ ?

213 responses



**\*\*\*85.9% attend regularly\*\***

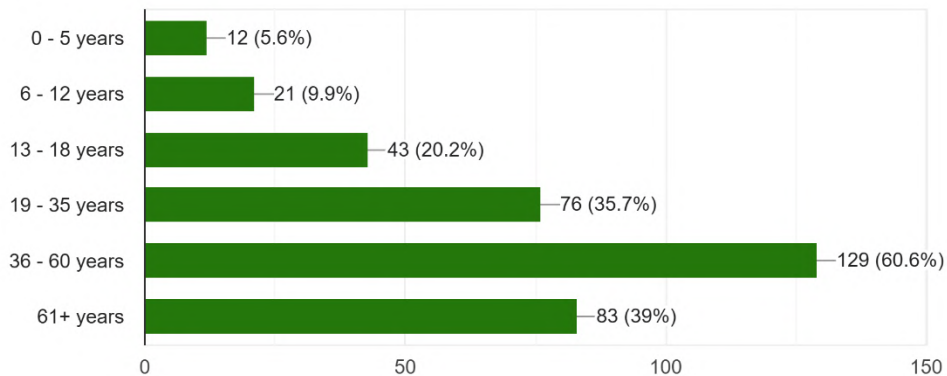
**\*\*\*10.3% sometimes\*\***

3.8% rarely or never.

\* SFX clearly has a **regular congregation**, providing strong grounds for parish-wide involvement.

## 3. Age Range of Household Members (Check all that apply)

213 responses



**\*\*\*36–60 years: 60.6%\*\***

**\*\*\*61+ years: 39%\*\***

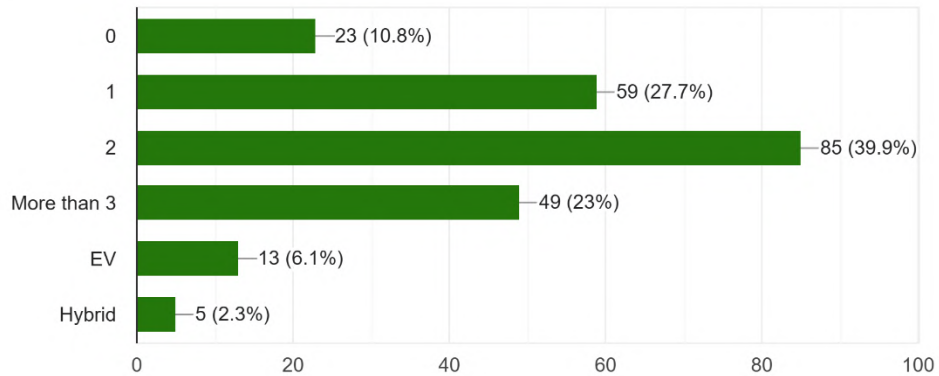
**\*\*\*19–35 years: 35.7%\*\***

\* Fewer families have young children.

\* This suggests a **mature parish demographic**. However, a survey on Sunday school is needed to confirm this figure as parents may leave church early for their children to attend Sunday School.

#### 4. How many cars and the types of cars does your family own? (Check all that apply)

213 responses



**2 cars: 39.9% (largest group)**

**1 car: 27.7%**

**>3 cars: 23%**

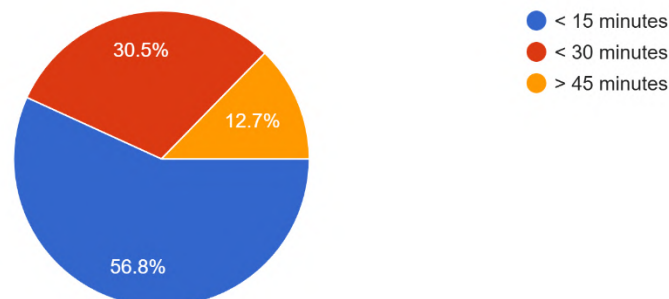
**EV: 6.1%**

**Hybrid: 2.3%**

\* Most families are multi-car households, with **early adoption of EV/hybrids**. The majority of 2 car ownership indicates a strong middle income family.

#### 5. How far does your family live away from SFX? (Driving distance)

213 responses



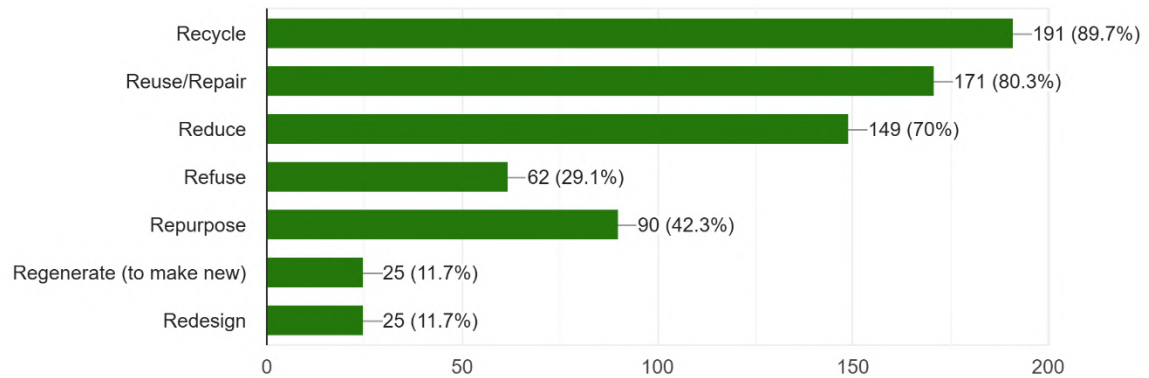
**56.8% live <15 minutes**

**30.5% live 15–30 minutes**

\* Majority are **\*\*nearby parishioners\*\***, geographical distance show an important factor in attending SFX.

6. How does your family engage with environmental care? (Check all that apply)

213 responses



\* **\*\*Recycle: 89.7%\*\***

\* **\*\*Reuse/Repair: 80.3%\*\***

\* **\*\*Reduce consumption: 70%\*\***

\* **\*\*Refuse: 29.1%\*\***

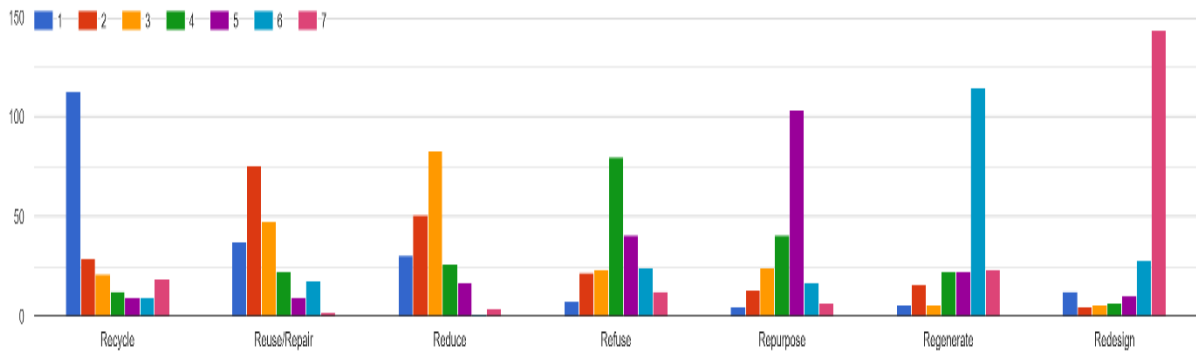
\* **\*\*Repurpose: 42.3%\*\***

\* **\*\*Regenerate: 11.7%\*\***

\* **\*\*Redesign: 11.7%\*\***

\* Overall, SFX is already **\*\*environmentally conscious\*\***, and are taking Laudato Si' initiative.

7. How does your family prioritise the following 7Rs? (Please rank: 1 being the MOST IMPORTANT and 7 LEAST IMPORTANT. Limited to one response per column)



\* Strongest emphasis appears on:

\* \*\*Recycle\*\*

\* \*\*Reuse/Repair\*\*

\* \*\*Reduce\*\*

\* Lower prioritization:

\* \*\*Refuse\*\*

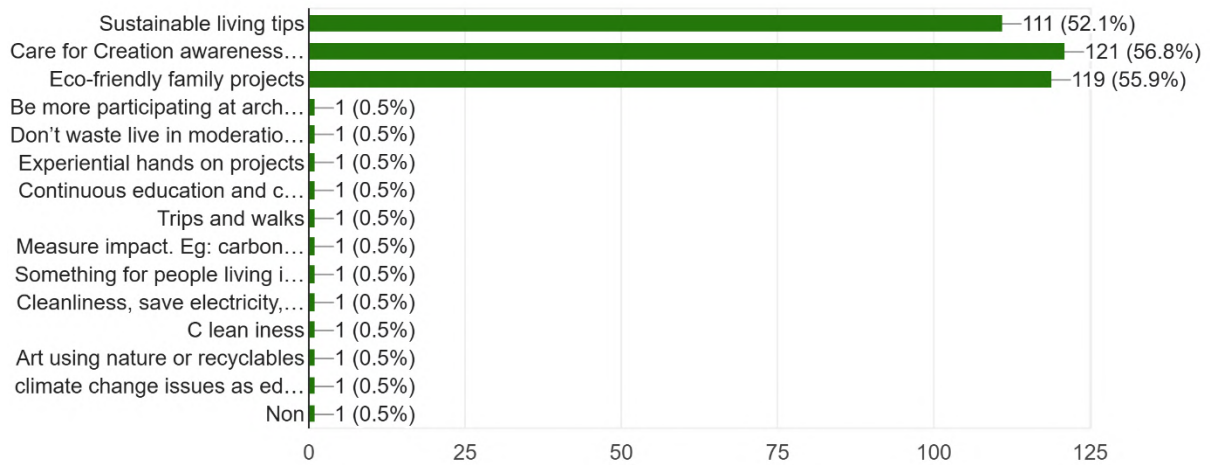
\* \*\*Regenerate\*\*

\* \*\*Redesign\*\*

\* This shows that awareness and education is strongly need for the parishioners to understand the priorities of recycling, which is Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Regenerate, Redesign and Recycle.

8. What environmental topics would you like the church to focus on more? (Check all that apply)

213 responses



**\*\*\*Care for Creation awareness: 56.8%\*\*\***

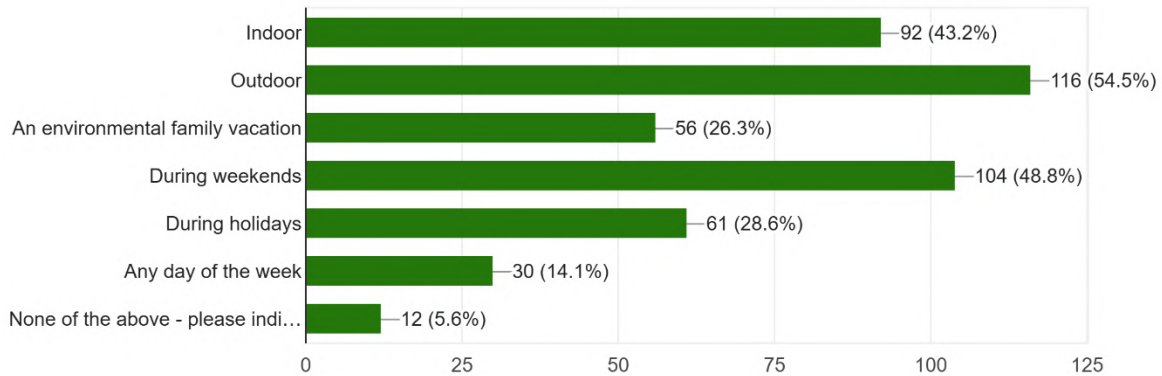
**\*\*\*Eco-friendly projects: 55.9%\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Sustainable living tips: 52.1%\*\*\***

**\* Parishioners want more education and awareness and to put it into practice.**

9. Which type of these church-led environmental initiatives would you/your family be interested to participate in? (Check all that apply)

213 responses



**\*\*\*Outdoor activities: 54.5%\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Weekend activities: 48.8%\*\*\***

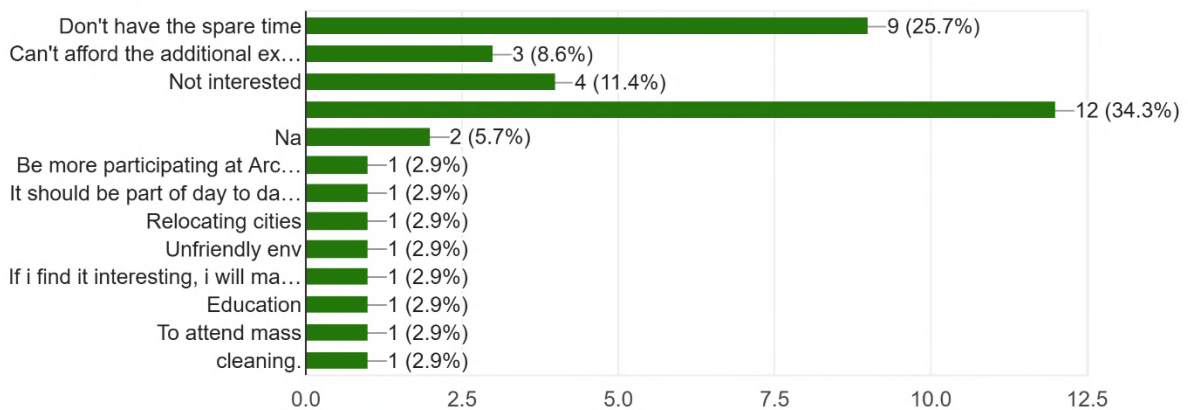
**\*\*\*Indoor activities: 43.2%\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Nature/environmental vacations: 26.3%\*\*\***

\* Indicates strong preference for outdoor, short term over the weekend initiative.

If 'None of the above' is selected for the above question, please indicate the reason why (Check all that apply)

35 responses



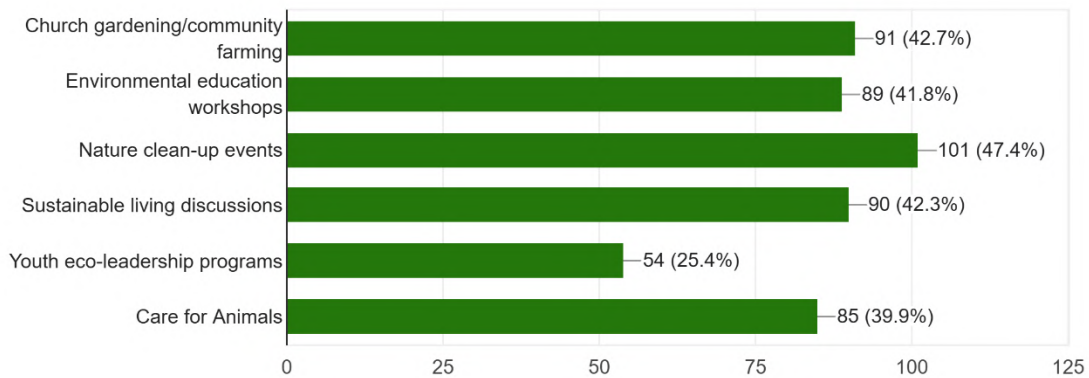
**\*\*\*No spare time: 25.7%\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Not interested: 11.4%\*\*\***

\* The lack of time is a main reason for not wanting to get involved.

10. Would your family be interested in the following Laudato Si'-inspired initiatives? (Check all that apply)

213 responses



High interest in:

**\*\*\*Nature clean-ups: 47.4%\*\***

**\*\*\*Church gardening/farming: 42.7%\*\***

**\*\*\*Sustainable living discussions: 42.3%\*\***

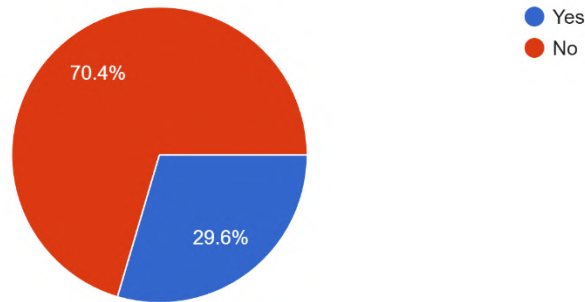
**\*\*\*Environmental education workshops: 41.8%\*\***

**\*\*\*Care for animals: 39.9%\*\***

\* Parishioners strongly support awareness and education and practical activities like nature clean-ups, gardening and care for animals.

11. Is your family involved in local eco-friendly activities outside SFX?

213 responses

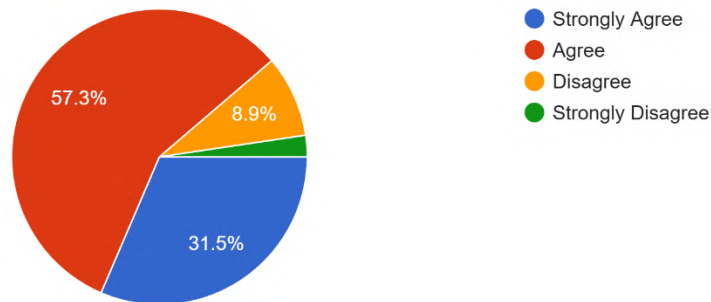


**\*\*\*29.6% Yes\*\* , \*\*70.4% No\*\***

Parishioners are dependent on SFX to drive the initiative for them to get involved.

12. Does your family feel connected to the SFX church community?

213 responses



**\*\*\*31.5% strongly agree\*\***

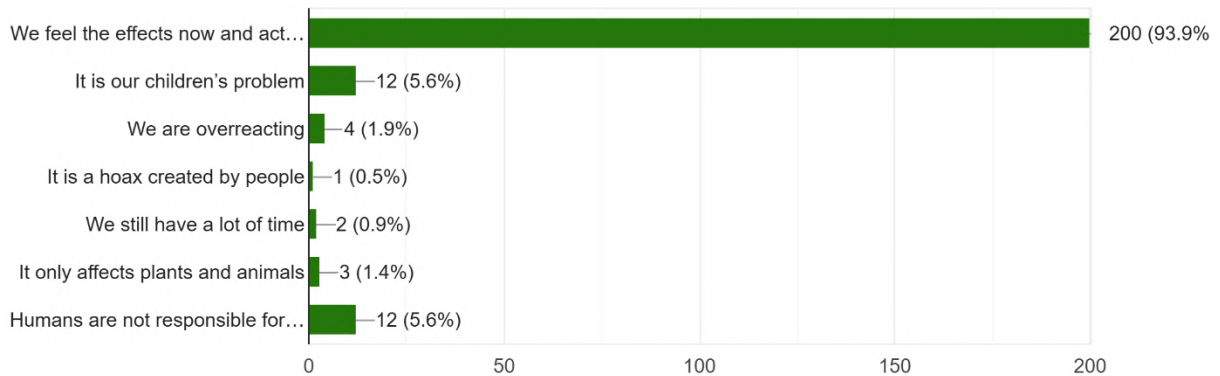
**\*\*\*57.3% agree\*\***

**\*\*\*8.9% disagree\*\***

Most parishioners feel a moderate connection to SFX as a community.

13. How does caring for the earth affects your family? (Check all that apply)

213 responses



**\*\*\*93.9% say "We feel the effects now and must act"\*\*\***

\* "Children's problem" (5.6%)

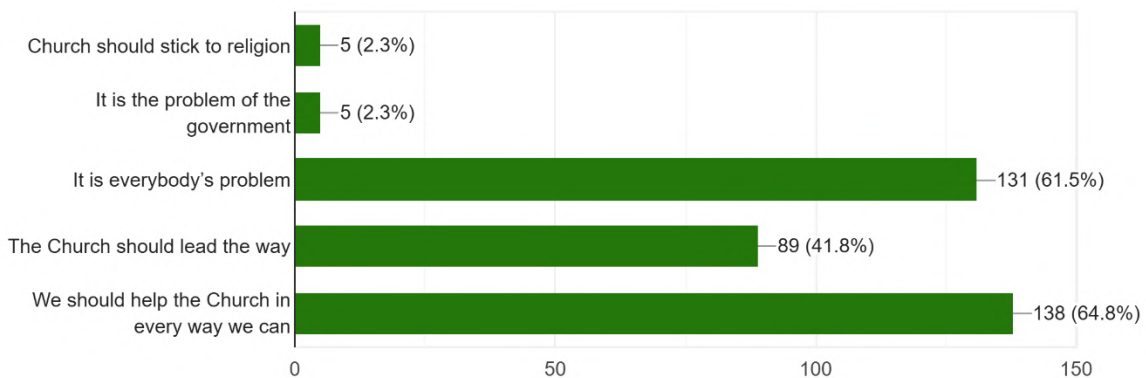
\* "Overreacting" (1.9%)

\* "Hoax" (0.5%)

\* Parishioners are highly aware of the impact climate change on their daily living.

14. Do you think that the Catholic Church should be involved with care for creation? (Check all that apply)

213 responses



**\*\*\*We should help the Church: 64.8%\*\*\***

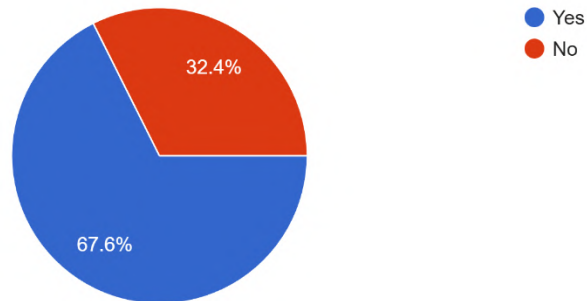
**\*\*\*It's everybody's problem: 61.5%\*\*\***

**\*\*\*The Church should lead: 41.8%\*\*\***

\* Parishioners affirm that the church plays an important role in moving forward in care for creation.

15. Are family members involved in church ministries and/or church activities? (e.g., choir, lector, catechist, hospitality, volunteer, prayer group, BEC, etc)

213 responses

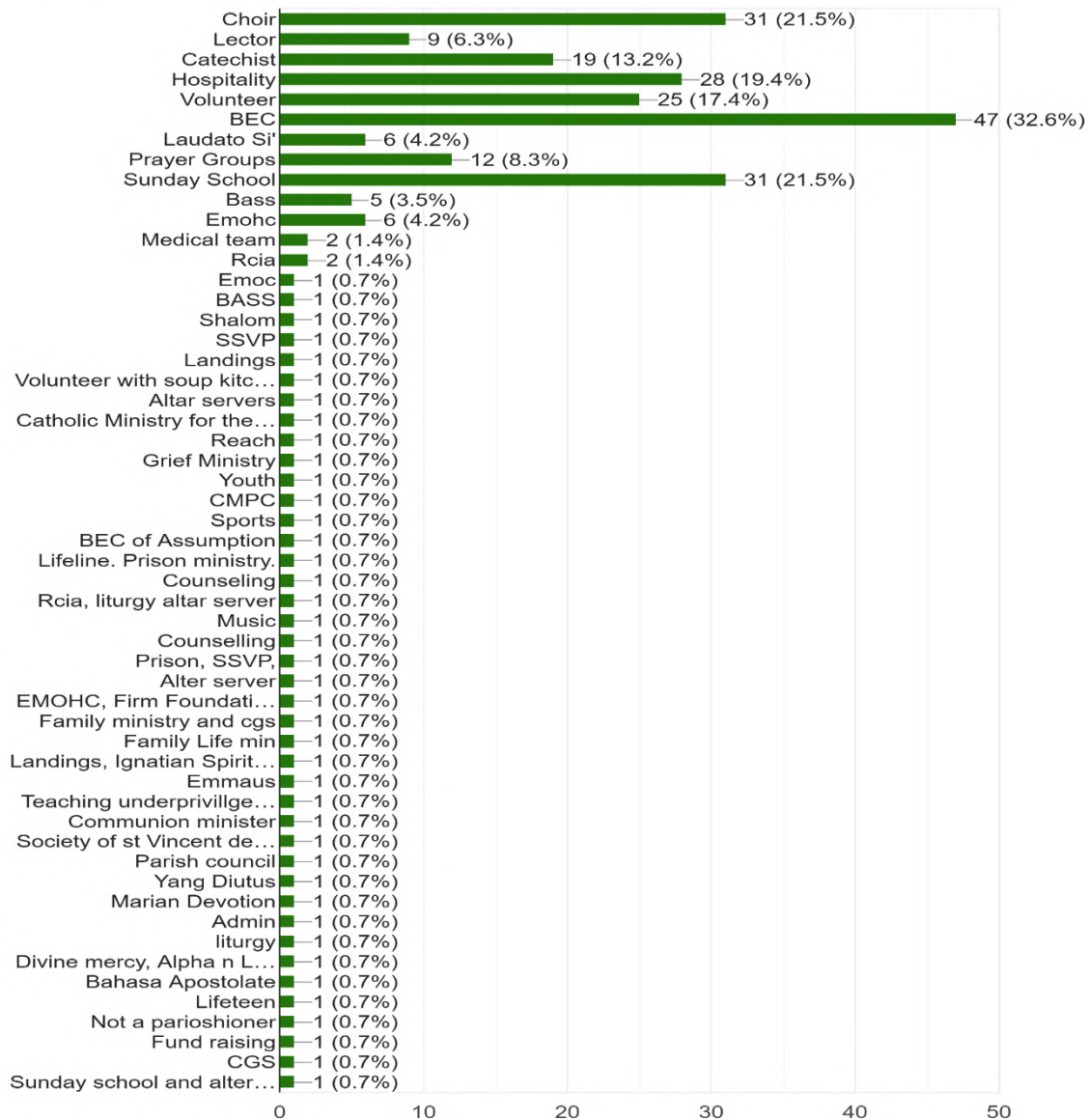


**\*\*67.6% Yes\*\* , \*\*32.4% No\*\***

67% of the parishioners that took the survey are in ministry. However, this data is skewed because data of those leaving after communion and before the end of the final hymn are not captured.

Please specify family members involvement in church ministries/activities (Check all that apply)

144 responses



\*\*\*BEC: 32.6%\*\*

\*\*\*Choir: 21.5%\*\*

\*\*\*Sunday School: 21.5%\*\*

\*\*\*Hospitality: 19.4%\*\*

\*\*\*Catechist: 13.2%\*\*

Shows that the majority of the parishioners are in the BEC .

## Overview Analysis

### 1. The analysis is clear, structured, and data-driven — but slightly conservative in interpretation.

The report successfully summarizes each data point, and the main insights (e.g., mature demographic, strong environmental awareness, practical activity preferences) are accurate.

However, the analysis mostly *restates* the findings with light interpretation.

There's an opportunity to go deeper into **behavioural insights, parish dynamics, and strategic implications.**

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### 2. The biggest unspoken issue: the survey reflects *active parishioners only*, not the full parish.

The analysis acknowledges sampling bias, but doesn't emphasize a key insight:

👉 **The 213 respondents represent the most committed, post-Mass-staying members.**

Early leavers—often:

- younger families
- non-regular attendees
- marginally involved parishioners  
—are nearly absent.

This means:

- Ministry involvement (67.6%) is **inflated**
- Environmental enthusiasm is **inflated**
- Sense of community belonging is **inflated**

The analysis is still correct—but should be framed as insights about the **core committed base**, not the general parish.

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### **3. The environmental enthusiasm is genuine—but reflects interest, not readiness.**

The parishioners want more awareness and practical activities.

This enthusiasm is **aspirational**, not necessarily a signal of willingness to commit time.

The data shows:

- 47% like nature cleanups
- 42% like gardening
- But **26% say they have no spare time**

This means:

👉 **People like the idea of eco-activities, but their actual capacity to commit will be lower.**

Projects must be:

- short
- easy
- convenient
- not requiring ongoing commitment

The analysis could emphasize this behaviour-to-action gap more strongly.

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### **4. The age distribution signals an important long-term trend.**

The parish is “mature,” but the implications go further:

**SFX is heading toward an aging parish model.**

If:

- few younger adults are present, and
- young families leave early or don't participate

Then you will face:

- decreasing ministry succession
- aging BECs
- lower youth participation in eco-projects
- challenges sustaining activities long-term

The analysis touches on this but does not fully surface the **strategic importance**.

This is a major pastoral and operational insight.

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### **5. The interpretation of the 7R hierarchy is accurate and insightful.**

It highlights that parishioners favour downstream actions (Recycle) but not upstream actions (Refuse).

This has strong implications for future education.

👉 This is an **excellent** part of the analysis and should be a pillar in future program design.

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### **6. Ministry involvement data is overstated — but the conclusion (BEC as the backbone) is correct.**

The 67% ministry involvement is biased, but your conclusion that **BECs are the strongest structure** remains valid.

However:

- Not all BECs are active
- Not all BECs have leadership capacity
- Some BECs are aging clusters

This means:

👉 Usage on BECs as channels, but **not all BECs are equal**.

The analysis could benefit from this nuance.

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### **7. Recommendations.**

The suggested actions (education first, low-barrier activities, BEC leverage, better survey design) are all practical.

#### **Sustainability teams need a structure.**

Not just activities, but:

- A small core committee
- Clear division of tasks
- Partnerships with ministries (e.g., Hospitality, Sunday School, Choir)
- Communication plan (posters, WhatsApp, pulpit announcements)

The analysis touches on this indirectly but could present a stronger organizational requirement.


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### Overall Opinion

Analysis is **accurate, thoughtful, and suitable for parish leadership**, but it can be strengthened by deeper interpretation of:

- hidden biases
- demographic implications
- behaviour-to-action gaps
- ministry distribution realities
- long-term parish sustainability

Still, the core message is strong:

 **SFX has a committed, environmentally conscious core community that is ready for structured leadership and practical, easy-to-join creation care initiatives.**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY — St Francis Xavier Parish Eco Survey & Analytical Review (2025)

### 1. Purpose of the Survey

St Francis Xavier (SFX) Parish conducted a month-long survey (27 Sept–2 Nov 2025) to assess parishioner demographics, environmental attitudes, ministry involvement, and preferred activities related to Care for Creation.

A total of **333 parishioners were approached**, with **213 completing the survey**.

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### 2. Key Findings from the Survey

#### A. Parish Demographics & Participation

- **85.9% attend Mass regularly**, showing a firm and loyal congregation.
- The parish population is **mature**:
  - **36–60 years: 60.6%**
  - **61+ years: 39%**
- Younger adults and families are underrepresented due to early departures before the final hymn.

**Insight:** SFX has a stable but aging core community. Further study is needed to understand youth and young families.

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#### B. Household & Lifestyle Profile

- Majority of families own **2 cars (39.9%)**, signaling middle-income stability.
  - **~8%** are early adopters of hybrid/EV vehicles.
  - **56.8% live within 15 minutes** of the church, confirming SFX as a neighborhood-based parish.
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### C. Environmental Behaviours & Awareness

Parishioners already practice several sustainable habits:

- **Recycle (89.7%),**
- **Reuse/repair (80.3%),**
- **Reduce consumption (70%).**

Lower adoption of:

- **Refuse (29.1%),**
- **Regenerate (11.7%),**
- **Redesign (11.7%).**

**Insight:** Parishioners emphasize downstream actions (recycling), showing a **knowledge gap in the 7R hierarchy** (Refuse → Reduce → Reuse → ... → Recycle).

Climate concern is high:

- **93.9% believe climate change impacts are real and immediate.**
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### D. Desired Programs & Activities

Parishioners want more:

- **Care for Creation awareness (56.8%)**
- **Eco-friendly parish projects (55.9%)**
- **Sustainable living tips (52.1%)**

Most preferred activities:

- **Outdoor programs (54.5%)**
- **Weekend-based activities (48.8%)**
- **Nature clean-ups (47.4%)**
- **Gardening (42.7%)**
- **Environmental workshops (~42%)**

**Insight:** People prefer *simple, practical, short-duration* activities that require minimal commitment.

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## E. Ministry Engagement

- **67.6% of respondents are in a ministry**, but this is skewed toward the more active parishioners (those staying after the final hymn).
- Top groups:
  - **BEC (32.6%),**
  - **Choir (21.5%),**
  - **Sunday School (21.5%)**

**Insight:** BECs remain the strongest network for parish-wide mobilization, though activity level varies by group.

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## 3. Executive Opinion on the Analysis

After reviewing the report, several overarching points emerge:

### A. The analysis is clear but underplays a critical bias

The survey primarily captured **engaged, regular, and older parishioners**, not the full parish population. Younger families and fringe attendees are missing. This impacts interpretations of:

- Ministry involvement
- Environmental enthusiasm
- Sense of community
- Participation readiness

**Recommendation:** Future surveys must target early leavers and younger demographics.

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### B. Environmental enthusiasm is real but aspirational

While parishioners express strong interest in eco-activities, **time constraints (25.7%)** suggest that actual participation will be lower than expressed.

Programs must therefore be:

- Low-commitment
- Convenient
- Scheduled right after Mass or on weekends

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### **C. The demographic trend points to long-term pastoral implications**

The mature age structure means:

- Ministry succession planning is needed
- Youth evangelization should be strengthened
- Care for Creation initiatives must consider accessibility for seniors

This is a strategic opportunity for SFX leadership.

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### **D. Strong foundation for a Creation Care Ministry**

Parishioners:

- Believe climate change is real (93.9%)
- Expect the Church to lead (41.8%)
- Want to help the Church (64.8%)

This combination forms a **powerful platform** for long-term environmental stewardship, provided the parish offers guidance, structure, and easy entry points.

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### **E. BEC is the logical backbone—but uneven in strength**

BECs are the most represented group but differ widely in activity levels. They should be partners, but not the sole engine of implementation.

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## **4. Leadership Takeaways**

- 1. SFX has a committed and environmentally aware core community ready for direction.**
- 2. Education must precede action—especially in the 7R hierarchy and lifestyle changes.**
- 3. Activities should be simple, short, outdoor-oriented, and easy to join.**
- 4. A dedicated Care for Creation Committee is needed to coordinate parish-wide efforts.**
- 5. Future surveys must capture younger families and less-engaged parishioners.**

## SFX Parish Creation Care Action Plan (2025–2026)

*Guided by Laudato Si' and grounded in parish survey insights*

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### **1. Vision Statement**

Towards becoming an ecological citizen & ecological parish

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### **2. Strategic Goals (12–18 Months)**

#### **Goal 1 — Strengthen Environmental Awareness & Education**

Build a parish-wide understanding of stewardship and sustainable living, focusing on the 7Rs (Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle, Regenerate, Redesign).

#### **Goal 2 — Launch Practical, Low-Barrier Creation Care Activities**

Offer environmental programs that parishioners can easily join—short, simple, fun, and family-friendly.

#### **Goal 3 — Mobilize Ministries & BECs as Creation Care Partners**

Use existing parish structures to scale initiatives parish-wide.

#### **Goal 4 — Establish a Sustainable Parish Infrastructure**

Implement long-term environmental improvements on church grounds.

#### **Goal 5 — Grow Participation Across All Age Groups**

Especially target youth, families, and early-leaving parishioners.

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### 3. Key Initiatives & Action Steps

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#### GOAL 1 — Awareness & Education

##### A. Launch “Creation Care Month” (May 2025 - Laudato Si’ Week)

###### Activities:

- 4-week sermon integration on stewardship
  - Eco-themed bulletin inserts
  - WhatsApp infographics on 7Rs
  - Parish-wide pledge: *“Small Steps, Big Change”*
  - 50% BEC participation
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##### B. Quarterly Eco-Education Workshops

###### Possible topics:

- The 7R Hierarchy (Refuse → Recycle)
  - Sustainable Home Living
  - Climate Change & Catholic Teaching
  - Waste Reduction for Families
  - 4 workshops with Ministries per year
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##### C. Sunday School & Youth Modules

- Custom lessons on Creation
  - Youth-led eco-posters
  - Eco video competition
  - 100% Sunday School classes participate
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## **GOAL 2 — Practical Parish Activities**

### **A. Monthly “Green Sundays” (Starting June 2025)**

Each month features one hands-on activity:

- Nature clean-ups
  - Little Garden Project (planting day)
  - Recycling drop-off
  - Repair & Reuse workshop
  - 12 Green Sundays per year
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### **B. Parish Garden & Composting Initiative**

Build a **Creation Garden** behind the church:

- Vegetable beds
  - Herb garden
  - Composting bin
  - Rainwater collection
  - Launch by Q3 2025
  - Produce shared with Hospitality Ministry
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### **C. “No Single Use” Campaign**

- Encourage reusable bottles, cups, containers
  - Hospitality Ministry shifts to washable serveware
  - No more disposable Styrofoam in events
  - 50% reduction in single-use items by end 2026
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## **GOAL 3 — Ministry & BEC Engagement**

### **A. Appoint *Creation Care Representatives* (CCRs)**

Each ministry and BEC nominates **one representative**.

**Role:**

- Relay information
  - Coordinate participation
  - Lead small eco-projects
  - Monthly coordination meetings
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**B. Ministry-Specific Green Projects****Examples:**

- Choir: Digital hymnbooks
  - Hospitality: Waste sorting & reusable cups
  - Sunday School: Eco-days for kids
  - BECs: Neighborhood clean-ups
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**GOAL 4 — Sustainable Infrastructure in Church****A. Improve Waste Management System**

- Clear recycling signage
  - Color-coded bins
  - Dedicated collection areas
  - Full system implemented by Q4 2026
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**B. Energy & Water Efficiency Audit**

- Add timer switches
- LED lighting migration
- Explore solar panels for 2026–2027
- Install rainwater harvesting tanks

### **C. Church Grounds Beautification**

- Native trees planting
  - Pollinator-friendly flowers
  - Shaded areas for parishioners
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## **GOAL 5 — Growing and Engaging More Parishioners**

### **A. “Family Eco-Day” (Twice a Year)**

A fun, half-day event featuring:

- Eco games
  - Short talks
  - Gardening or cleanup
  - Eco bazaar
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### **B. Capture Early-Leaving Parishioners**

New survey and outreach methods:

- QR codes on pews
  - Online survey via WhatsApp groups
  - Volunteers stationed near exits
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### **C. Youth-Led Green Movement**

- Green Youth Ambassadors
  - TikTok/Instagram eco-content
  - Youth-designed parish logo for Creation Care
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## 4. Timeline Overview (2026–2026)

### Q2 2026

- Appoint CCRs
- Launch Creation Care Month
- Start Green Sundays
- Waste management upgrade

### Q3 2026

- Parish garden opens
- Ministry eco-projects begin
- First Family Eco-Day

### Q4 2026

- Workshops
- New survey for young families
- Infrastructure improvements

### Q1–Q2 2027

- Full-scale eco-programming
- Youth-led campaigns
- Solar feasibility study

### Q3–Q4 2027

- Evaluate impact
- Plan for 2028 expansion

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## 6. Conclusion

The survey shows that SFX parishioners **care deeply about Creation**, trust the Church to lead, and are willing to participate—if programs are **simple, practical, and guided**.

This action plan provides a **realistic, structured, and achievable roadmap** for transforming SFX into a model Laudato Si' parish within 12–18 months