

**Appendix 4**  
**Sources of Beliefs about Ministry to the Poor and Suffering**

**How important are the following to your beliefs  
about ministry to the poor and suffering?**

	Not Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Important	Very Important
The Prophets of the Old Testaments	9 6%	14 10%	27 19%	43 30%	52 36%
Christ's Parable of the Sheep and the Goats (Matt 25:31-46)	6 4%	4 3%	11 8%	27 19%	96 66%
Christ's encounter with the rich young man (Matthew 19:16-30, Mark 10:17-31, Luke 18:18-30)	2 1%	9 6%	22 15%	30 21%	82 57%
Other Scripture	5 3%	2 1%	24 17%	42 29%	58 40%
Examples from the lives of the saints	0 0%	5 3%	15 10%	54 37%	71 49%
Teachings of Saint John Chrysostom	11 8%	7 5%	18 12%	45 31%	58 40%
Teachings of Saint Basil the Great	14 10%	11 8%	20 14%	43 30%	49 34%
Teachings of other Church Fathers or Mothers	16 11%	10 7%	25 17%	47 32%	35 24%
Teachings/Writings of a recent or contemporary Orthodox theologian.	18 12%	16 11%	20 14%	44 30%	27 19%
Your participation in the Divine Liturgy	0 0%	2 1%	11 8%	24 17%	108 74%
Orthodox iconography	14 10%	26 18%	30 21%	42 29%	29 20%

Learning about the work of Orthodox humanitarian organizations (Such as FOCUS North America, or the IOCC)	13 9%	19 13%	37 26%	40 28%	33 23%
Learning about the work of missionaries through the OCMC	19 13%	31 21%	32 22%	32 22%	28 19%
Learning about the work of monasteries who assist the poor	6 4%	21 14%	25 17%	48 33%	43 30%
Learning about the work of other Orthodox parishes who assist the poor	5 3%	17 12%	27 19%	41 28%	53 37%
The Roman Catholic Social Justice tradition	33 23%	22 15%	23 16%	32 22%	30 21%
Sermons by parish clergy	13 9%	12 8%	29 20%	44 30%	45 31%
(For adult converts, n=100) The catechism I received.	27 27%	19 19%	27 27%	16 16%	11 11%
Books and articles by Orthodox writers on justice	28 19%	29 20%	31 21%	31 21%	21 14%
Video or podcast lectures by Orthodox Christians on the internet	33 23%	34 23%	29 20%	22 15%	22 15%
Adult study classes at my parish	45 31%	31 21%	23 16%	19 13%	17 12%
Encouragement from fellow members of my parish	19 13%	19 13%	34 23%	36 25%	31 21%
My parents and extended family	30 21%	30 21%	22 15%	28 19%	30 21%
College courses or professors	40 28%	28 19%	29 20%	22 15%	21 14%
Events or figures from the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s	19 13%	21 14%	29 20%	29 20%	46 32%

Personal relationships I have with the poor and suffering	4 3%	4 3%	14 10%	55 38%	66 46%
Personal conscience	0 0%	0 0%	3 2%	37 26%	104 72%
Social media platforms such as Facebook or Instagram	39 27%	27 19%	38 26%	24 17%	16 11%
Sense of guilt	40 28%	42 29%	23 16%	27 19%	10 7%
General sense of gratitude and a desire to give back	1 1%	4 3%	19 13%	62 43%	57 39%