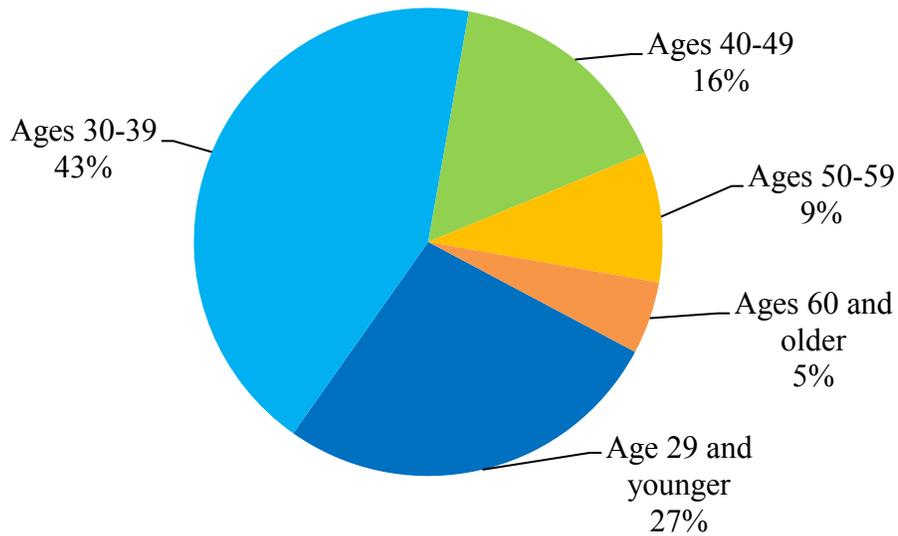


## Age of the Newly Professed

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate contacted 190 individuals who professed final vows in religious institutes of men and women in 2014. One hundred eighteen responded to the survey which inquired about the respondent's age. The results are listed below:

### Age of Respondents



Most of the newly professed (70 percent) are younger than forty years old and only 14 percent are over fifty years old. There has been an increasing narrative about the aging religious population and the viability of these institutes. This research shows that while most institutes have an aging population, there is a small population of younger brothers and sisters replacing them.

Data from: CARA "New Sisters and Brothers Professing Perpetual Vows in Religious Life: The Profession Class of 2014," January 2015.

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