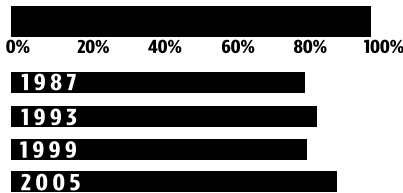


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# Lay Catholics want input in financial decisions

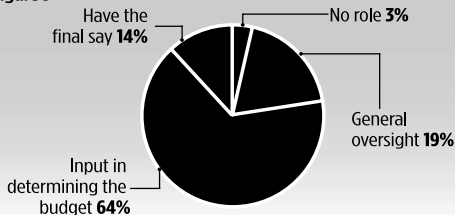
Catholic laity should have the right to participate in deciding how parish income should be spent

Figure 4



Parishioners' role in parish finances should be ...

Figure 5



## Appropriate role for parishioners with respect to parish finances

Table 18

	Pre-Vatican II	Vatican II	Post-Vatican II	Millennial
Parishioners should have no role — all parish financial decisions should be made independently by the priest	0%	2%	5%	3%
Parishioners should have general oversight, with the priest alone responsible for parish finances but reporting to parishioners	23%	18%	18%	15%
Parishioners should have input into determining the budget, with the priest having final say	56%	63%	68%	71%
Parishioners should have the final say over all aspects of parish finances	21%	17%	9%	11%

Older Catholics more likely than younger, post-Vatican II Catholics feel that parishioners should have the final say over all aspects of parish finances.