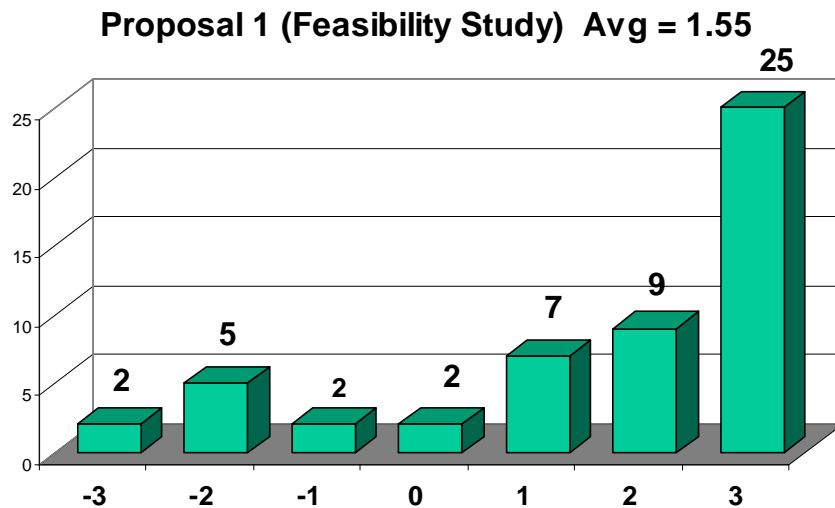


**Test of Support**  
**Midland Catholic Cluster Project**

## Catholic Schools

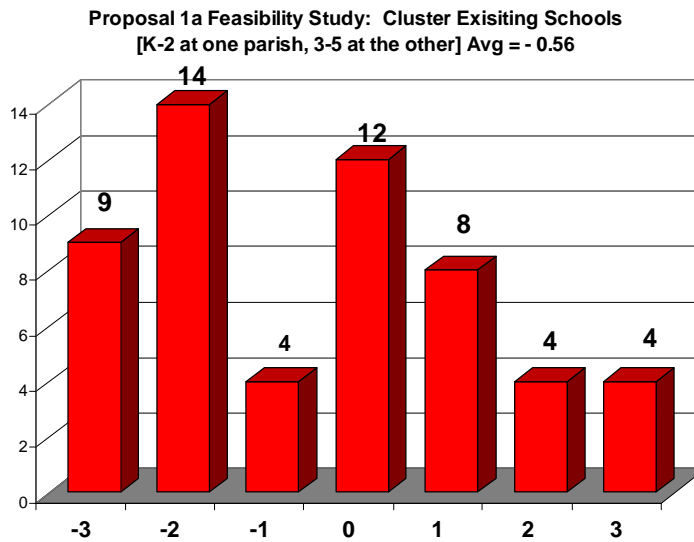
### Proposal 1: Professional Feasibility Study

The task force recommends that a professional feasibility study be conducted in conjunction with the Diocesan Department of Education in order to ascertain community, parish, and family desires and needs in regards to Catholic education. This study should include, but not be limited to, regional demographics, cost/benefit analysis, academic requirements and theological foundations.



**Proposal 1a:** The feasibility study should address the topic of:

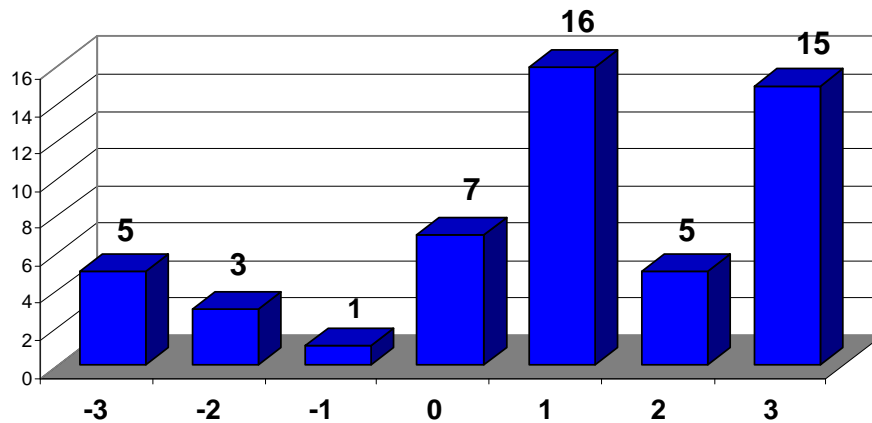
- Cluster the existing Catholic elementary schools in Midland. (Assumption: There would be one school for K-2 and one school for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grades.)



**Proposal 1b:** The feasibility study should address the topic of:

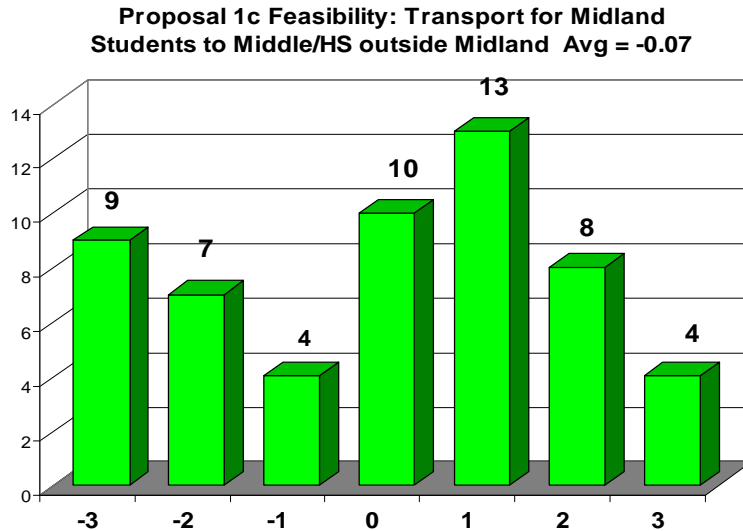
- Explore interest of surrounding parishes in joining with Midland parishes for Catholic School Education.

**Proposal 1b Feasibility: Invite surrounding parishes to Midland Schools** Avg = 0.94



**Proposal 1c:** The feasibility study should address the topic of:

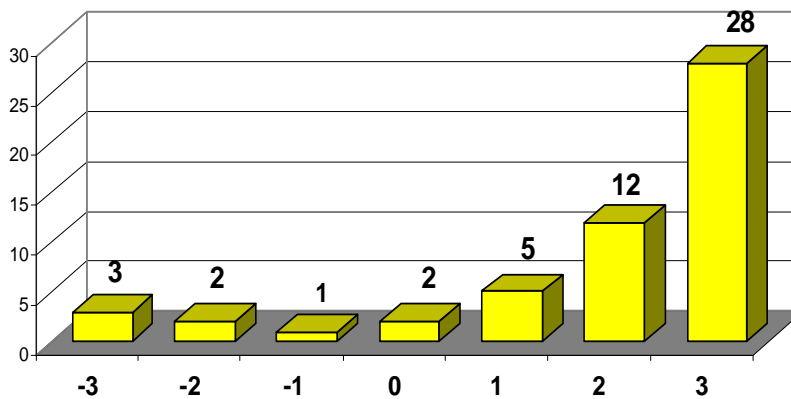
- Provide busing/transportation for Midland students to attend Catholic middle school and high school outside of the district.



**Proposal 1d:** The feasibility study should address the topic of:

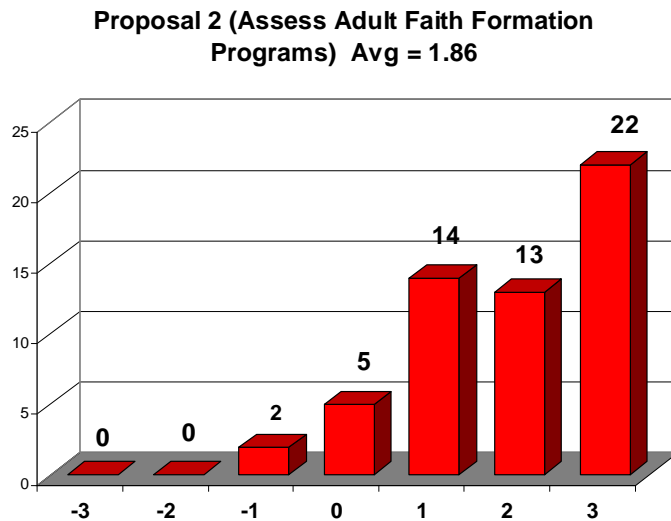
- Make Catholic education accessible to all youth (K-12) in our community, while maintaining our current commitment to high academic excellence. Expand current offering from K-5 schools at Blessed Sacrament and Saint Brigid to include a clustered (combined) middle school and high school (6-12)

**Proposal 1d Feasibility: Clustered Middle/HS in Midland =1.87**

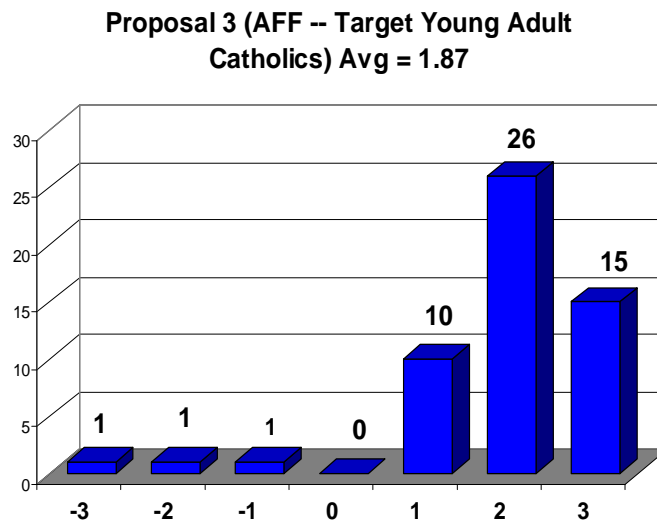


# Adult Faith Formation

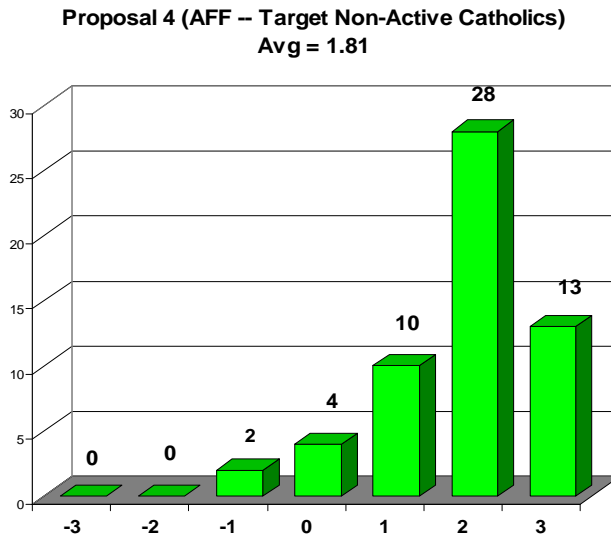
**Proposal 2:** Assess the faith formation needs of active Catholics in the three parishes and formulate programs to deepen and enrich their faith based on this information.



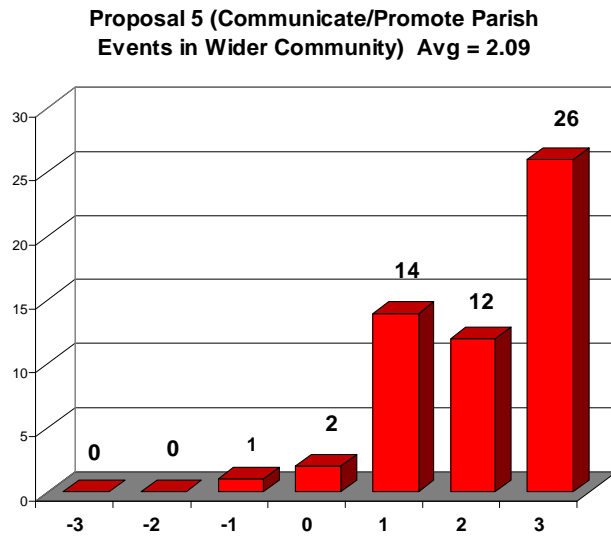
**Proposal 3:** Adult faith formation should make special effort to target young adult Catholics (post-high school through mid 30's in age)



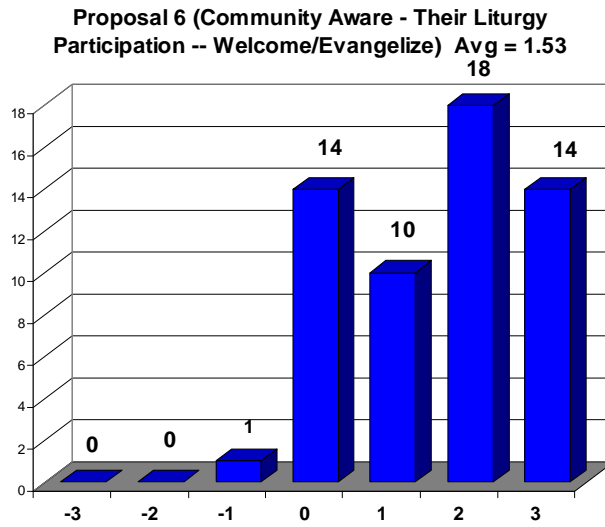
**Proposal 4:** Adult faith formation should make special effort to target non-active Catholics



**Proposal 5:** Explore more effective means to communicate and promote to the wider community the programs and events in the three parishes

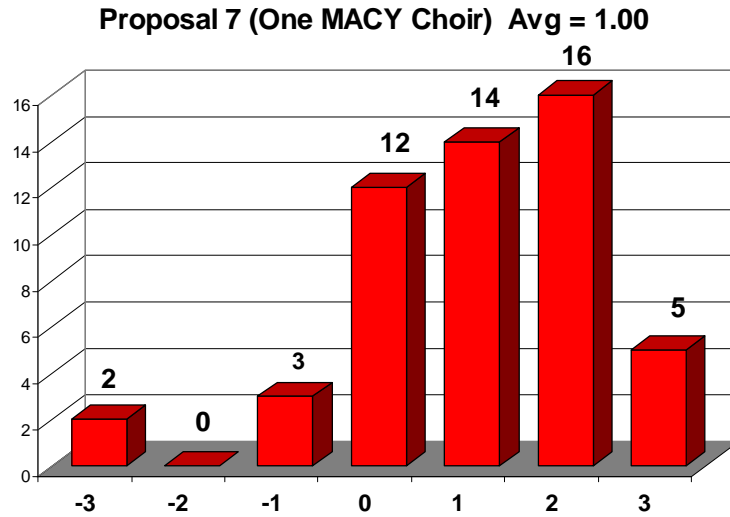


**Proposal 6:** Increase awareness of the community about how their participation in liturgy forms them to be a welcoming and evangelizing community of faith.

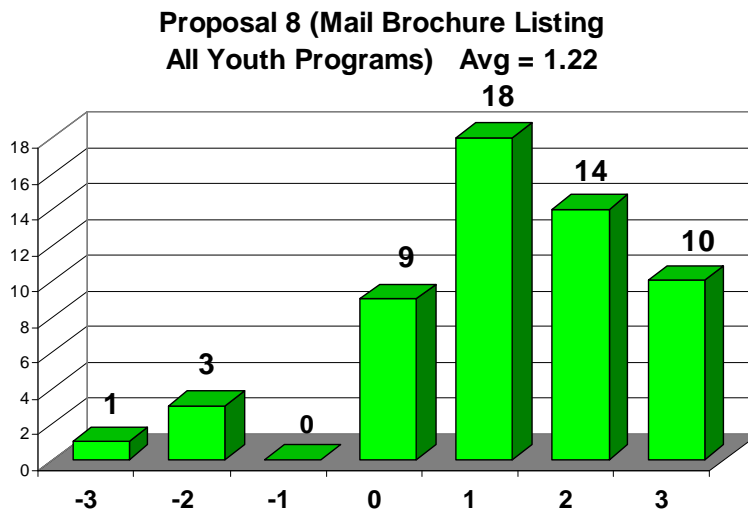


# Youth Faith Formation

**Proposal 7:** There should be one MACY choir and ensemble on a regular rotation at all parishes

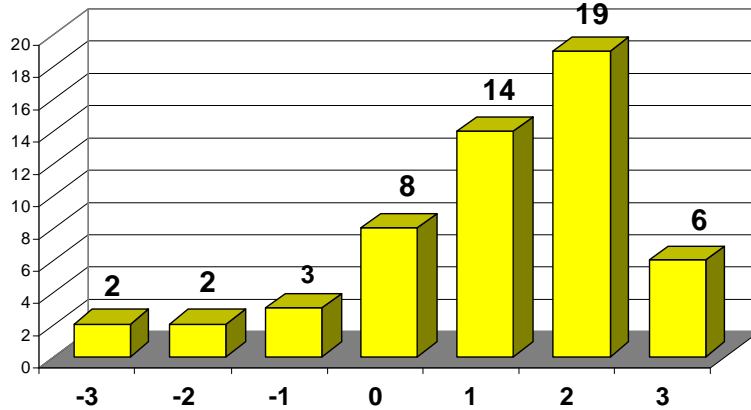


**Proposal 8:** Mail a brochure mailed to families (involved/uninvolved) listing all youth programs and events currently offered.



**Proposal 9:** Mail a questionnaire mailed to families (involved/uninvolved) that assesses the needs of youth in the Midland area.

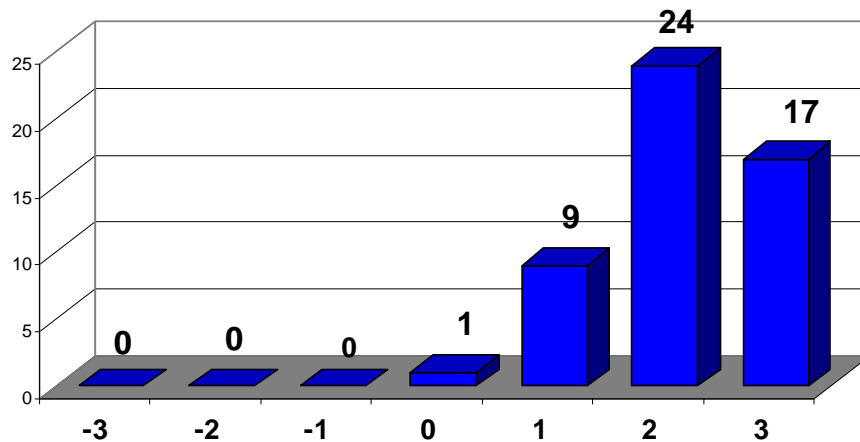
**Proposal 9 (Mail Questionnaire to Assess Youth Needs) Avg = 1.06**



**Proposal 10:** Create a central source of information of all Youth Ministry programs offered in the Midland area. Youth leaders (both adults and the youth themselves) will work together to determine the best vehicle for these programs. Possible options are::

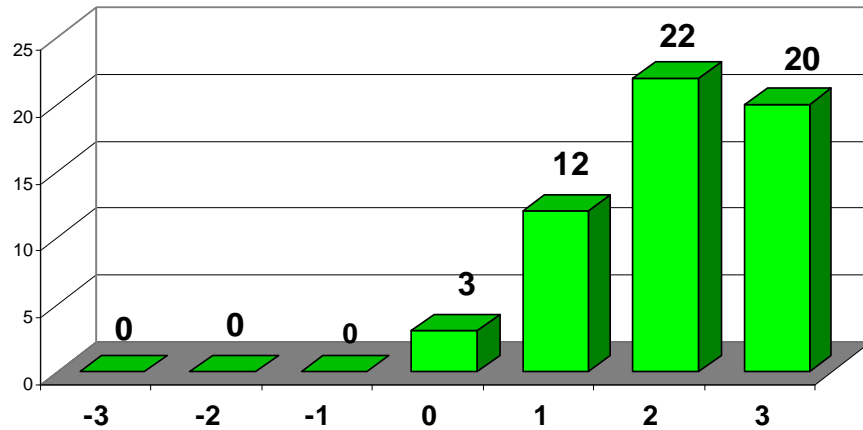
- A central website with information about youth programs
- Telephone recorded information about monthly Youth Ministry programs.
- A monthly printed list of all youth programs in Midland
- Centralized registration for Midland Area Youth Programs

**Proposal 10 (Create Central Source of Youth Ministry Information) Avg = 2.12**



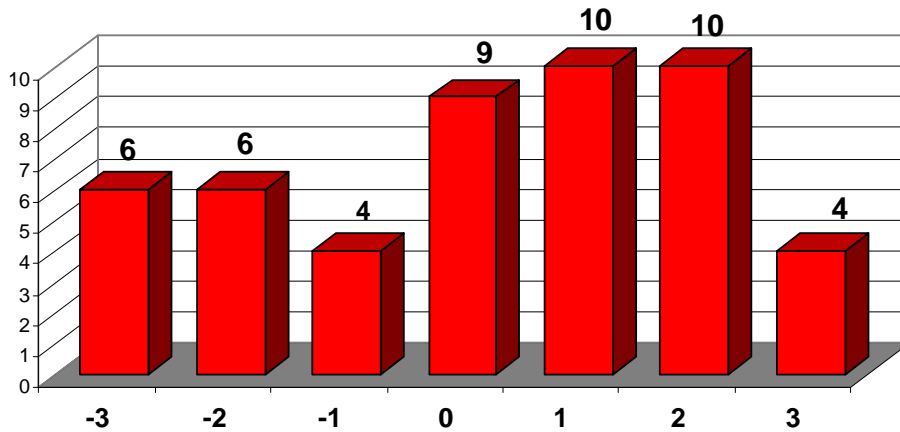
**Proposal 11:** Determine the feasibility of creating an integrated Midland youth ministry in which youth are aware of and have equal access to all youth programs in all the parishes.

**Proposal 11 (Determine Feasibility of Integrated Midland YM) Avg = 2.04**



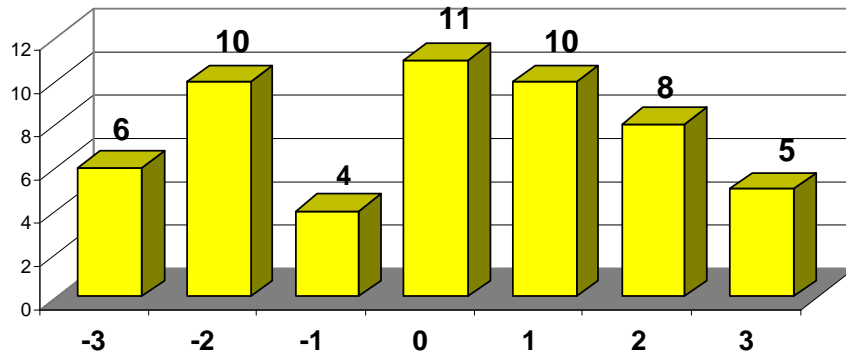
**Proposal 12:** Provide a place that Catholic youth in Midland can make “their own.” This would be place that would host youth programs and also be a place for youth to come and “hang out” (do homework, spend time with friends, etc).

**Proposal 12 (Provide place Midland Youth can "make their own") Avg = 0.16**



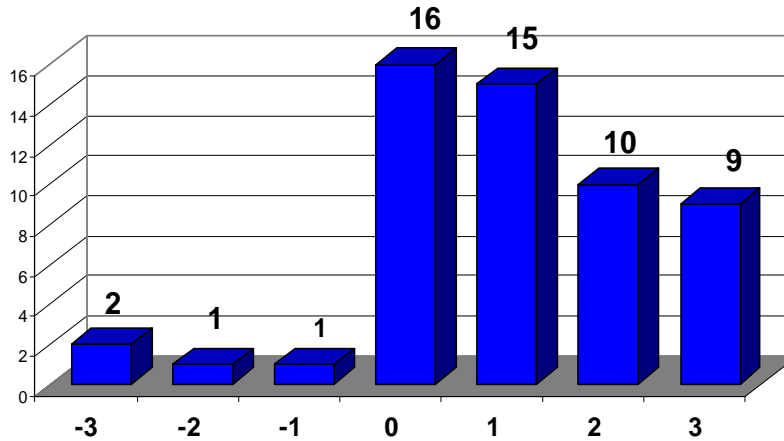
**Proposal 13:** Provide a facility that Catholic youth in Midland can use for retreats. Such a facility would need to have a place for 40-50 youth to be able to sleep overnight. It would also have to have kitchen facilities to prepare meals.

**Proposal 13 (Provide Retreat Facility for Midland Youth)**  
Avg = -0.02



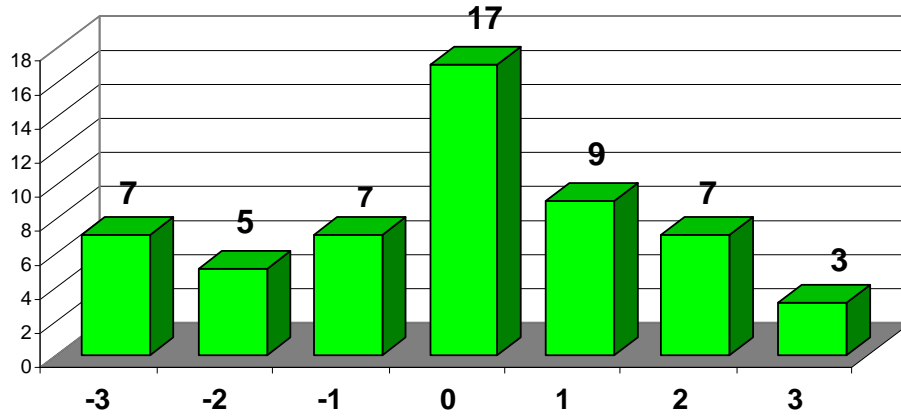
**Proposal 14:** Offer programming for parents of youth to help them better relate to their junior high and high school age children

**Proposal 14 (Offer Programming for Parents of Youth)**  
Avg = 0.98



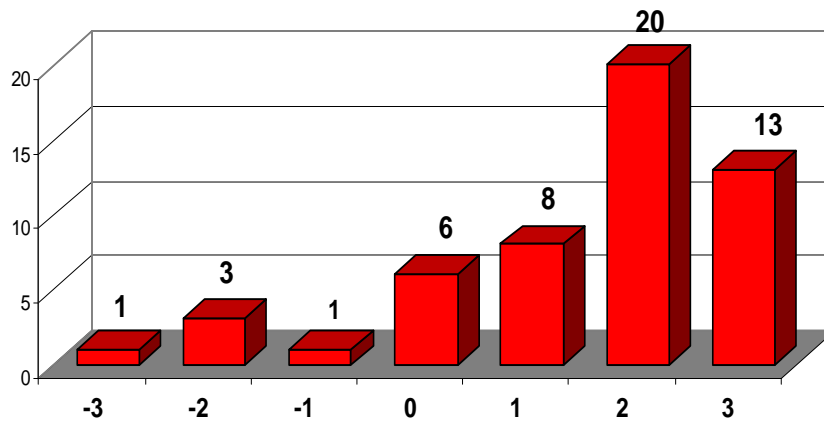
**Proposal 15:** Offer international outreach trips.

**Proposal 15 (Offer International Youth Outreach trips) Avg = -0.11**



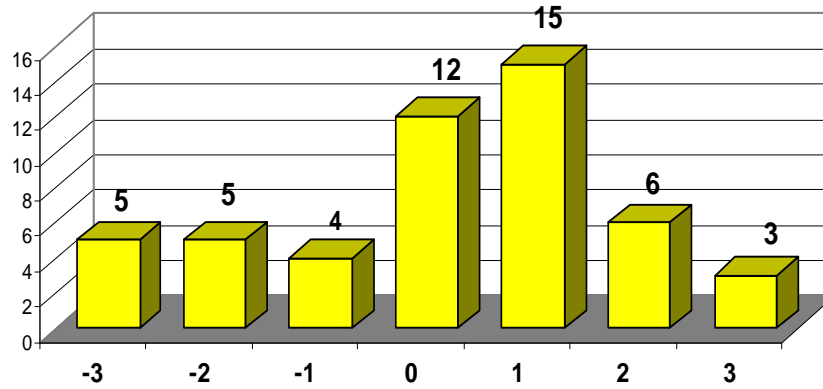
**Proposal 16:** Offer Periodic youth masses which are planned and led by middle school and high school youth

**Proposal 16 (Offer periodic youth Masses planned by Middle/HS youth) Avg = 1.48**



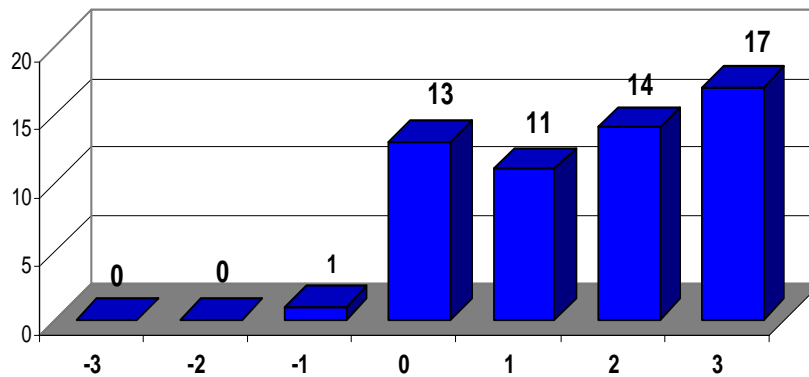
**Proposal 17:** Create stipend position(s) for leadership / teaching positions

**Proposal 17 (Create Stipend for Leadership/Teaching Positions)**  
Avg = 0.14



**Proposal 18:** Initiate an evangelization ministry that provides a vehicle for youth who are excited about their faith to share it with their peers

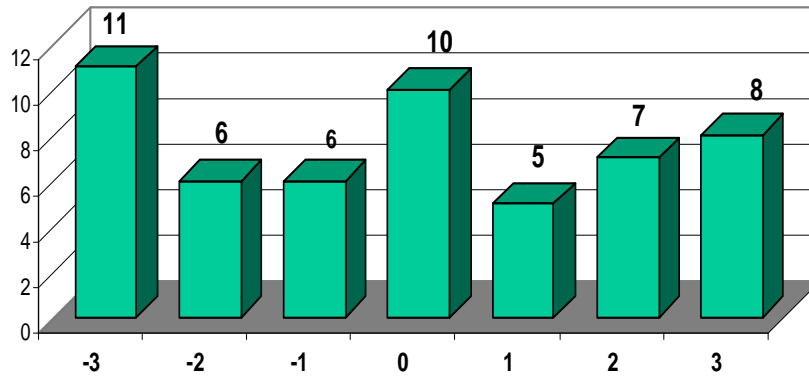
**Proposal 18 (Create Youth Evangelization Ministry)**  
Avg = 1.59



# Additional Proposals

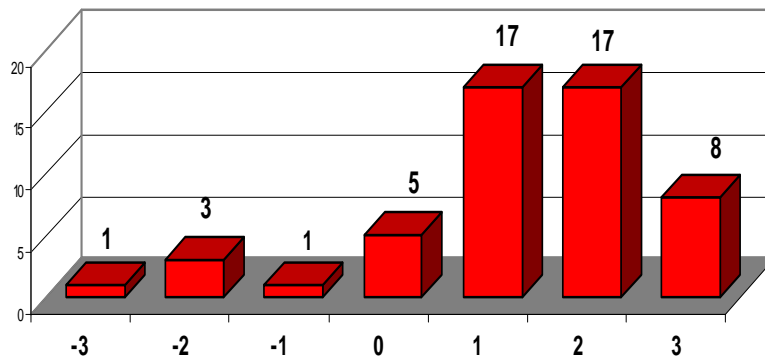
**Proposal 19:** Expand Youth Ministry to include youth in grades 4 and 5.

Proposal 19 (Extend YM to 4th and 5th grade students)  
Avg = -0.15



**Proposal 20:** Establish a paid position for ministry to young adults (ages 18-35).

Proposal 20 (Create a paid position for  
Young Adult Ministry (Age 18-35)) Avg = 1.25



**Proposal 21:** Establish a cluster position responsible for communications among the three parishes and to the larger community.

Proposal 21 (Create Communications Ministry) Avg = 1.50

