

## **Poll: Most Americans Celebrate Easter**

63% Say They Will Attend Church Services

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, APRIL 10, 2009 ([Zenit.org](http://Zenit.org)).- Nearly two-thirds of Americans will be attending Church services this Easter, according to a poll released by the Knights of Columbus.

The fraternal organization released on Thursday the results of a poll conducted by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.

Of those surveyed, 63% said they plan to observe Easter by attending a Church service. Among Catholics, 74% said they would attend a service.

Seventy percent identified Easter as the most important, or one of the most important, religious holidays. Of the practicing Catholics polled, 80% said the same.

The poll also found that 86% of Americans and 89% of Catholic Americans correctly identify Easter as the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

"This data shows very clearly that Americans and American Catholics have a very deep-rooted faith," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "In their the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter, Americans reconnect to the faith that has been handed down to them over thousands of years, and continues today to be a source of great hope."

In addition, 34% said they prepared for Easter by observing the solemn season of Lent -- the traditional 40 days of penance and reflection leading up to Easter Sunday. Of the practicing Catholics polled, 77% said they observed Lent.

The survey polled 2,078 Americans and 521 Catholics from March 24 to March 31.

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