

## **PARISH SURVEY**

A parish survey should be designed and distributed to every parish household. The survey inquires about parishioners' opinions regarding parish services and ministries.

The survey will serve to communicate to every parishioner that each is an important person in the parish and their opinion is valuable. It will also identify the needs of the parishioners and whether the parish ministries are meeting those needs.



Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor

USHERS

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor

LECTORS

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor

MUSIC

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor

HOMILIES

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor

OFFERTORY

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor

PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE (before/after Mass)

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent  
5 4 3 2 1 Poor

CHURCH APPEARANCE

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent  
5 4 3 2 1 Poor

SOUND SYSTEM

Suggested ways to improve:

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7). Which of the following are, or would be, most helpful to your prayer life?

(Please circle all that apply.)

- a. Parish Mission Week (a week long parish renewal)
- b. Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
- c. Adult Education
- d. Spiritual Formation
- e. Bible Study
- f. Prayer Group
- g. Rosary
- h. Mass
- i. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8). Please rate how well you believe this parish is serving the needs of the following groups of parishioners: (If any of these areas do not apply to you, or you cannot assess them adequately, please circle "NA.")

Excellent  
5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

SCHOOL CHILDREN (K-8)

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (9-12)

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

SINGLE ADULTS

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES (NO CHILDREN)

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

FAMILIES

Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES  
Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

AGE 50 AND OVER  
Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

SENIOR CITIZENS (RETIRED)  
Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
Suggested ways to improve:

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Excellent 5 4 3 2 1 Poor NA

NON-CATHOLIC SPOUSES  
Suggested ways to improve:

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9). If you were provided training, would you be willing to volunteer for something that you may be qualified for yet you do not have much experience

in? (i.e. Lector, usher, religious education instructor)

- a. Yes
- b. No

10). Which of the following best describes how you really feel about tithing (percentage of giving) of treasure?

- a. I follow the biblical concept of tithing by giving the "first fruits." 10% of my gross income (8% to the parish and 2% to other charities).
- b. Follow the biblical concept of tithing by giving the "first fruits." 10% of my gross income (5% to the parish and 5% to other charities).
- c. For me, tithing means giving a percentage of my gross income, but not 10%.
- d. I take care of my personal bills and then give to the parish from what is leftover.
- e. I make an occasional donation, but I do not give a percentage of my income.
- f. I do not believe in giving money to the Church or charity.
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

11). If you do not believe in the biblical concept of tithing, why not? (circle as many as apply):

- a. Giving money to the parish does not result in any direct benefit to my family or me.
- b. The money given to the parish is not spent well.
- c. There are too many other things my money goes for. If I were to give a percentage of my gross income, I would not be able to support my current lifestyle.
- d. Too much of the money contributed does not stay in this parish.
- e. This parish is relatively well off. I prefer to give to more needy causes.
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

12). What is your perception of our current parish financial status?

- a. We are generating enough revenue to pay our operating bills, including facility upkeep, and to put money aside in savings to meet future parish needs.
- b. We are generating the revenue to pay our operating bills, including facility upkeep, but do not put money aside for future parish needs.
- c. We are generating barely enough revenue to pay our operating bills.
- d. We are having difficulty paying our operating bills.

13). How are you informed about the parish finances? Circle all that apply.

- a. Weekly bulletin
- b. Annual financial report
- c. Conversations with other parishioners
- d. Not at all
- e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

14). How would you describe your knowledge of Catholic doctrine and issues

pertaining to the Catholic faith?

- a. Knowledgeable
- b. Knowledgeable, but some additional education would be helpful.
- c. Somewhat knowledgeable, but there are definitely issues that I need to learn more about.
- d. Not very knowledgeable.

15). Have you or would you attend adult education or bible study sessions?

a. Yes

b. No

Why?

a). I was not aware of them?

b). None of the topics have been of interest to me. I would attend session(s) on the following topics: \_\_\_\_\_

c). I do not have time.

d). They are held at times that do not fit into my schedule. The best time for me to attend is: \_\_\_\_\_

e). I am not interested in attending adult education sessions.

f). Other \_\_\_\_\_

16). What do you like best about this parish?

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17). What would you like to see added or changed to improve this parish?

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18). How has the growth of the parish (or lack of) affected your own family?

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19). We do not send our child(ren) to the parish school or Catholic high school because:

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20). How do you and your child(ren) feel you are included in parish life?

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21). What should be done to improve the parish school?

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22). What improvements do you think we need to make to our Religious Education Programs?

- a. Strength of religious curriculum
- b. Discipline
- c. Atmosphere conducive to learning
- d. Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete this section only if you have children attending Diocesan Catholic Schools.*

23). What is your most important reason for enrolling your child(ren) in the Catholic Schools?

- | <u>ELEMENTARY</u>      | <u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>     |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| a. Safe environment    | a. Safe environment    |
| b. Academics           | b. Academics           |
| c. Religious Education | c. Religious Education |
| d. Other _____         | d. Other _____         |

24). What importance do you think your child's school places on religious instructions and activities?

	High Priority					Low
	5	4	3	2	1	
Elementary	5	4	3	2	1	
High school	5	4	3	2	1	

25). Realizing that religious and academic education are of primary concern, please rank the following additional areas according to the importance you think they should have at the elementary or high school level.

	High Importance					Low
	5	4	3	2	1	
<u>ELEMENTARY</u>						
Sports/Physical Education	5	4	3	2	1	
Health and Substance Abuse Prevention	5	4	3	2	1	
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Music and Art	5	4	3	2	1	
Computers and Technology	5	4	3	2	1	

Foreign Language	5	4	3	2	1
Special Educational Services	5	4	3	2	1
<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>					
Sports/Physical Education	5	4	3	2	1
Health and Substance Abuse Prevention	5	4	3	2	1
Music and Art	5	4	3	2	1
Computers and Technology	5	4	3	2	1
Foreign Language	5	4	3	2	1
Special Educational Services	5	4	3	2	1

***Thank you for completing this survey.  
This information will help the parish set priorities and goals for the future.  
Results of this parish survey will be available as soon as possible.***