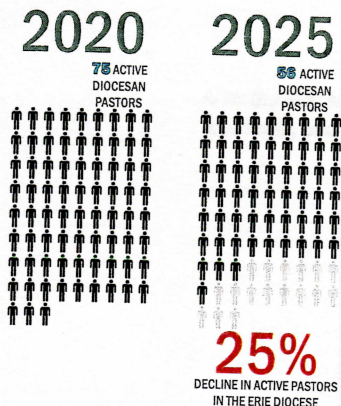


The resulting 5-year plan will aim to align spiritual leadership and evangelization and connect our faith with actions to follow the message of Jesus through worship and actions to serve others, creating a vibrant faith community.

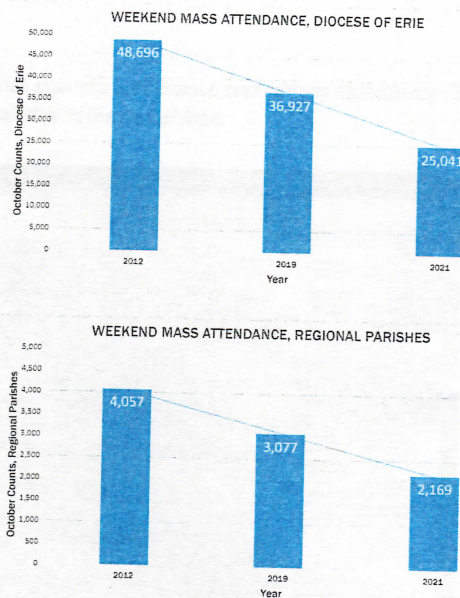
WHY MUST WE DEVELOP A STRATEGY?

The Catholic Church, Erie Diocese, and our regional parishes are all experiencing a two-fold challenge: a shortage of priests and a decline in Mass attendance and parishioner engagement.

PROJECTED DECREASE IN PASTORS IN THE DIOCESE OF ERIE



DECREASE IN MASS ATTENDANCE, 2012 - 2021



WHO IS LEADING THE PLANNING PROCESS?

*"Moose" Rosanna,
Assumption Parish*

*George Tinnick,
St. Bernard*

*Julie Smith,
St. Mary*

*Deacon Steve Rowan,
Assumption/St. Mary*

*Tim Carlson,
Assumption Parish*

*Jason Gray,
St. Catherine*

*Lauren Yamrick,
St. Mary*

*Deacon Dan Satterlee, St.
Catherine/St. Michael*

*Bri Laukitis,
Assumption Parish*

*Mary Ann Nicholls,
St. Catherine*

*John Luchini,
St. Michael*

*Jenn Zaffuto, Facilitator
from KTH Architects*

*Bert Ginther,
St. Bernard*

*Bill Young,
St. Catherine*

*Dom Varacallo,
St. Michael*

*Glenda Hooten,
St. Bernard*

*Ron Hannah,
St. Mary*

*Carl Yebernetsky,
St. Michael*

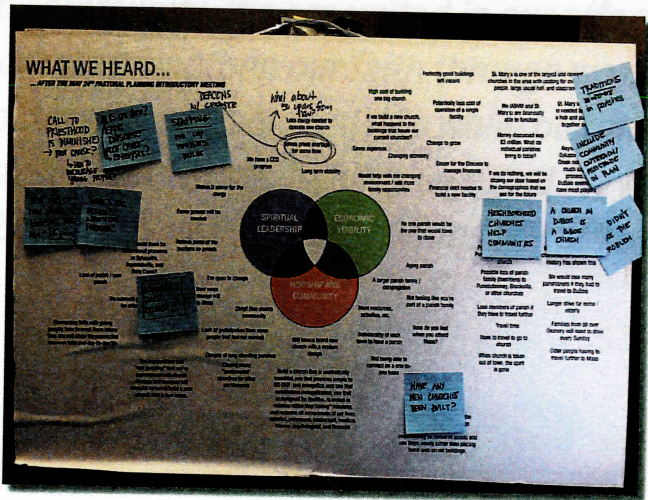
HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

*Speak with your pastor or your parish's representatives on the Steering Committee.
If you have feedback, comments, or suggestions, please share!*

Hundreds of surveys were returned. The results have been tabulated and are now shared with parishioners. The Steering Committee is now beginning the work of interpreting the results and developing them into the 5-year plan, including action items on how to manage a shortage of pastors, increase parishioner engagement, and evangelize the message of Jesus to our families, friends, neighbors, and future generations.

G COMMITTEE START?

After the May session, individual parish councils and finance committees individually discussed the concepts presented, and collectively joined together at the end of June.



The June meeting functioned as a listening session, where the pastors were able to hear reactions, concerns and suggestions from parishioners. After the June meeting, each individual parish council deliberated on whether they wanted to proceed in the cooperative planning process. Each of the five parishes elected to continue in the planning process collectively.

The Steering Committee was formed and began their work together to define a mission for the planning process, gather additional information and data, and strategize how build consensus for the 5-year plan.

WHAT WILL RESULT FROM THIS PLANNING PROCESS?

THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BISHOP, FOCUSING ON ADVANCING THE GOALS SET FROM PHASE 1 OF THE PLANNING PROCESS.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE ASKS PARISHIONERS TO PARTICIPATE BY SHARING THEIR IDEAS. THE 5-YEAR PLAN WILL INCLUDE OBJECTIVES AND TASKS TO NOT ONLY ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF PASTORS OUR DIOCESE IS FACING, BUT ALSO TO ENHANCE OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.

WHAT IS OUR VISION?

Our regional Catholic community is one in faith, vibrant, and dedicated to evangelizing the message of Jesus to together deepen our faith, honor our traditions, and encourage a lifelong commitment to follow and serve him.

OUR COLLECTIVE QUESTIONS

HOW ARE WE FULFILLING THE
MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH?

WHAT OTHER
POSSIBILITIES CAN
ADDRESS THE LACK OF
PRIESTS?

WHAT STAFFING
MODELS CAN REDUCE
THE BURDEN ON OUR
PASTORS AND PRIESTS?

HOW ARE WE
FULFILLING THE
MISSIONS OF OUR
INDIVIDUAL PARISHES?

WHAT IS OUR
RESPONSIBILITY AS
CATHOLICS TO SERVE
OUR COMMUNITIES'
MEMBERS IN NEED?

HOW CAN WE HONOR
TRADITIONS WITHIN
INDIVIDUAL PARISHES?

WHAT OUTREACH
EFFORTS CAN BOLSTER
OUR COMMUNITIES AND
OUR PARISHES?

*The Steering Committee determined that by answering these questions,
we can develop the 5-year plan for our region.*

MITTEE'S FOCUS

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

The Steering Committee accepts the charge set forth by Bishop Persico in 2019 to develop a long-term plan for our regional Catholic community. We are united in our efforts to create a framework to strengthen our faith through worship, evangelization, outreach, and stewardship while building a foundation for success and sustainability now and for years to come. We embrace this as a unified community of faith.

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS?

THROUGH THE PROCESS, STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE USING THE DATA WE GATHER AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AND DEVELOP OUR STRATEGIC PLAN.

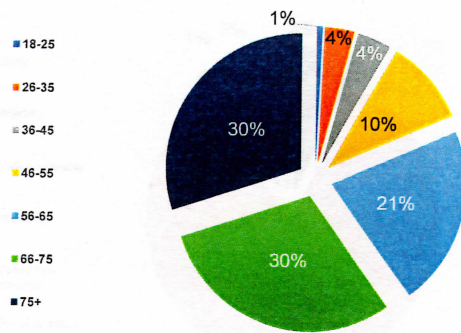
THE PLAN'S FOCUS IS TO ADDRESS A SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES AND TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO REINVIGORATE OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.

MANY PARISHIONERS HAVE ALREADY SHARED IDEAS FOR PROGRAMMING AND OUTREACH THAT CAN ADD TO OUR FAITH LIVES.

WE ASK THAT PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THIS PROCESS. THE COMMITTEE'S PLEDGE IS TO SHARE INFORMATION TRANSPARENTLY AND TO ADDRESS PARISHIONERS' IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FULLY.

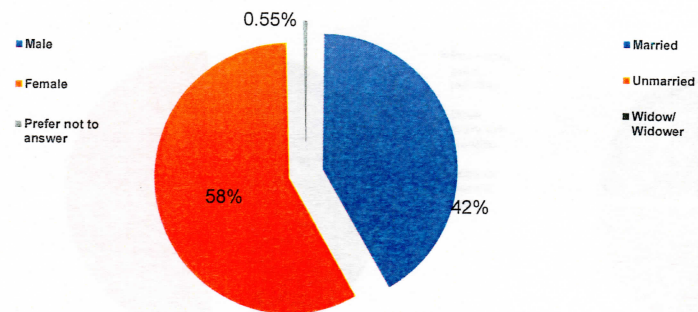
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HOW OLD ARE YOU?



How old are you?	
18-25	5
26-35	26
36-45	29
46-55	73
56-65	155
66-75	215
75+	216
Total Responses	719

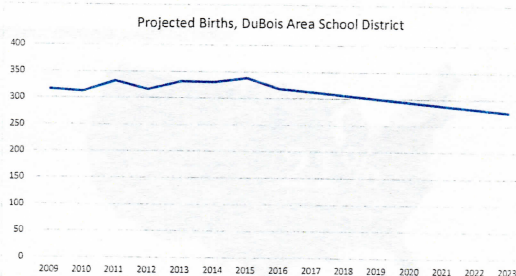
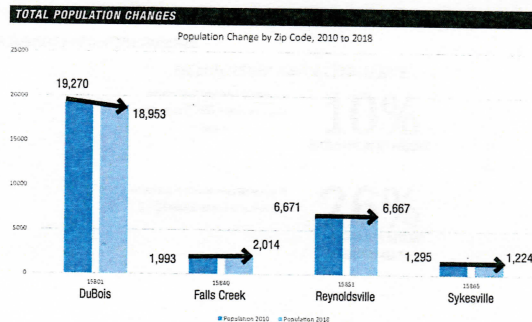
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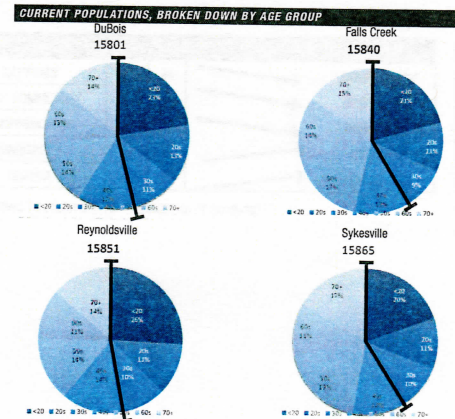
What is your gender?	
Male	303
Female	421
Prefer not to say	4
Total Responses	728

HOW DO THE DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS COMPARE?

COMPARING OUR SURVEY RESULTS TO REGIONAL CENSUS DATA



The number of births in our school district has been gradually declining.



The area population has been relatively stable for the last several years.

COMPARING POPULATION

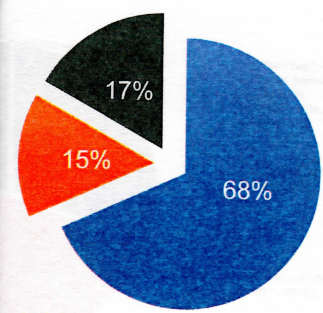
40+ Years Old

60+ Years Old

Our regional population average

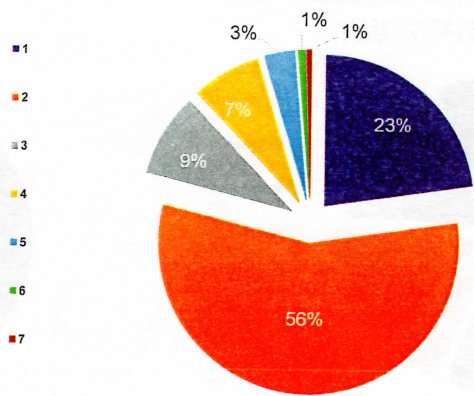
PARISHIONERS

WHAT IS YOUR MARITAL STATUS?



What is your marital status?	
Married	487
Unmarried	105
Prefer not to say	120
Total Responses	712

HOW MANY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?



How many family members are in your household?	
1	157
2	390
3	62
4	51
5	23
6	6
7	4
Total Responses	693

POPULATION PERCENTAGES	
Regional	National
56%	48%
28%	23%

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WHAT DO THE DEMOGRAPHICS SUGGEST?

81% OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS ARE OLDER THAN 55.
28% OF OUR REGIONAL POPULATION IS OLDER THAN 60.

THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF OUR PARISHES MAY NOT BE AS ENGAGED AS WE'D LIKE.

66% OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS ARE MARRIED.
HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS HAVE A HOUSEHOLD OF 2 FAMILY MEMBERS

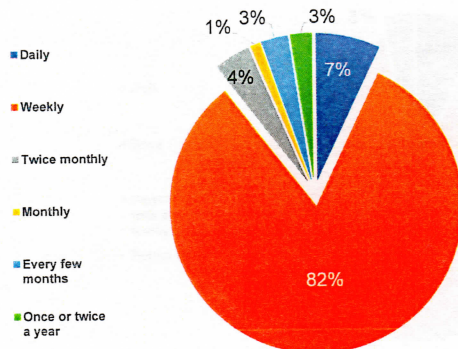
THIS SUGGESTS THAT MANY SURVEY RESPONDENTS HAVE NO CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD.

56% OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS HAVE A HOUSEHOLD OF 2 FAMILY MEMBERS.
19% OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS HAVE HOUSEHOLDS OF 3 - 7 FAMILY MEMBERS.

THIS SUGGESTS THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES THAT CAN INCREASE ENGAGEMENT OF YOUNGER FAMILY MEMBERS, TO HELP WITH FAITH-FORMATION. INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITIES CAN CREATE CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE FAITH COMMUNITY AND STRENGTHEN BONDS.

ABOUT OUR MASS

HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND MASS?

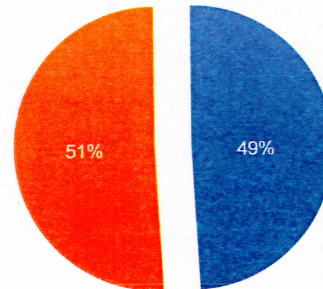


How often do you attend Mass?

Daily	51
Weekly	587
Twice monthly	29
Monthly	8
Every few months	21
Once or twice a year	17
Total Responses	713

DO YOU ATTEND MASS AT ANY OTHER PARISH?

■ Yes ■ No



Do you attend Mass at any other parish?

Yes	350
No	362
Total Responses	712

HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND MASS AT ANOTHER CHURCH?

■ More than once monthly
■ Once every few months
■ Once or twice a year



How often do you attend Mass at another church that is not your parish?

More than once monthly	25
Once every few months	18
Once or twice a year	17
Total Responses	60

ATTENDANCE AND CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

A SUMMARY OF OUR FIVE PARISHES

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED MEMBERS INCREASED TO 6,790 FROM FY 2013-14 TO FY 2018-19

10%
INCREASE IN MEMBERS

ATTENDANCE AT WEEKEND MASS DECREASED TO 1,751 FROM FY 2013-14 TO FY 2018-19.

26%
OF MEMBERS ATTEND WEEKEND MASS

SACRAMENTS

OUR FIVE PARISHES BY THE NUMBERS, FY 2013-14 TO 18-19

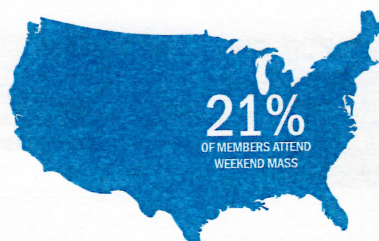
Sacrament	FY 2013-14	FY 2018-19	Change
BAPTISMS	74	44	DOWN 40.5%*
FIRST COMMUNION	53	33	DOWN 37.7%*
CONFIRMATIONS	57	52	DOWN 8.8%*
MARRIAGES	19	25	UP 31.5%*
DEATHS	65	82	UP 26.1%*

* COMPARING TO PRIOR 5-YEAR AVERAGES TO FY 2018-19

Sacrament	Catholic Church
BAPTISMS	693,914
FIRST COMMUNION	726,887
CONFIRMATIONS	566,143
MARRIAGES	148,134
DEATHS	391,131

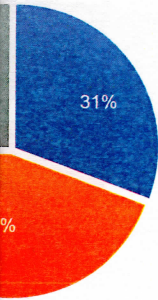
* COMPARING 2015 TO 2019 (Source: <https://cara.georgetown.edu/>)

CATHOLIC CHURCHES ACROSS THE NATION



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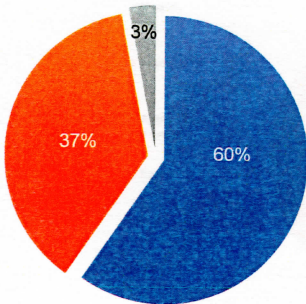
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103
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DESCRIBE WHERE YOU ALSO ATTEND
CHURCH.

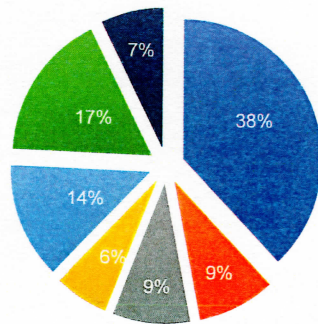
- Another regional Catholic parish (DuBois, Falls Creek, Reynoldsville, or Sykesville)
- A Catholic parish out of the region
- A church of another denomination








Please describe where you also attend Mass or services.	
Another regional Catholic parish (DuBois, Falls Creek, Reynoldsville, or Sykesville)	233
A Catholic parish out of the region	145
A church of another denomination	12
Total Responses	390

WHAT WEEKEND MASS TIMES DO
YOU PREFER?

- Saturday 4:30 pm
- Sunday 7:00 am
- Sunday 8:00 am
- Sunday 8:30 am
- Sunday 9 am
- Sunday 10 am
- Sunday 10:30 am



What weekend Mass times do you prefer?	
Saturday 4:30 pm	351
Sunday 7:00 am	83
Sunday 8:00 am	83
Sunday 8:30 am	58
Sunday 9 am	124
Sunday 10 am	158
Sunday 10:30 am	67
A different time	48
No preference	2
Total Responses	974

ES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES		
2,331		DOWN 13%*
0,816		DOWN 17%*
6,418		DOWN 1.7%*
7,885		DOWN 6.9%*
2,277		UP 0.3%*

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WHAT DO OUR ATTENDANCE TRENDS MEAN?

WHILE OUR ATTENDANCE HAS DROPPED, A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF PARISHIONERS ATTEND MASS WEEKLY THAN ACROSS THE NATION.

THIS SUGGESTS OUR PARISHIONERS MAY BE MORE ENGAGED THAN ELSEWHERE ACROSS THE NATION. HOW CAN WE CONTINUE TO INCREASE THAT ENGAGEMENT?

ROUGHLY HALF OF THE SURVEY RESPONDENTS ATTEND MASS OR SERVICES AT OTHER CHURCHES.

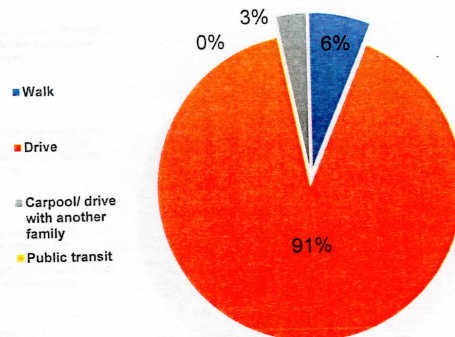
MOST SURVEY RESPONDENTS WHO ATTEND CHURCHES OTHER THAN THEIR HOME PARISH ARE ATTENDING CATHOLIC MASS, EITHER WITHIN THE REGION OR OUTSIDE THE REGION.

SURVEY RESPONDENTS CONTINUE TO PREFER THE MASS TIMES OFFERED AT THEIR HOME PARISHES.

THIS INDICATES THAT THE RESPONDENTS HAD CREATED A HABIT OF ATTENDING MASS AT THE TIMES OFFERED BY THEIR HOME PARISH, MAKING IT PART OF THEIR WEEKLY ROUTINE.

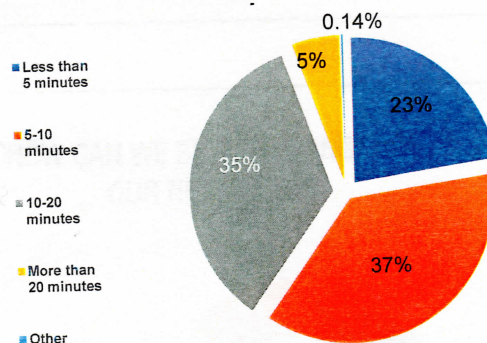
HOW WE GET TO MASS...

HOW DO YOU TRAVEL TO CHURCH?



How do you travel to church?	
Walk	46
Drive	646
Carpool/ drive with another family	22
Public transit	0
Total Responses	714

WHAT IS YOUR TRAVEL TIME TO CHURCH?



What is your travel time to church?	
Less than 5 minutes	158
5-10 minutes	260
10-20 minutes	242
More than 20 minutes	37
Other	1
Total Responses	698

WHY ARE THESE QUESTIONS IMPORTANT?

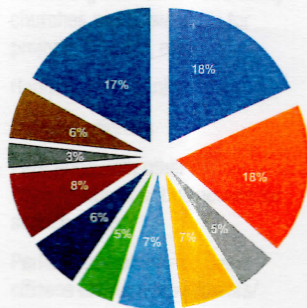
OUR PARISHES ARE OFTEN SITUATED IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE WE GREW UP OR NEAR WHERE WE CURRENTLY LIVE.

THIS HELPS US LEARN IF PARISHIONERS DRIVE, AND IF SO HOW FAR, TO ATTEND MASS. DOES THE DISTANCE LIMIT ATTENDANCE?

MINISTRY PARTICIPATION AND VOLUNTEERSHIP

WHAT MINISTRIES DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN?

- Rosary Society
- Eucharistic Minister
- Music ministry
- Lector
- Usher
- Altar server
- Religious education
- Knights of Columbus
- Holy Name
- Pastoral Council/ Committees
- Other

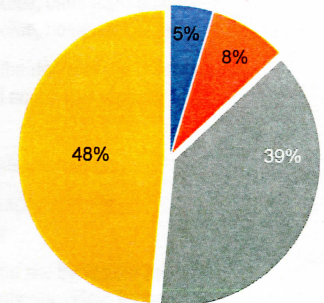


What ministries do you participate in?

Rosary Society	91
Eucharistic Minister	90
Music ministry	23
Lector	35
Usher	34
Altar server	23
Religious education	31
Knights of Columbus	40
Holy Name	15
Pastoral Council/ Committees	31
Other	85
Total Responses	498

HOW OFTEN DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTEER EVENTS?

- Weekly
- Monthly
- A few times a year
- Never



How often do you participate in volunteer events at your parish (summer festival, bazaar, dinners)?

Weekly	32
Monthly	58
A few times a year	266
Never	335
Total Responses	691

ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES PERFORMED BY RESPONDENTS:

- Coffee ministry
- Outreach Group
- Cemetery Assn
- Changing altar clothes/ decorating church/food pantry
- Children's Lit
- Card Ministry
- Reconciliation/First Communion
- Life chain
- Card Ministry
- Eucharistic Adoration coordinator
- Fund raising
- Festival
- Eucharistic ministry for many years
- Prayer Groups
- Collection Counting
- ALPHA Course
- Home Enthronements. Other things father asks me to do.
- Pro-Life
- Dinners
- Funeral lunches
- Food pantry
- Christmas decorating
- Preparing for church seasons
- Sacristan
- Collection Counting
- Prayer chain
- Work Dinners
- Catholic school
- Bereavement committee
- Making meals
- St Michael Outreach
- Jesse Tree
- Confirmation
- Moms group
- Going to start making rosaries
- Good Samaritan
- Work at bingo
- Take care of the holy family bed.
- Outreaches to the Bereaved (dinner) and poor (food baskets)

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO IDENTIFY CURRENT MINISTRY PARTICIPATION AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

HALF OF RESPONDENTS VOLUNTEER REGULARLY WITH THEIR PARISH.

THIS INDICATES THAT PARISHIONERS WHO REGULARLY PARTICIPATE IN MINISTRY EVENTS. IT IS A SIGN OF A HEALTHY PARISH. WE INCREASE IT?

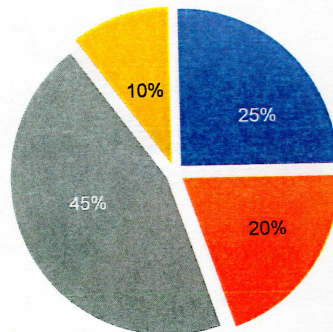
NEARLY 500 RESPONSES INDICATED A MINISTRY IN WHICH PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATE.

FIVE YEARS AGO, HOW MANY PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATED IN MINISTRY EVENTS? WILL PARTICIPATION INCREASE IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FROM NOW?

NEW MINISTRY PARTICIPATION

WHAT NEW MINISTRIES CAN MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS?

- Serving youth through activities and support groups
- Assisting parishioners in transport to Mass and/or sacraments or events
- Increased church presence in the community through community service and volunteer events
- Other



What (if any) new ministries can help meet the needs of you and your neighbors?

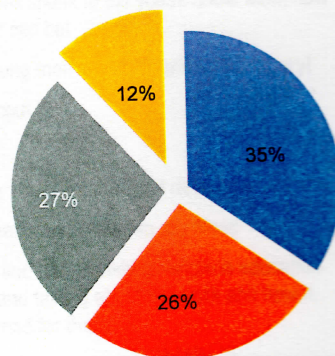
Serving youth through activities and support groups	152
Assisting parishioners in transport to Mass and/or sacraments or events	121
Increased church presence in the community through community service and volunteer events	274
Other	62
Total Responses	609

- All of the above but if one is established, make sure it is consistent... Don't leave people hanging
- Financial counseling, giving and tithing
- Small Christian communities as in the past
- Joint prayer service with other Christian churches
- Outreach Committee
- Programs to support older people's needs
- Programs for parents to nurture the spiritual development of their children.
- Habitat for Humanity
- Starting outreach dinner again
- Getting involved with food bank

- Partnering with other community churches and businesses for projects, dinners, etc.
- Habitat for Humanity
- Outreach dinners
- Partnering with other denominations or businesses for service project
- Perhaps something for Senior citizens or widows/widowers/singles
- Get back to home communion visits.
- Reaching out positively to Christians of other denominations & others (Jewish).
- Get togethers
- Prayer group formations
- Small groups that meet monthly

HOW CAN WE BETTER EVANGELIZE OUR NEIGHBORS?

- Events such as Church in the Park to invite nonmembers to celebrate Mass with us
- Free dinner in Church social hall for food insecure families
- Monthly meals for shut-ins
- Other



How can we better evangelize our neighbors? What can be done to increase the evangelization of the message of Jesus outside the church?

Events such as Church in the Park to invite nonmembers to celebrate Mass with us	258
Free dinner in Church social hall for food insecure families	197
Monthly meals for shut-ins	204
Other	89
Total Responses	748

- Ask the young people.
- Missions every year.
- A pastor to help close adoration so we don't have to not have it when our volunteers can't close.
- We had shut in meals - a dear lady organized them. She did not have cooperation from her pastor.
- Promote Catholic education at DCC
- Many protestants do not know they are welcome at church. Suggest doing a booth at community days
- Living life with Christ
- Free clothes closet twice a year for homeless
- Softball league
- Bowling parties
- Go first to the sons of Israel. Those registered as parishioners who do not attend mass.
- Social Media

- Distribute prayer cards or handouts explaining the catholic faith such as the neighbors reaching neighbor service that were handed out at St. Catherine before.
- Elderly sitters
- Home Visits
- Enter parades, festival, other events, Fairs
- Stand up for children-Stop protecting abuses and those harm the unborn
- Provide copies of the word of God. I first was able to see and obtain a copy in Florida. At the beginning of the pandemic. I subscribed to it. I read it daily since.
- Women's Teas
- Activity Clubs
- People speak to each other.
- Acceptance / diversity / fellowship

AND VOLUNTEERSHIP IDEAS

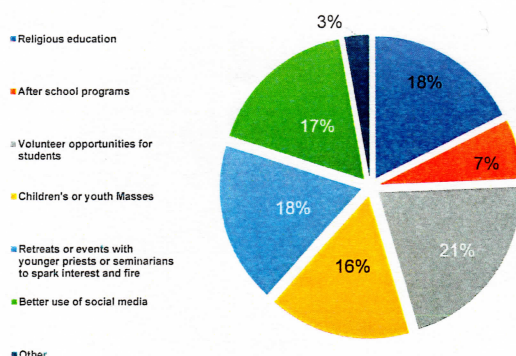
MINISTRIES SUGGESTED BY RESPONDENTS:

- Choir- had contemplating going elsewhere because you have none
- We have needed youth for the past 25 years!!
- Visiting the sick
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Praise & worship
- Men's group
- Prayer ministry
- Not Sure - maybe increased community presence
- Deliver-Bulletin
- All of the above but if one is established, make sure it is consistent... Don't leave people hanging
- Financial counseling, giving and tithing
- Men & women's groups
- Bible studies, catechism studies, book studies, home school support
- Leaving the doors to the churches unlocked so we can visit our Lord anytime
- More confession times
- First Saturday Mass at all churches
- Confession not by appointment and by only one priest trying to do them before Mass
- Open adoration and get to school on time
- Join together with other local churches for combined events. Exp. Ethnic Day, Nativity Scene, Caroling
- Youth and young adults need to be more active in all church activities.
- Youth involvement
- Working close with the school DCC
- Life teen Ministry
- Elderly sitters for home bound elderly!
- Music Lifts the soul
- More out spoken against crime against youth & abortion
- Christ the King
- Education - how to do a mass intention.
- Parishioners being appreciative of any help one offers.
- Maybe the priest can call or visit people. Just stop in and say hi. Missed seeing you.
- Welcome Back Ministry for Catholics who no longer attend Mass

SUGGESTIONS FROM RESPONDENTS:

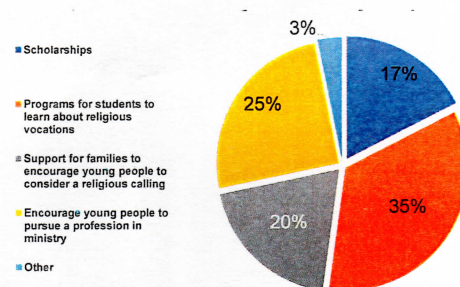
- Just being kind and welcoming.
- Reach out & touch the youth!! When i was young (say 6) the priest came & gathered us up in a bus! And took us to mass everyday. Neither of my parents went to church. We as children loved going being choir children.
- Whatever is offered, consistently support it
- Grass cutting and sidewalk shoveling for shut-ins
- Grocery shopping for shut-ins
- More weekly activities
- Return to St. Michael's Terrace
- Maybe free dinner in church social hall
- We need to evangelize our own parishioners and especially our youth
- Do more for the youth
- Joint prayer service with other Christian churches
- Programs like Alpha for members & non-members
- Work food pantry 2X a month
- Mass online plus other services (Stations of the Cross, etc.) online
- Speak the message of Jesus- the catholic theology in church-homilies etc. word will travel.
- Encourage parishioners to be a model of Jesus Christ.
- Service to others-Home repairs for elderly, mow grass Etc.
- Reach out to former parishioners
- Reach out to non Catholics to create some type of union & respect.
- Marketing through TV, radio, newspaper, social media
- Get children more involved in church & events through good Christians and catholic example
- Focus on those in need, not only of food, but of socialization and direction in life
- Small groups that meet monthly
- Need to get youth & young adults involved!
- Visit shut-ins
- Social activities in the hall- "dance" "movies" for whole town
- Alpha Course
- Example and prayer (are powerful)
- Phone prayer
- Community building for families w/ kids, support for home schoolers, rosary crusades, public novenas.
- Priests should encourage us to not be afraid to speak to others about our Church and beliefs
- More time the Church is open for visits

WHAT WILL NURTURE FAITH IN FUTURE GENERATIONS?



What do you believe would be most effective to nurture the faith of future generations?	
Religious education	201
After school programs	77
Volunteer opportunities for students	241
Children's or youth Masses	185
Retreats or events with younger priests or seminarians to spark interest and fire	208
Better use of social media	197
Other	32
Total Responses	1141

WHAT CAN INCREASE VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS CALLINGS?



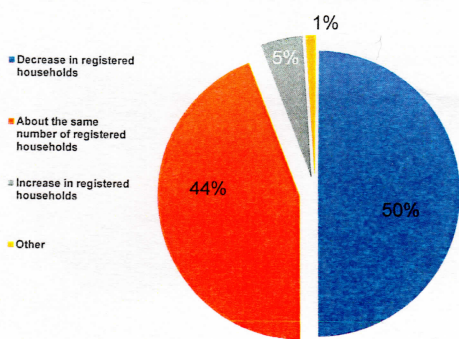
What do you believe would be effective to increase vocations to priesthood/ religious callings in young people?	
Scholarships	171
Programs for students to learn about religious vocations	341
Support for families to encourage young people to consider a religious calling	193
Encourage young people to pursue a profession in ministry	247
Other	31
Total Responses	983

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FROM RESPONDENTS:

- All of the above but if one is established, make sure it is consistent... Don't leave people hanging
- Allow priests to marry
- Have young energetic people living out their vocations speak to the youth. Show them how great it can be!
- Our young men should be allowed to marry!
- Talk about it!
- Prayer
- Latin + mass + traditional devotions
- Let Deacons and women say Mass
- Priest and sisters visiting religious education class and talking about the work and how it happened for them.
- First Bishop must be supportive of seminarians and explore another successful diocese
- Pray for vocation
- Youth groups
- Allow priests to be married
- Allow them to marry and have children
- Priests be allowed to marry
- Rebuilding Homes
- Higher salaries, better benefits
- Allow priests to marry.
- Let them (priests) get married! It doesn't take a scientist to figure that out!
- Permit priest to marry
- Permit marriage
- Families staying together.
- Let priest get married
- Let them get married
- It has to be their calling

ARD THE FUTURE

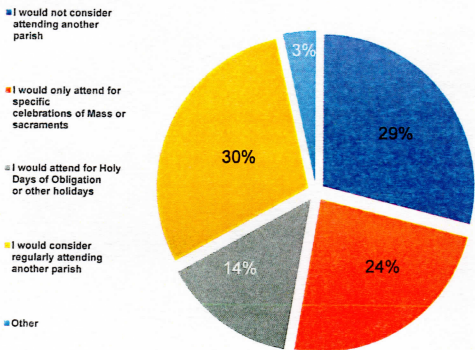
WHAT WILL THE FUTURE MEMBERSHIP OF YOUR PARISH BE?



What do you believe your parish's number of registered households will be in the next five years?

Decrease in registered households	345
About the same number of registered households	306
Increase in registered households	33
Other	8
Total Responses	692

WOULD YOU CONSIDER ATTENDING ANOTHER PARISH?



Would you consider attending Mass at any of our five regional parishes? (ABVM, St. Bernard, St. Catherine, St. Mary's, St. Michael)

I would not consider attending another parish	213
I would only attend for specific celebrations of Mass or sacraments	176
I would attend for Holy Days of Obligation or other holidays	105
I would consider regularly attending another parish	218
Other	26
Total Responses	738

WHAT DO THE SHORT- AND LONG-TERM SUGGESTIONS FOR FAITH FORMATION, MINISTRY AND EVANGELIZATION TELL US?

MANY PARISHIONERS HAVE IDEAS FOR HOW TO INCREASE ENGAGEMENT

USE THESE LISTS TO CREATE NEW PROGRAMMING FOR FAITH FORMATION, WORSHIP, EVANGELIZATION, AND MINISTRY

MANY RESPONDENTS PRESENTED IDEAS THAT ADDRESSED COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS IN ADDITION TO THE NEEDS OF THEIR PARISH COMMUNITY

USE THESE IDEAS TO CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARISHIONERS TO CONNECT THEIR FAITH WITH THEIR DAILY LIVES THROUGH VOLUNTEERSHIP

RESPONDENTS IDENTIFIED WAYS THAT OUTREACH TO YOUTH COULD BE STRENGTHENED

CREATE INTERGENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION, VOLUNTEERING, WORSHIP, AND FELLOWSHIP TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.

WHAT DO THE RESPONDENTS' VIEWS ON THEIR PARISHES' FUTURES MEAN?

MANY RESPONDENTS FEEL THERE WILL BE A DECREASE IN REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS OR THE NUMBER WILL REMAIN STABLE. VERY FEW RESPONDENTS FEEL THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

THERE IS AN AWARENESS THAT THE CHURCH FACES CHALLENGES IN MAINTAINING VIBRANT PARISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO WOULD NOT CONSIDER ATTENDING ANOTHER PARISH AND THE PERCENTAGE WHO WOULD CONSIDER ANOTHER PARISH ARE NEARLY EQUAL.

WHILE MANY OF OUR REGION'S PARISHIONERS WANT THEIR PARISHES TO REMAIN AS-IS, THERE IS A NEARLY EQUAL NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO CHANGE THE CHURCH AT WHICH THEY WORSHIP. THIS INDICATES THAT INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN PARISHES COULD BE SUCCESSFUL.