

DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG PARISH SURVEY

This survey is intended to reflect your opinion of the activities that take place within your Parish.

SECTION 1 - PARISH LIFE - THE PRESENT

You are asked to rate both the **IMPORTANCE** (columns to the left) and the **QUALITY** (columns to the right) of each Element in your Parish (center section).

#1: In the columns marked "IMPORTANCE" (to the left of the Parish Elements) place an "X" in the box that best describes your opinion of how important you think this Element is. (Very Important, Important or Not Important).

#2: In the columns marked "QUALITY" (to the right of the Parish Elements) place an "X" in the box that best describes how well you think this Element is performed by your Parish.

IMPORTANCE			PARISH ELEMENTS	QUALITY				
VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT		GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DOESN'T EXIST IN PARISH	DON'T KNOW
92.6	6.6	0.4	1. Provides Mass for Sundays and Holy Days	84.9	4.8	0.4	0.2	5.6
40.8	44.7	11.7	2. Provides Mass every day	68	5.8	0.4	0.6	16.9
43.3	43.5	8.7	3. Provides other worship services (penance services, novenas, exposition/adoration)	57.5	11.9	1.4	0.4	20.3
54.9	38	4.6	4. Encourages all people to participate actively in Mass	62.2	15.3	2.4	0	11.7
44.1	45.3	5.8	5. Invites parishioners to serve in designated ministries for Mass (servers, readers, ushers, hospitality, etc.)	58.3	15.1	1.8	0.4	11.5
55.2	33.9	6	6. Provides the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation regularly	63.3	10.8	1.6	0	15.3
49.6	41	3.6	7. Emphasizes community and individual growth in holiness.	54.8	15.8	2.6	0.6	17.4
57.9	35.5	2.8	8. Warmly welcomes new people into the parish.	54.5	16.6	4.8	1	14.2
63.3	31.3	0.8	9. Provides for the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and homebound.	52.9	7.4	0.6	0.2	30.1
24.4	54	11.9	10. Participates in local ecumenical activities.	36.7	11.3	2	0.6	36.9
48.3	41	5.3	11. Respects and embraces the different ethnic heritages present in the parish and community.	51.9	10.5	2.6	0.2	24.2
50.7	40.4	3	12. Calls active Catholics to a deeper faith.	54.1	12.7	3.2	1	19
57.1	35.6	1.4	13. Reaches out to the youth of the parish.	33.6	17.4	6.9	2	31.2
54.3	37.4	2.8	14. Invites non-practicing Catholics back to the Church.	45.3	15.8	3.8	1.6	24.5

VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	PARISH ELEMENTS	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DOESN'T EXIST IN PARISH	DON'T KNOW
33	45.6	6.9	15. Reaches out to people not participating in any church.	30.1	14.5	2.4	2	32.8
56	28.9	0.6	16. Prepares people to receive the sacraments.	48.7	6.3	0.8	0.4	26.7
57	26.5	0.8	17. Makes the Gospel real by applying to the issues of our lives.	52.1	13.8	2.6	0.4	14.1
50.1	32	1.4	18. Provides faith formation for students and young people.	31	11.8	4.3	0.4	34.4
40.9	37.3	2.4	19. Provides faith formation for adults on a regular basis.	37.7	12.8	1.8	0	28.1
47.3	34.8	1.8	20. Sponsors and/or supports ministries that reach out to the poor and marginalized.	48.1	9	1.2	0.4	238
50.3	32	1	21. Provides help for those in need, when it can.	46.6	8.6	0.6	0	26.9
41.8	39.3	2	22. Assists in obtaining help for those in need when parish itself cannot provide the help.	36.5	9	0.4	0.2	35.6
44.8	35	2.9	23. Reaches out to parishioners with special needs (i.e. - widowed, separated/divorces, single parents, physically or mentally challenged, etc.)	30.5	11.2	2.4	1	26.7
39.3	39.5	3.1	24. Invites people to share in the responsibility of leading the parish.	47.3	12	1.6	0.2	20.8
33	43.8	6.3	25. Provides periodic financial reports for the parish.	47.9	10.4	3.3	0	21.2
39.1	39.9	3.5	26. Is financially secure.	29.5	16.1	2.2	0	33
45.2	37.9	1.4	27. Maintains its property and buildings.	62.1	8.4	0.6	0	12.4
32.2	45	4.5	28. Is supported primarily by offertory contributions.	32.8	14.9	2.6	0	31
38.3	44	1.6	29. Has adequate facilities for the parish	53	12.6	1.6	0.2	16.1

Section 2 - Parish Life - The Future

Imagine for a few moments that you lived in an area where there were 4 Catholic parishes with a total of 5 priests. However, next year only 3 priests will be available.

1. What would you recommend be done for the spiritual vitality of the people in these four parishes?

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| a. Keep all four parishes open | 24.6 |
| b. Close one or more of the parishes | 4.3 |
| c. Merge two or more of the parishes together | 32.2 |
| d. I do not know | 38.9 |

Optional: Personal information if you wish to be contacted regarding this survey

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____