

Sacred Heart & St. Ann Ministry Assessment Survey Summary of Results

Fall 2017

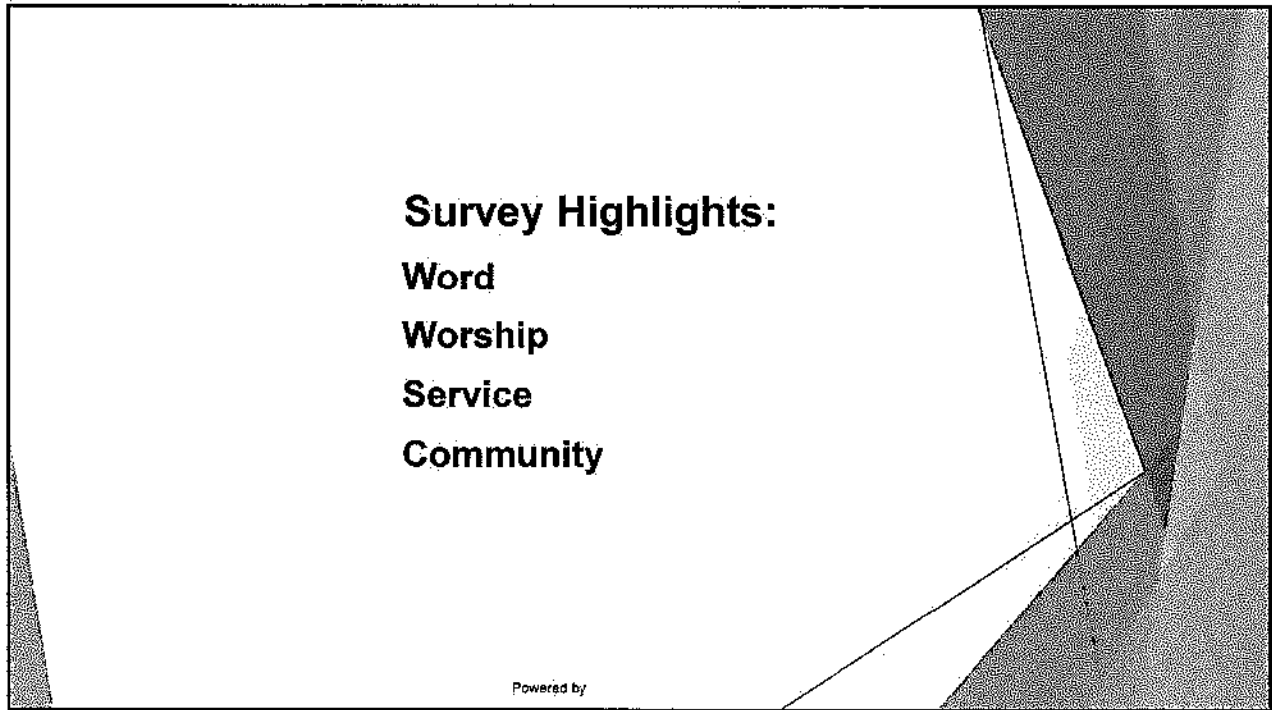
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Total Responses: 64
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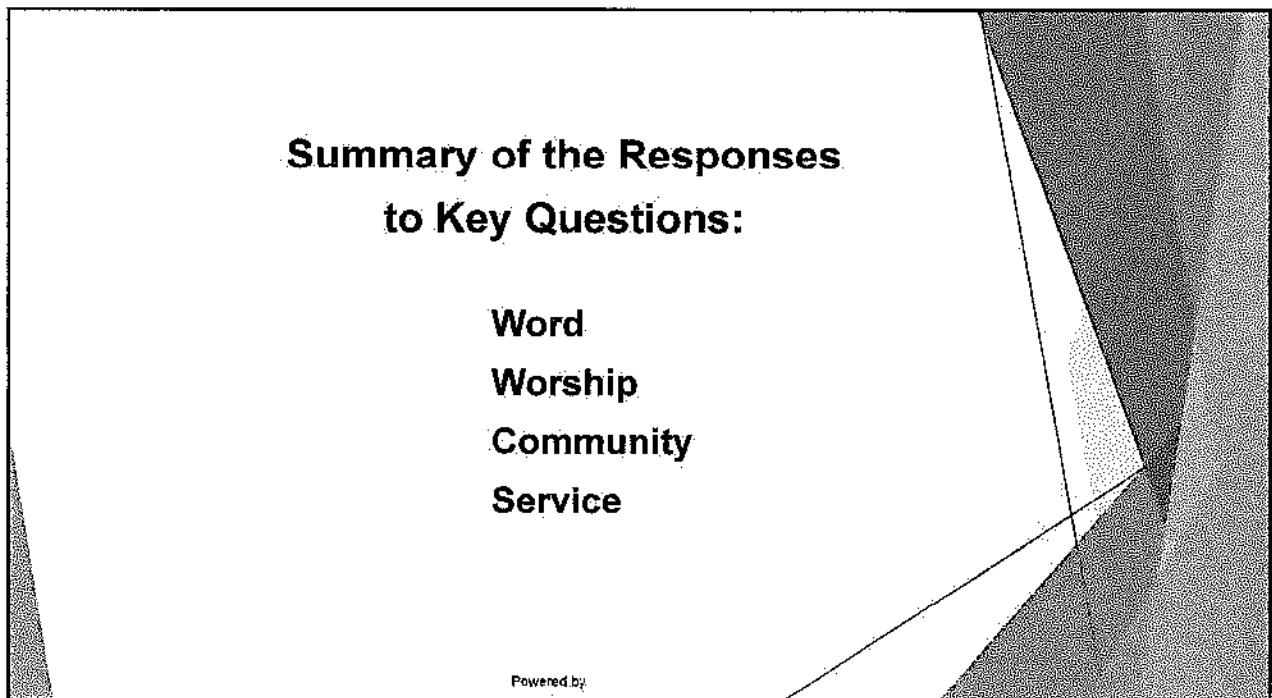
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Survey Highlights:
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**Summary of the Responses
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WORD

- Spiritual growth programs/activities and adapting to and in ways that are inviting to children, youth and young adults were equally ranked as most important.
 - Whereas spiritual growth opportunities leaned towards "Well" or "Extremely Well," responses for ministries for children, youth and young adults was primarily "Don't Know" to "OK." Over 56% of respondents identified the latter as the highest priority for improvement.
- Identifying and welcoming new members was ranked as third most important and as an area of ministry to improve.
- 58% responded "Don't Know" regarding the outreach provided to non-practicing Catholics and the unchurched. This topic was identified as the second highest area to improve but ranked low in importance.

NOTE: There were a number of skipped questions throughout the entire survey. For evaluating the strength of each area of ministry, 1-3 people skipped the question. In determining which areas were most important, 9-11 people didn't respond. Finally, in deciding which areas to improve, 31-35 people skipped the question.

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WORSHIP

- The quality of the Mass is the area of most importance.
 - Of the two statements specific to the liturgy, responses showed that Masses that are prayerful, reverent and spiritually moving was the most important. Responses were mostly "Well" to "Extremely Well."
 - Masses that strengthen faith ranked second. There was a small percentage of about 14% who responded "Poorly" or "OK." But generally this was also seen as "Well" or "Extremely Well."
 - Homilies, also ranked second as most important, had a smattering of responses in "Not at All" to "OK" (<20%), but predominantly was seen as "Well" or "Extremely Well." 35% responded they would like to see homilies improved.
- 42% of the respondents would like to see improvement in the communal opportunities for Anointing of the Sick. Over 40% answered "Don't Know." Responses of "OK" and "Well" were equal at about 23% each.
- The second area viewed as needing improvement was in outreach to those of appropriate ages and inviting them into Sacramental Preparation. Responses from "Don't Know" to "OK" were fairly equal to the percentage of responses stating that the parish is doing "Well" to "Extremely Well" in this area.

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SERVICE

- 60% responded that an active parish in the community is the most important. 98% responded "OK" to "Extremely Well" in this area.
- Second in importance was the parish cooperates with Catholic Charities and others in the community to meet local needs. Most responses were favorable with a "Well" or "Extremely Well" rating.
- Ranked third in importance was the outreach offered to the poor and others in need. About 60% of the responses were "Well" to "Extremely Well."
- Three areas were equally ranked as the top areas of ministry to improve:
 - Respondents would like to see improvement in outreach/programs for the divorced, separated, seniors, single parents etc. The most common answer was "Don't Know" what the parish offers with "OK" being the second most common.
 - Common activity with neighboring parishes to foster outreach and care is mostly "Well" to "Extremely Well," though 12% responded "Don't Know" and 31% gave this an "OK."
 - The parish's relationship with major world religions is largely unknown (57%). Only about 17% answered "Well" or "Extremely Well."

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COMMUNITY

- A spirit of warmth and hospitality in the parish was overwhelmingly the top response with 67%. Most thought the parish was doing "Well" or "Extremely Well" in this area.
- Effective leadership is the second most important area, viewed as mostly "Well" or "Extremely Well." However, 41% identified this is an area they would like to see improved.
- Reaching out to parishioners about their talents and how to utilize them in their lives and parish ministries was deemed most important and also identified as an important area to improve. Responses were across the entire spectrum from "Don't Know" to "Extremely Well," with the most common being "OK" with 32%.
- The area most would like to see improved is the good use of communication tools, even though roughly 78% perceive this as going "Well" or "Extremely Well."


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WORD**Q13: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that are most important to you.**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Programs or activities are available to promote spiritual growth (Retreats, Missions, Bible Studies, Small Christian Communities)	41.51% 22	1
Faith Formation opportunities are available for all age levels and cultures represented in the community	32.08% 17	
Faith Formation reaches out to and is accommodating of those with physical and mental challenges	9.43% 5	
Ministries are constantly adapting in ways that are inviting to children, youth and young adults	41.51% 22	1
All events exhibit a spirit of welcome and invitation for those interested in becoming Catholic	22.64% 12	
Outreach is provided to non-practicing Catholics and the unchurched	15.09% 8	
New members of the parish are identified and welcomed	35.85% 19	3
Newcomers are able to find what they are looking for (office, bathrooms, information, etc.)	5.68% 3	
The parish encourages vocations to the ordained & lay ecclesial ministries and consecrated life	1.89% 1	
Opportunities exist that support vocations to the Sacrament of Matrimony	1.89% 1	
St. Joseph School is a vital ministry of the Auburn-N. Cayuga parishes	28.30% 15	
Tyburn Academy is an asset of our community	18.67% 10	
Total Respondents: 53		

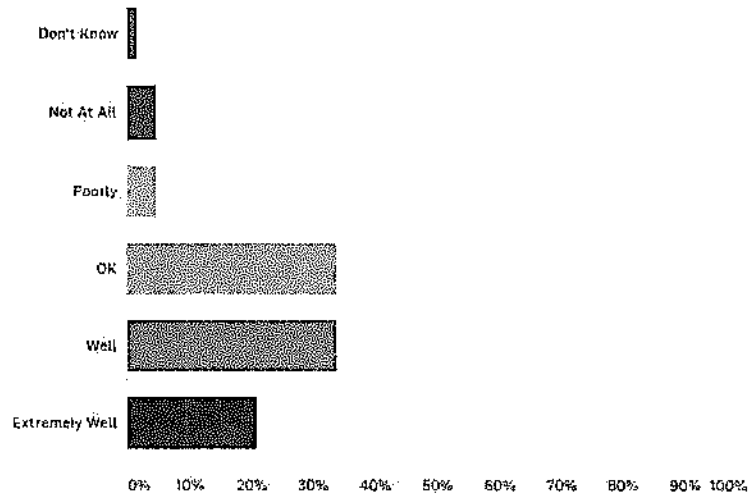
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Programs or activities are available to promote spiritual growth (Retreats, Missions, Bible Studies, Small Christian Communities)	24.24% 8	
Faith Formation opportunities are available for all age levels and cultures represented in the community	9.09% 3	
Faith Formation reaches out to and is accommodating of those with physical and mental challenges	9.09% 3	
Ministries are constantly adapting in ways that are inviting to children, youth and young adults	54.55% 18	1
All events exhibit a spirit of welcome and invitation for those interested in becoming Catholic	24.24% 8	
Outreach is provided to non-practicing Catholics and the unchurched	36.36% 12	2
New members of the parish are identified and welcomed	27.27% 9	3
Newcomers are able to find what they are looking for (office, bathrooms, information, etc.)	9.09% 3	
The parish encourages vocations to the ordained & lay ecclesial ministries and consecrated life	0.00% 0	
Opportunities exist that support vocations to the Sacrament of Matrimony	3.03% 1	
St. Joseph School is a vital ministry of the Auburn-N. Cayuga parishes	12.12% 4	
Tyburn Academy is an asset of our community	3.03% 1	
Total Respondents: 33		

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Q1: Programs or activities are available to promote spiritual growth (Retreats, Missions, Bible Studies, Small Christian Communities)

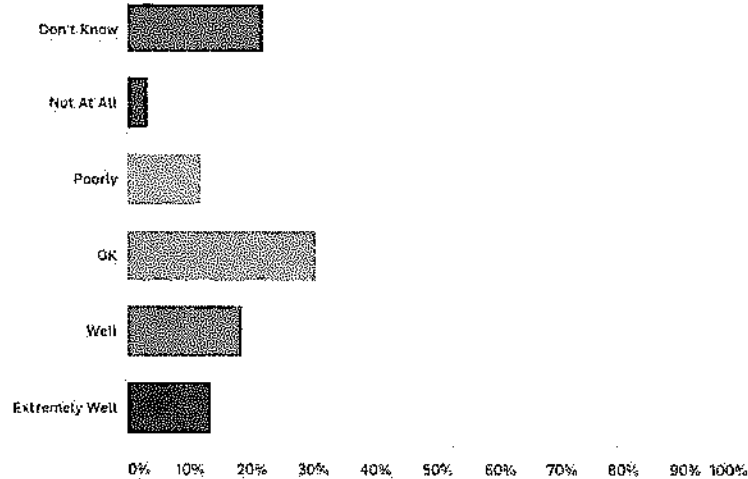
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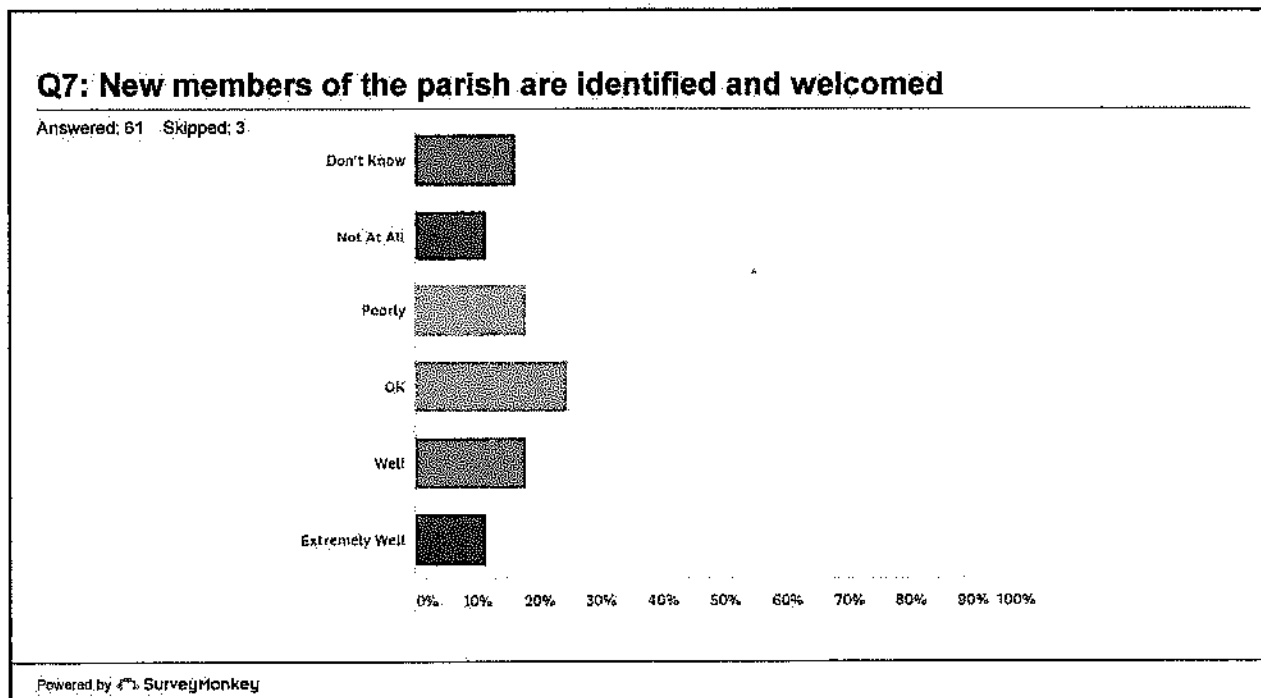
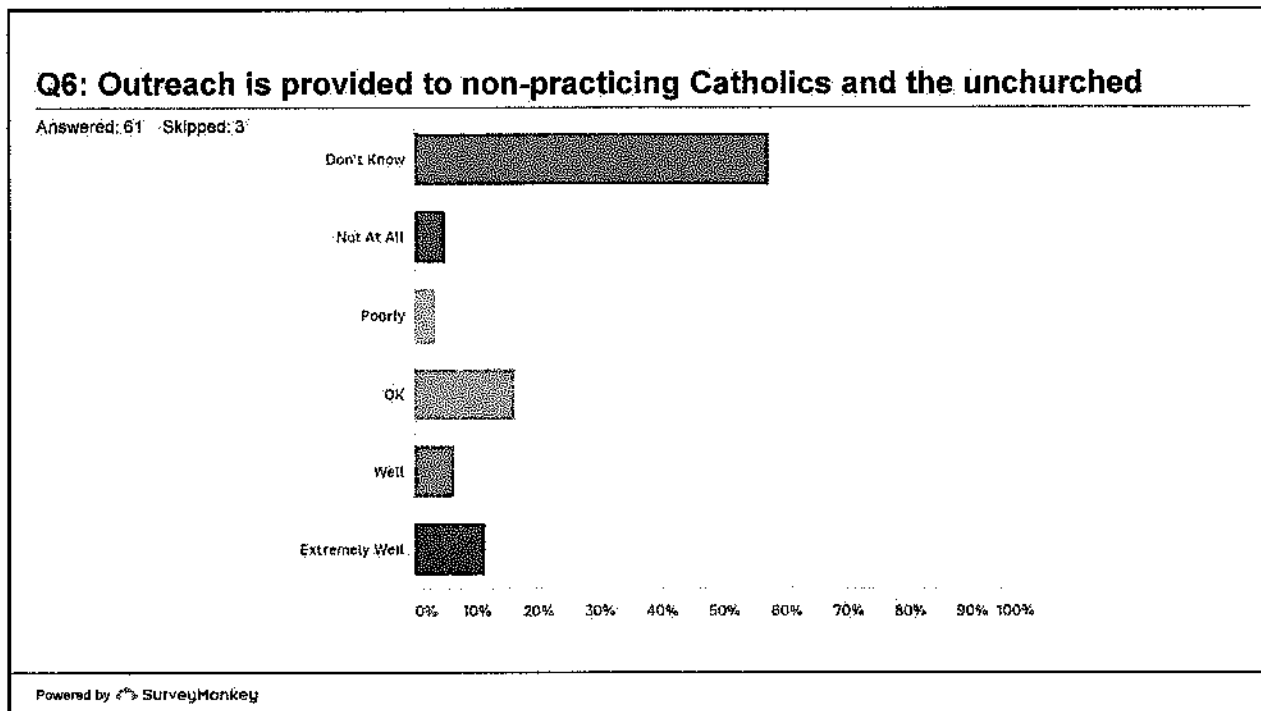
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Q4: Ministries are constantly adapting in ways that are inviting to children, youth and young adults

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WORSHIP
Q27: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that are most important to you.

Answered: 54 Skipped: 10

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Masses are prayerful, reverent and spiritually moving	53.70%	29 1
Masses strengthen my faith and prepare me to go out and live it	51.85%	28 2
The interior environment of the church creates a good atmosphere for worship	12.96%	7
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is regularly scheduled at a variety of times and is clearly published in several places	7.41%	4
There are communal opportunities for the Anointing of the Sick	11.11%	6
Homilies are scripture based, inspirational and effectively delivered	51.85%	28 2
The music ministry enhances the experience of worship with music that encourages full and active participation	27.78%	15
The parish reaches out to those of appropriate ages and invites them into Sacramental Preparation	9.26%	5
The parish creates an evangelizing baptism experience with hospitality from time of preparation through celebration of the sacrament	5.56%	3
Parishioners are supportive of the RCIA process and are invited to assist catechumens and candidates on their journey of faith	7.41%	4
Weddings are conducted with joy, optimism, personalization and a spirit of evangelization	5.56%	3
Funerals are conducted with reverence, sensitivity, comfort, personalization and a spirit of evangelization	14.81%	8
Total Respondents: 54		

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Q28: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that you would like to see improved

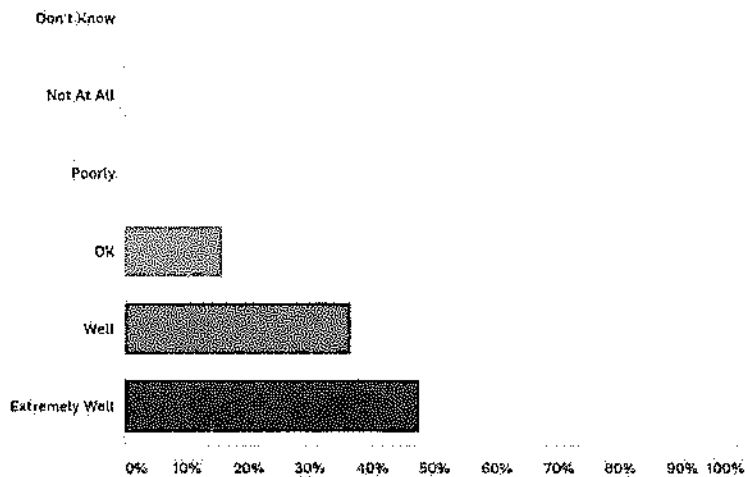
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Masses are prayerful, reverent and spiritually moving	6.45%	2
Masses strengthen my faith and prepare me to go out and live it	9.68%	3
The interior environment of the church creates a good atmosphere for worship	6.45%	2
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is regularly scheduled at a variety of times and is clearly published in several places	9.68%	3
There are communal opportunities for the Anointing of the Sick	41.94%	13 1
Homilies are scripture based, inspirational and effectively delivered	35.48%	11 2
The music ministry enhances the experience of worship with music that encourages full and active participation	16.13%	5
The parish reaches out to those of appropriate ages and invites them into Sacramental Preparation	35.48%	11 2
The parish creates an evangelizing baptism experience with hospitality from time of preparation through celebration of the sacrament	12.90%	4
Parishioners are supportive of the RCIA process and are invited to assist catechumens and candidates on their journey of faith	12.90%	4
Weddings are conducted with joy, optimism, personalization and a spirit of evangelization	0.00%	0
Funerals are conducted with reverence, sensitivity, comfort, personalization and a spirit of evangelization	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 31		

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Q15: Masses are prayerful, reverent and spiritually moving

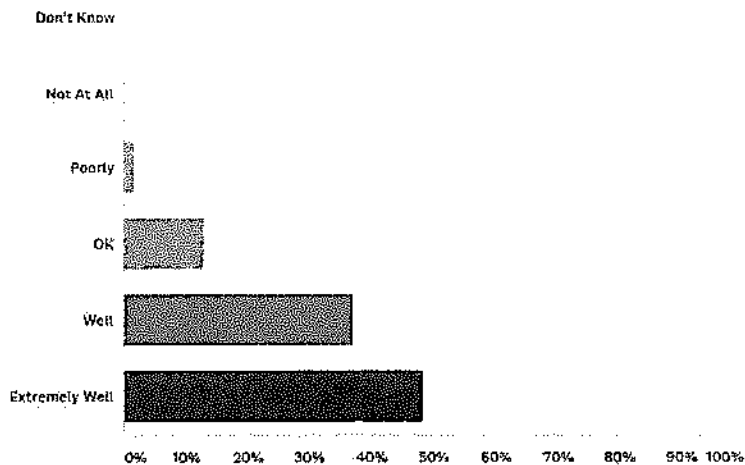
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Q16: Masses strengthen my faith and prepare me to go out and live it

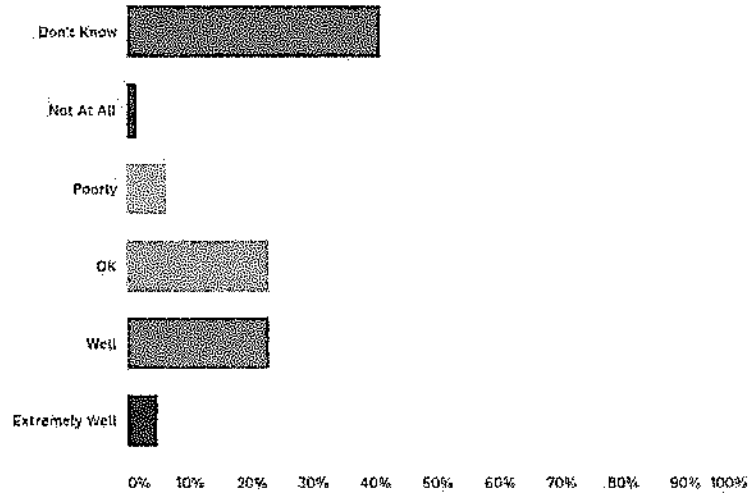
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Q19: There are communal opportunities for the Anointing of the Sick

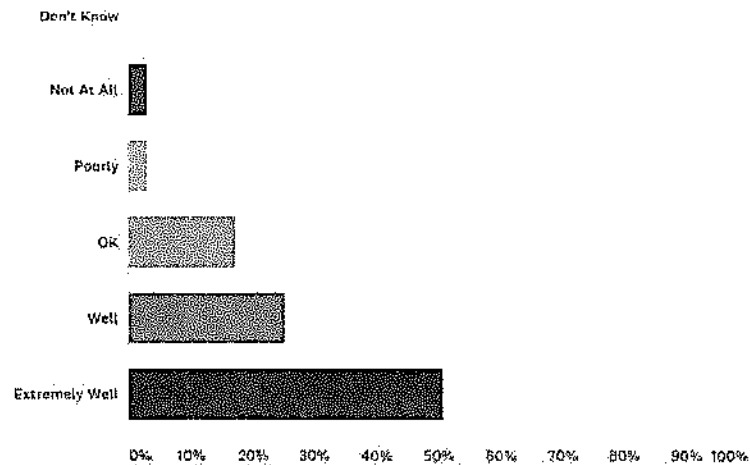
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Q20: Homilies are scripture based, inspirational and effectively delivered

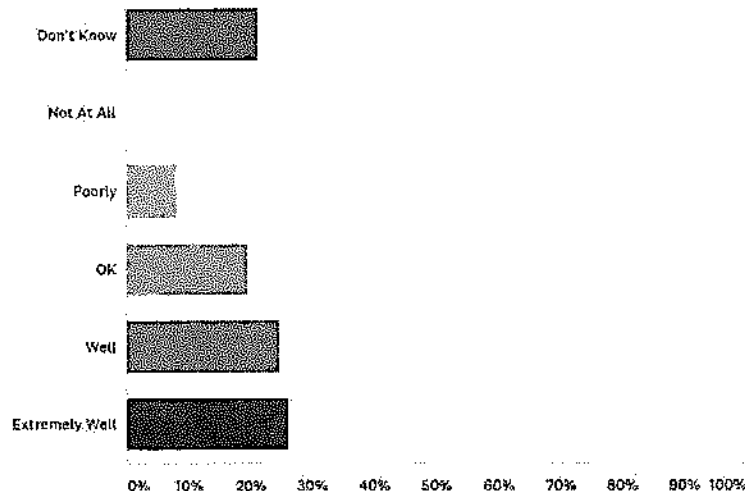
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Q22: The parish reaches out to those of appropriate ages and invites them into Sacramental Preparation

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SERVICE

Q38: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that are most important to you.

Answered: 53 Skipped: 11

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The mission of the parish is evident in all we do	26.42%	14
The parish is active in the community	60.38%	32 1
Outreach/programs are offered for people with specific needs; (divorced, separated, single parents, seniors, etc.)	26.42%	14
The parish promotes respect for human life	13.21%	7
Parishioners are encouraged to work for social justice	15.09%	8
The parish offers outreach to the poor, afflicted, lonely and refugees	30.19%	16 3
The parish cooperates with Catholic Charities and others in the community to meet local needs (food pantry, blood drives, etc.)	39.62%	21 2
The parish fosters outreach and care through common activity with neighboring parishes	18.67%	10
A relationship is nurtured with local leaders of other major world religions (Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism)	11.32%	6
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Q39: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that you would like to see improved

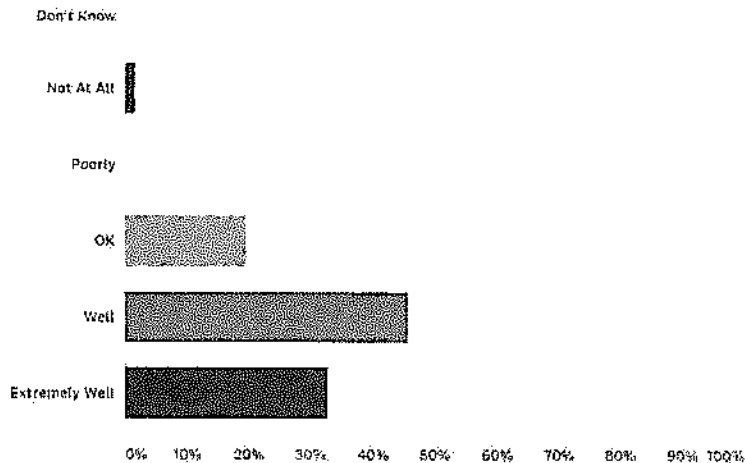
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The mission of the parish is evident in all we do	15.63%	5
The parish is active in the community	15.63%	5
Outreach/programs are offered for people with specific needs. (divorced, separated, single parents, seniors, etc.)	34.38%	11 1
The parish promotes respect for human life	3.13%	1
Parishioners are encouraged to work for social justice	15.63%	5
The parish offers outreach to the poor, afflicted, lonely and refugees	31.25%	10
The parish cooperates with Catholic Charities and others in the community to meet local needs (food pantry, blood drives, etc.)	9.38%	3
The parish fosters outreach and care through common activity with neighboring parishes	34.38%	11 1
A relationship is nurtured with local leaders of other major world religions (Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism).	34.38%	11 1
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Q30: The parish is active in the community

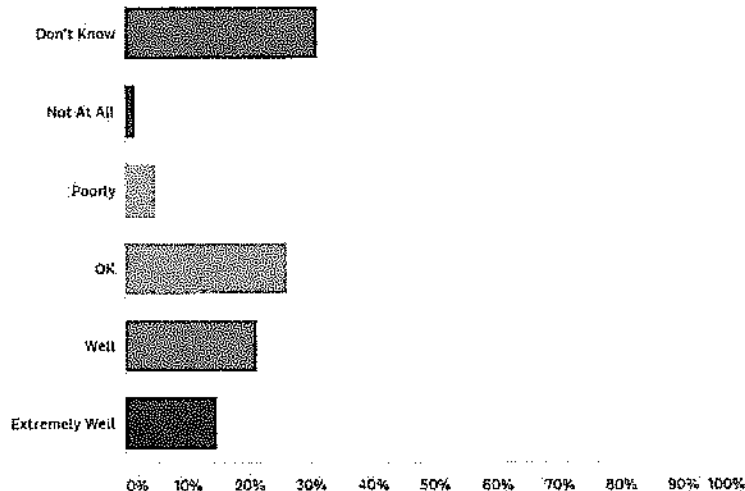
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Q31: Outreach/programs are offered for people with specific needs, (divorced, separated, single parents, seniors, etc.)

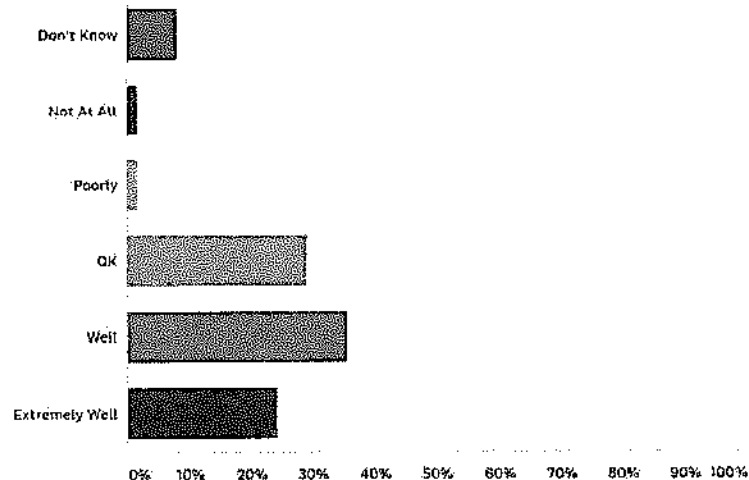
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Q34: The parish offers outreach to the poor, afflicted, lonely and refugees

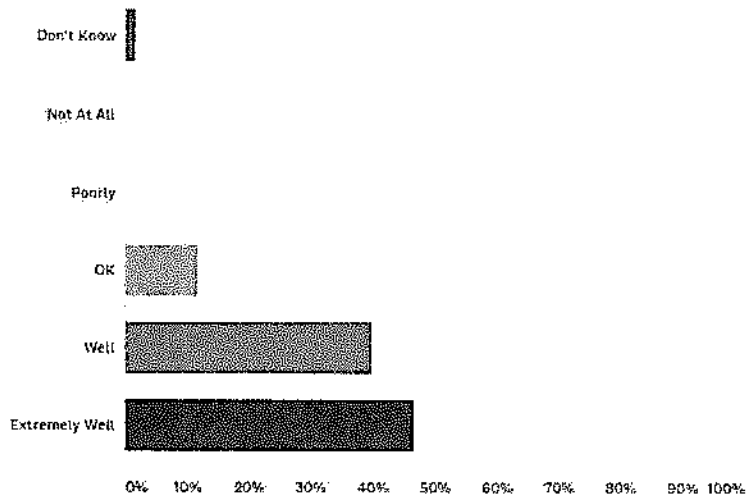
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Q35: The parish cooperates with Catholic Charities and others in the community to meet local needs (food pantry, blood drives, etc.)

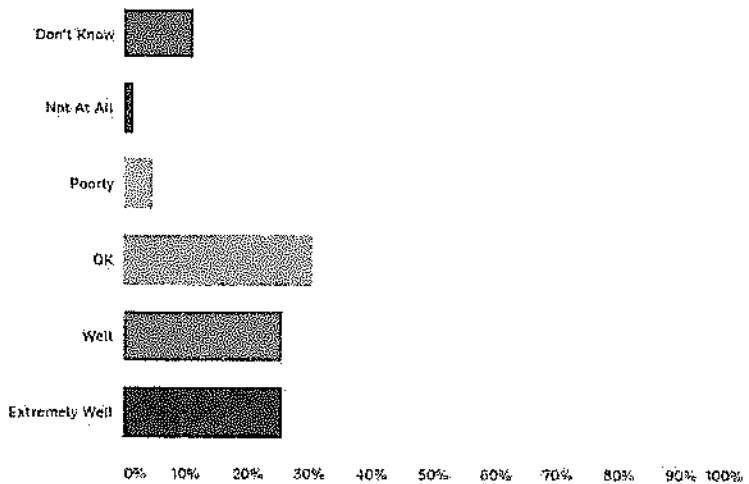
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Q36: The parish fosters outreach and care through common activity with neighboring parishes

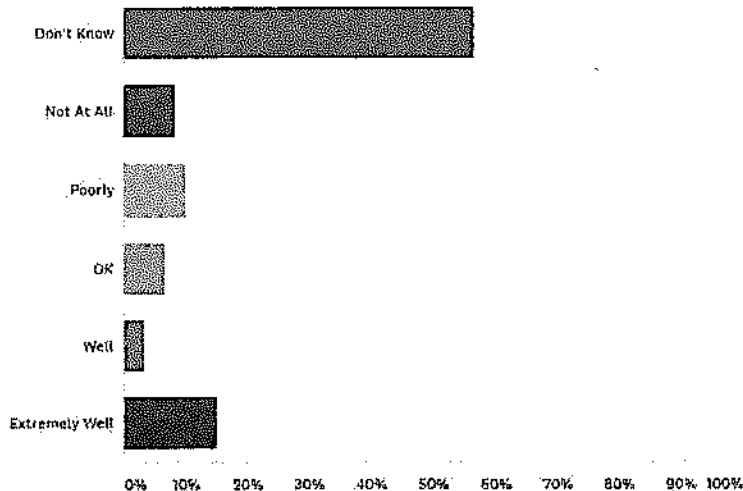
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Q37: A relationship is nurtured with local leaders of other major world religions (Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism)

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COMMUNITY

Q49: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that are most important to you.

Answered: 55 Skipped: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A spirit of warmth and hospitality is exhibited in the parish	67.27% 37	1
The parish exhibits sensitivity to religious diversity in families	7.27% 4	
An environment that values ethnic and cultural diversity is fostered in the parish	10.91% 6	
Efforts are made to discover parishioners' talents and invite their use in daily lives and parish ministries	30.91% 17	3
Attention is paid to the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and homebound	23.64% 13	
Support is offered for families who have experienced death and other forms of loss	20.00% 11	
The parish makes good use of communication tools (print, digital, etc.) to keep parishioners and others informed	20.00% 11	
An increasing number of members support the parish through stewardship	27.27% 15	
Effective Leadership is provided by our Clergy, Staff and Lay Leaders	38.18% 21	2
Total Respondents: 55		

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COMMUNITY

Q50: Please select the 2 or 3 areas of ministry that you would like to see improved

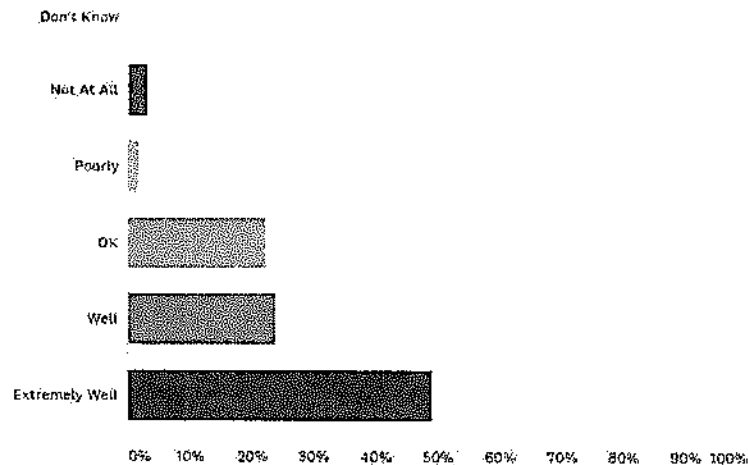
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A spirit of warmth and hospitality is exhibited in the parish	24.14%	7
The parish exhibits sensitivity to religious diversity in families	17.24%	5
An environment that values ethnic and cultural diversity is fostered in the parish	20.69%	6
Efforts are made to discover parishioners' talents and invite their use in daily lives and parish ministries	41.38%	12 2
Attention is paid to the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and homebound	10.34%	3
Support is offered for families who have experienced death and other forms of loss	6.90%	2
The parish makes good use of communication tools (print, digital, etc.) to keep parishioners and others informed	44.83%	13 1
An increasing number of members support the parish through stewardship	41.38%	12 2
Effective Leadership is provided by our Clergy, Staff and Lay Leaders	13.79%	4
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Q40: A spirit of warmth and hospitality is exhibited in the parish

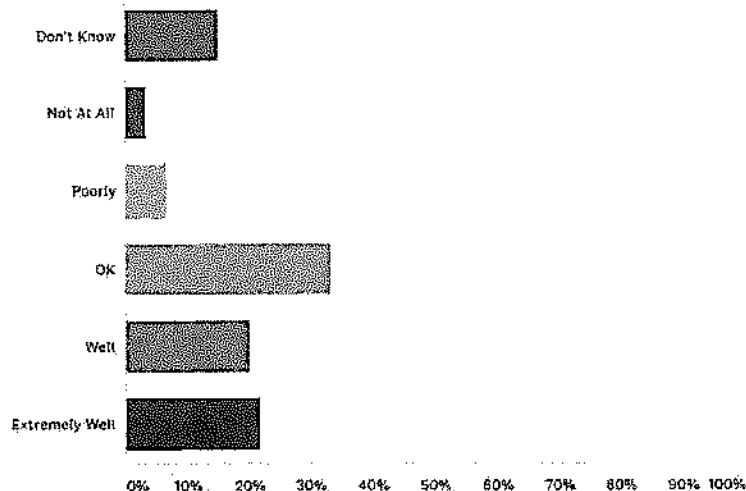
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Q43: Efforts are made to discover parishioners' talents and invite their use in daily lives and parish ministries

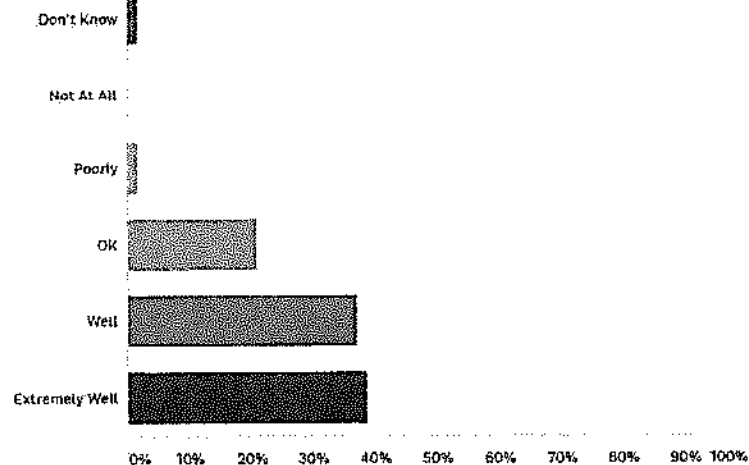
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Q46: The parish makes good use of communication tools (print, digital, etc.) to keep parishioners and others informed

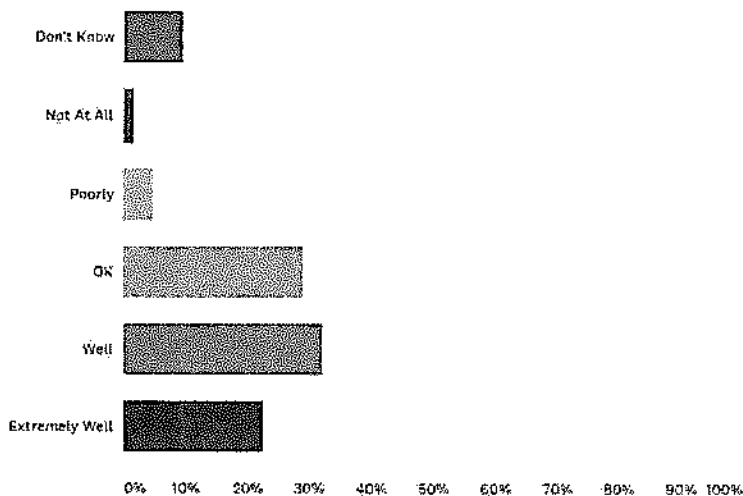
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Q47: An increasing number of members support the parish through stewardship (sharing their time, talent and treasure)

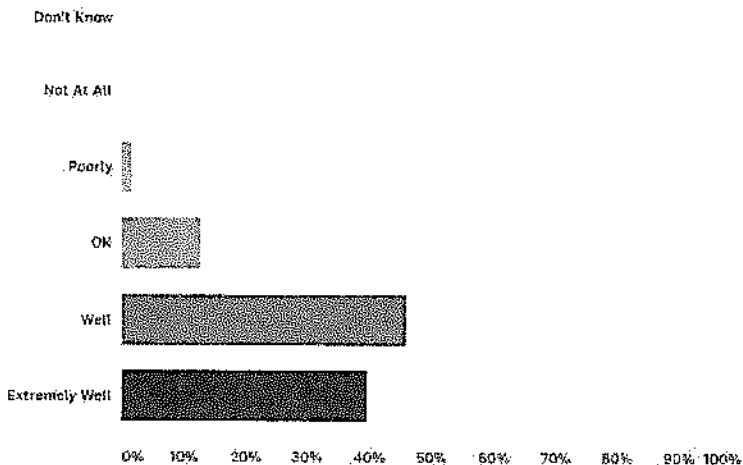
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Q48: Effective Leadership is provided by our Clergy, Staff and Lay Leaders


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Demographics of Survey Respondents

Demographics for Sacred Heart and St. Ann	
<u>Worship Site</u>	Sacred Heart Church (81%), St. Ann Church (19%)
<u>Relationship to the Parish</u>	Regular attendee, but not registered (6%), Registered parishioner (94%)
<u>How Active with the Parish</u>	No involvement beyond attending Mass (13%), Attend some parish events beyond Mass, but do not usually volunteer (37%), Member of staff, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Committee, Liturgical Ministry, Catechist or Regular Volunteer (50%)
<u>How Attached to the Parish</u>	Not At All (2%), Somewhat attached (19%), Very attached (79%)
<u>How Often Attend Mass</u>	Once a month (3%), 2-3 times a month (14%), Once a week (64%), More than once a week (19%)
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	African American (2%), Anglo/White/European (98%)
<u>Gender</u>	Female (69%), Male (31%)
<u>Marital Status</u>	Never married (8%), Married (70%), Divorced (2%), Widowed (20%)
<u>Age</u>	26-39 years (2%), 40-55 years (11%), 56-69 years (44%), 70 years and older (44%)

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