



## Listening Session Summary Report

**Location:** St. Bridget Catholic Church-Victor

**Date of Session:** November 14, 2018

**Facilitator:** Mark

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**Approximate number of participants:** 65

**Were small groups utilized?** yes no

**If so, how many small groups did you have?** 7

**Briefly describe the composition of the group (age/race/gender/ethnicity).** 13-90 years of age; white; mixture of male and female of equal proportional;

**Were there any impeding factors that could have limited attendance?** No

### Chapter Large Group Responses. List with bullet points.

**Chapter 1:** Foreign exchange students are invited to attend mass; food pantry collections; mass is recorded and replayed on local cable channel; visit the local nursing home; visiting with guests during our local parish dinners; World Day of Prayer luncheon; Blood drives; students collect items for birthing kits for three world countries; VIP bags-at Christmas students collect items to put in Christmas bags for homebound, recent widows or parishioners who are lonely at Christmas time and deliver them; Communion to homebound parishioners; send cards to homebound parishioners;

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**Chapter 2:** Spreading the word of Christ can be difficult due to people not knowing what they are talking about-misguiding views; Non church goers who "bash" or insult the church; Lost a lot of our fundamental structure; Social aspect-diminished activities on Sunday (no longer family day); People outside the church find Catholicism a joke-boring and strict; People of faith allow other people to dictate how we act as Catholics; People think it's easier to not go to church; Religion is not popular to talk about in school; The need to entertain during services-having screen time or not having something entertaining for kids; the topic of religion is considered sensitive; no welcoming to non-Catholic's or guests; not being exposed/expected to know the bible more than memorize prayers;

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**Chapter 3: Provide RCIA classes for multiple ages; Bible camps-Stubenville; Reconciliation; Youth Choir; Marion Bible Study; Soup suppers; Faith Formation Classes; Father Corey brings the Gospel Reading into the modern age by explaining them; Hard for cradle Catholics to teach others about the Bible; Religious Education classes; Challenge we face-differences in mind sets from the generations;**

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**Chapter 4: Visit nursing home; Buy Christmas presents for the poor/need; Hold food drives; Hold bake sales; Clothing drives; Visit children's hospitals; Blankets for the homeless; Food bank collections and sponsoring the food bank; prayer chain for the sick; Love Network tree-Christmas time collections for families to help with their Christmas lists; Taking communion out to the homebound or sick; Scouts help pick up trash along the roadways; Providing the luncheons for funerals; Knights of Columbus do a large variety of fundraisers for the local schools; Birthdays and anniversary's are listed in the bulletin; Make cards for the sick; Rice Bowl collections during Lent; School supplies are collected and delivered to the local schools; Bake cookies and deliver them to the elderly; Senior citizen meal is prepared and served;**

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**Chapter 5: Did not have time to complete;**

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### **Participant Surveys**

**Question 1: Yes=41; No=14; Did not answer=6; 4 did not hand in a survey**

**Question 2: Yes=18; No=33; Did not answer=10**

**Question 3: Yes=8; No=38; Maybe=2; Did not answer=13**

**Question 4: List responses with bullet points. The crisis of trust after Clergy abuse of youth and the subsequent cover up; Many practicing Catholics have not been adequately evangelized and are not equipped to be evangelized or feel they are not qualified to do so; find more ways to get more people involved in the mass; more local options to share concerns and plan events for current congregation members; Input from college graduates that had experiences of Newman Clubs; the need to improve our music participation and maybe have a little more pleasant music; how do we get those that are divorced or have other sexual orientations to come back to the church;**

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