

5-Year Pastoral Planning Team Update

Dear Parishioners:

A special thanks to all who completed our Parish Survey in January of this year. The data and information we gathered will help us examine our Parish's needs, strengths, weaknesses and challenges in planning for the future.

Tabulating and compiling the responses that were submitted was a labor intensive task. We are grateful so many responded to the survey. The survey is just one part of the data-gathering process for the planning team.

On the following pages, you will find a detailed report of the survey results. This valuable information will provide a basis for understanding. These results will give insights in creating a plan for continuing and enhancing our growth as a faith community.

Let us discuss and draw upon it to better understand our Parish and become stronger as a sharing community, ever mindful that it is our faith in Christ Jesus that makes each of us equal with each other (Colossians 3:11).

THANK YOU!



Parish Survey Summary

The Saints Peter and Paul Parish Survey was distributed to those attending mass on January 28-29, 2017.

The purpose was to obtain information and gain insights from our parishioners to help in planning for the next five years. All ages were encouraged to participate. Respondents could choose to remain anonymous.

The survey was conducted in two formats, on paper and online. Parishioners were encouraged to take survey forms to those not in attendance. An electronic reminder was also sent to encourage participation online.

The survey questionnaire had 6 parts: Section 1—General Questions, Section 2—Worship (Liturgy) Experience, Section 3 —Witness (Evangelization) Experience, Section 4 — Service (Charity) Experience, Section 5 — Fellowship (Agape) Experience, and finally, Section 6—Other Comments.

Who responded?

- There were **1197** total responses to the survey or **75% response rate** based on the average weekend mass attendance (1600 in 2016).
- **Parish Tenure:** 25% have attended 0-5 years. 14% have attended 6-10 years, 21% have attended 11-15 years, 36% have attended 16 years or more and 4% did not answer.
- **Mass Attendance:** 76% attend weekly, 8% attend bi-weekly, 7% attend monthly, 3% attend on Major Holidays, 1% attend yearly, and 5% did not answer.
- **Age Group:** 10% were 7-18 years old, 3% were 19-30 years old, 39% were 31-60 years old, 39% were 60 years old or older, and 9% did not answer.
- **Type of Catholic:** 6% converted as a youth, 9% converted as an adult, 70% are cradle Catholics, 2% are not Catholic, and 13% did not answer.

Legend

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- No opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

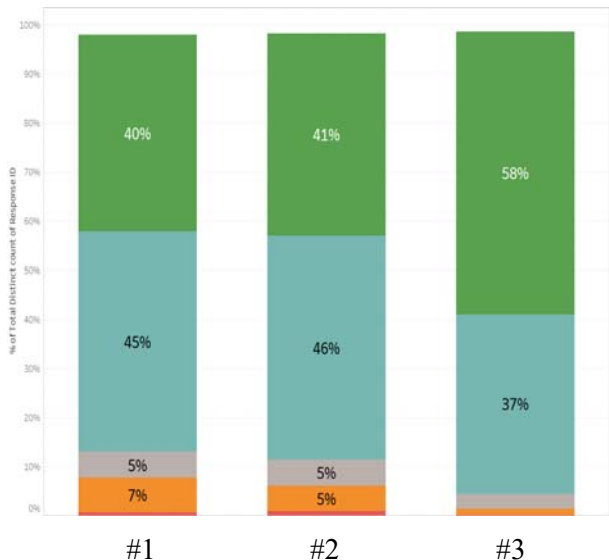
Section I: Overall Parish Experience

- #1: SS. Peter & Paul Parish currently meets my faith needs and shouldn't change.
- #2: SS. Peter & Paul Parish offers an ample amount of opportunity to engage and interact with other parishioners.
- #3: SS. Peter and Paul's campus is an inviting environment for my worship needs.

Open- Ended Insights (255 responses)

While most expressed satisfaction, many provided suggestions for growth which included:

- More welcoming to newcomers, mentoring
- Increase participation in parish ministries
- More parish wide social events
- Small groups in parishioner homes
- Evening and weekend activities
- Dynamic music and updated sound technology
- Interactive relationship of homilies to daily life incorporating humor.

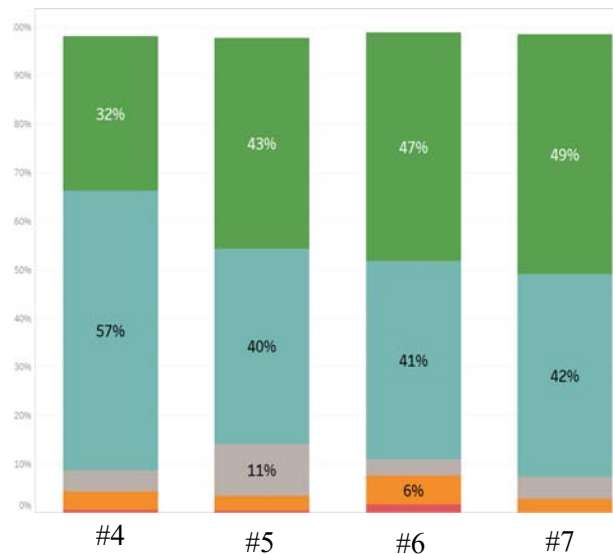


Section II: Worship (Liturgy) Experience

- #4: Homilies are thought provoking; they challenge me to critically think and examine my faith.
- #5: If desired, I have been given the opportunity to be actively involved in the mass related ministries.
- #6: The weekend mass times at SSPP are convenient for my schedule.
- #7: Weekend mass is an inviting environment and a main reason that SSPP is my parish.

Open- Ended Insights (259 responses)

- Mass times prompted 99 suggestions, all varied in desire for time.
- Most are satisfied with homilies. Desire uplifting message with practical suggestions for living Christian life.
- Music should be inspiring, easy to sing, praise, upbeat. Choir should be strong, leading the congregation.
- People generally like the projected words.
- Would like to see more youth involvement in music and mass

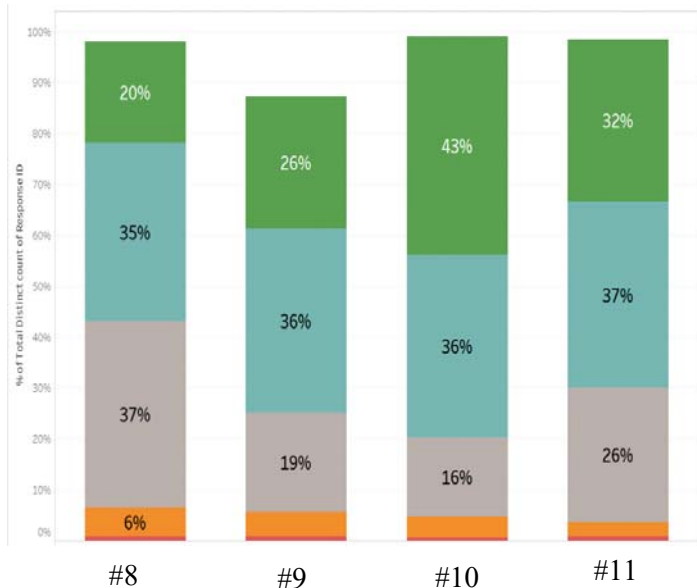


Section III: Witness (Evangelization) Experience

- #8: SSPP currently does a good job of working collaboratively with other faith communities in the area to ensure that those in need get to 'witness' the love of God and love of neighbor.
- #9: SSPP is currently doing a sufficient job of reaching out to new parishioners and providing an inviting environment.
- #10: SSPP is currently doing an adequate job with faith formation with our youth, young adults and adults.
- #11: SSPP is currently providing a robust program to initiate new members to our faith (RCIA).

Open- Ended Insights (255 responses)

- Many felt they didn't have the information to respond
- Young adult program needed to include outreach, service opportunities, bible study and social activities.
- Improve high school ministry: more organized activities, collaborate with other youth groups in the area
- Desire for year-round activities to help the poor.
- Better outreach and service to elderly and sick.
- Emphasize welcoming activities, including mentoring.



Section IV: Service (Charity) Experience

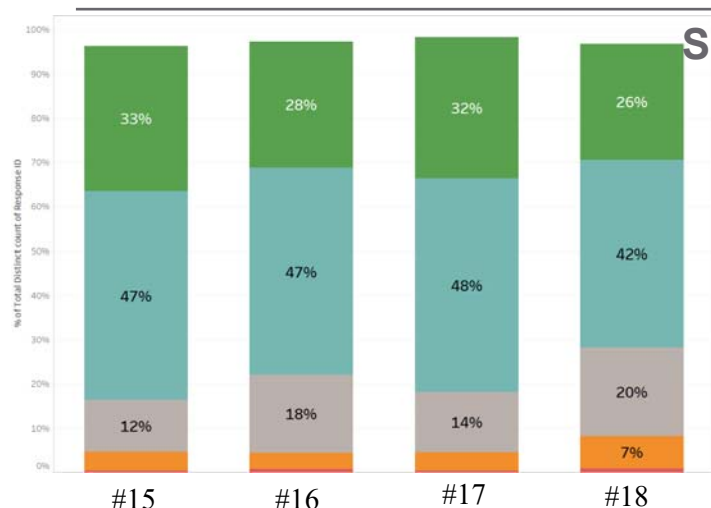
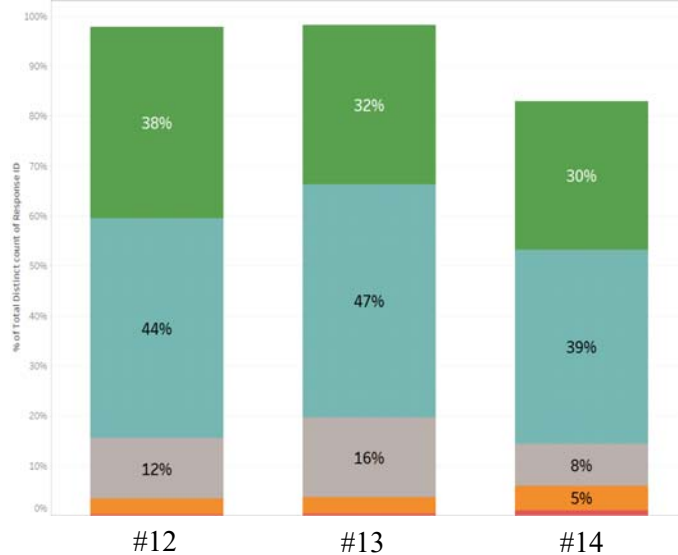
#12: Currently, SSPP has a variety of opportunities for me to get involved in a service ministry.

#13: Currently, SSPP offers service to our community in an appropriate and relevant matter.

#14: Currently, the parish communication is ample to ensure I am aware of service opportunities at SSPP.

Open- Ended Insights (162 responses)

- Increase services to our local area/Placer County.
- Year-round opportunities for service AT THE PARISH beyond Gathering Inn.
- More hands on involvement with charitable organizations
- More awareness/involvement with seniors, the sick, and shut-ins (i.e. home repairs, transportation, meals, and socializing)
- Visit nursing homes and hospitals. (Involve youth with seniors)
- Increase awareness of service opportunities with varied times/days



Section V: Fellowship (Agape) Experience

#15: SS. Peter & Paul offers parishioners ample opportunities to get involved in fellowship.

#16: SS. Peter & Paul is a faith community that is open to a variety of different faith enrichment opportunities.

#17: SS. Peter & Paul's current spiritual enrichment calendar offers a variety of days and times to work with my availability.

#18: Currently, the communication is ample to ensure that I am aware of spiritual enrichment opportunities that are available at SS. Peter & Paul Parish.

Open- Ended Insights (150 responses)

- More inviting/welcoming to new people joining existing groups (mentoring)
- More retreat days/weekend

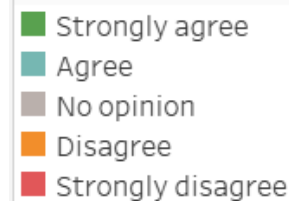
- Sports programs (i.e. hiking cycling) for families
- Comments regarding dates and times of spiritual enrichment reflected peoples' circumstances and availability. (evening/ weekend for working people, Mid-day activities for retirees/stay at home parents)
- Fellowship activity after 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:15 p.m. Sunday masses
- Generally, there was praise for current communications efforts, specifically Flocknotes, bulletin and website
 - Increase use of social media for parish communication (Facebook, Twitter)
 - Add details in bulletin, more announcements at mass
 - Fr. Bony mentioning activities from the pulpit
 - Personal invitation by parishioners (in person/telephone)
- Family activities after mass (esp. Sunday a.m.) Small groups to discuss faith/life questions
- Retreats for parents and teens, monthly family nights, activities for families with small children
- Couples ministry/date nights/couples fellowship
- Monthly family nights

Section VI: Other Open-Ended Comments

Some suggestions for improvement not addressed elsewhere included:

- More recruitment of EMCs (Extraordinary ministers of communion) and ushers
- Outreach program/personal visits with registered parish members who are not active
- Better awareness of special needs/disabled kids needs
- Form a teen band and have them play at mass with more contemporary music
- A.C.T.S. ministry (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service)
- Keep parish office open late one evening/week
- Christmas boutique to attract community to our premises (not just our parish)

Legend



Overall Assessment

- Overall, parish is doing well – high levels of satisfaction in many areas.
- We are a caring community – parishioners want to help the needy, want to do more, especially in our local community. People are unsure about how to get involved, what opportunities are available. More communication is needed.
- Parishioners want interaction and collaboration with other faith communities and other local Catholic Churches – pool resources to be more effective.
- We need better outreach and more engaging programs for our High School Youth and Young Adults.
- Parishioners desire a social connection, support for married couples, families, seniors. Social activities can be part of larger community outreach.
- Parishioners want our community to grow, as a welcoming environment with vibrant liturgy, including great music and great homilies.

Next Steps

Parish Survey

- Provide copies of 4 page Parish Survey Summary at all masses and parish office.
- Publish Parish Survey Summary with additional detail on the parish website.
- Present Parish Survey Summary to the parish at all four masses
- Conduct “open house” sessions with parishioners to answer questions

Additional Data Collection

- Survey parish staff (including Fr. Bony), parish council, ministry leaders, and key ministry volunteers
- Follow-up interviews with parish staff and others as needed
- Collect demographic data and financial data (may include survey or interview with Finance Committee)
- Gather information from other faith communities, Catholic churches, community programs in the area

Develop 5-Year Parish Pastoral Plan

- Review and assess data collected- SWOT: Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats or Concerns
- Review suggestions from the community for specific changes/improvements
- Formulate preliminary recommendations
- Conduct additional information-gathering sessions with key stakeholders (Parish Council, Finance Council, parish staff and ministry leaders)
- Present recommended plan to Parish Council for review
- Finalize plan based on Parish Council feedback
- Parish Council presents the plan to the parish – at mass, town hall meetings
- Implement plan

Conduct follow-up parish survey (to be done yearly to assess progress towards goals)

Continue to report progress to Parish Council at monthly meetings

Timetable

- Complete data gathering by **March 31, 2018**.
- Formulate preliminary recommendations by **June 30, 2018**, for initial review by Parish Council.
- Finalize plan by **October 31, 2018**.

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