



As you know, our Parish Survey was distributed and completed during the month of February of this year. Since then, much time and energy has gone into computerizing the response and organizing the data into actionable areas for each of the seven parts of the Survey: Worship, Stewardship, Peace & Justice, Evangelization, Religious Education & School, Youth, and Adult Formation.

I am grateful for your response and for the numerous comments, both pro and con, that you offered. It may surprise you to know that the final report was 65 pages in length.

The Staff and I have read and reread the report numerous times. A major portion of our Annual Staff Planning Week was devoted entirely to the survey. Each Staff Member focused on their specific area, and all of us together reviewed the response in light of our entire parish family. We discussed what actions we would take now, what we would defer to at a later time, and how best to present the information to the parish.

Throughout the next two months, I intend to devote a portion of our bulletin to convey this information to you. Each week we will present one of the seven parts of the survey. We will begin next week with Sacramental Worship.

All parts of the survey will reflect:

1. the percentages of the response for each question;
Example: Question 1 - 60% yes, 35% no, 5% unsure
2. a summary of the responses, and;
3. the goals needed to address concerns.

Finally, throughout the year, I or an appropriate Staff Member will periodically offer articles to help explain why we do some things, why we can't do others, the Church's position on certain issues, and, in general, provide a catechesis relating to the most commonly held comments.

When we began this undertaking, I asked you to prayerfully consider your responses as they could help determine the future efforts of our Parish. I again ask for your continued prayers, that we will be rightly guided as we try to move forward.

Father Richard