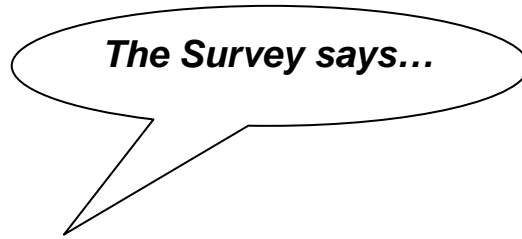


Peace & Justice – Parish Survey



Question #1

Our parish does a good job of being active and involved in issues of social justice?

<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
8%	59%	8%	25%

Summary

- There seems to be information available. However there is no one source for information.

Question #2

Do you agree that we should extend a welcome to parishioners who are recent immigrants?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
92%	1%	7%

Summary

- The overwhelming consensus was yes. However there were many comments that expressed the “welcome” was affected by the legality of the immigrants.

Question #3

Do you agree that we should have more parish education on peace and justice?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
46%	12%	42%

Summary

- There were many comments concerning the types of issues that could be addressed. Some parishioners expressed a desire to hear about these issues from the pulpit.

Question #4

Do you think we, as a parish, should sponsor/respond to efforts of peace and justice?

<u>Yes</u> 60%	<u>No</u> 4%	<u>Unsure</u> 34%
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Summary

- The main thrust of the “YES” responders was to make sure whatever is done does not have a political agenda. A lot of responders were not sure what issues qualify as “peace & justice”.

Question #5

Would you be willing to participate in this activity?

<u>Yes</u> 23%	<u>No</u> 34%	<u>Unsure</u> 43%
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Summary

- Most responders indicated that time and the nature of the activity would be a hindrance to actual involvement.

Question #6

Are you aware that our parish hosts the “JustFaith” program to promote social justice education and awareness?

<u>Yes</u> 47%	<u>No</u> 53%
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Summary

- Of the responders who were aware of the program, most felt the time commitment was prohibitive.

Goals

- Form a committee with representatives from other ministries to educate parishioners using workshops, bulletin announcements and information from other parishes in the area. This committee will have bulletin and web site space to promote global, national and local issues of social justice. Particular attention should be paid to issues that affect our parishioners.
- Have priests address current issues of social justice within the context of a homily.
- Workshop Encounters: continue hosting social and spiritual events designed for face to face interaction among our parishioners.
- Promote the “JustFaith” program within the parish. Provide opportunities for parishioners to be involved on a short or one time basis.
- Have the individuals who have participated in “Just Faith” and now belong to “Beyond JustFaith” speak to other ministries about their work and encourage involvement.