

Diocese of St. Petersburg

Parish Survey for Deanery Planning Process

With the declining number of priests, shifts in demographics, and the challenges of available resources the Diocese of St. Petersburg has initiated a planning process to better position the local deaneries to serve the people of the local parishes and faith communities. This survey is one of the first steps in which people of each parish are invited to offer their input into the current status of life in their parish. The purpose of this survey is to help the parish gather information as well as get insight into the status and perspective of those who complete this survey.

This survey may be taken anonymously. There is an opportunity at the end of this survey to supply personal information if you wish to be contacted. Please review the instructions for each section and complete as directed.

Section 1 – Parish Life – Parishioner Status

Please **check** the appropriate answer, or, **fill in** the answer where space is provided.

Name of Parish _____ Date _____

1. Are you registered at this parish?
Yes _____ No _____ Do not know _____

2. If so, how long have you been registered at this parish?
 - a. _____ Less than 2 years
 - b. _____ 2-5 years
 - c. _____ 6-10 years
 - d. _____ More than 10 years

3. Location of your home. ZIP/Postal Code: _____

4. Your age:
 - a. _____ Less than 20
 - b. _____ 20-29
 - c. _____ 30-39
 - d. _____ 40-49
 - e. _____ 50-59
 - f. _____ 60-69
 - g. _____ 70-79
 - h. _____ 80 or more

5. Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

6. Size of your household:
 - a. _____ 1
 - b. _____ 2
 - c. _____ 3
 - d. _____ 4
 - e. _____ 5
 - f. _____ 6
 - g. _____ 7
 - h. _____ 8
 - i. _____ 9
 - j. _____ 10+

7. Vocation:
- | | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| a. _____ Single | d. _____ Religious |
| b. _____ Married | e. _____ Divorced |
| c. _____ Widowed | |
8. Are you a seasonal parishioner (participating in parish life during a portion of the year)? Yes _____ No _____
9. I attend Sunday mass...
- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. _____ Every Sunday | d. _____ 1 Sunday a month |
| b. _____ 3 Sundays a month | e. _____ Less than 1 Sunday per month |
| c. _____ 2 Sundays a month | |
10. **Optional** – My cultural background is...
- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. _____ White – Anglo | f. _____ Filipino |
| b. _____ Hispanic | g. _____ Haitian |
| c. _____ African American | h. _____ Native American |
| d. _____ Vietnamese | i. _____ Other |
| e. _____ Korean | |

Section 2 – Parish Life – The Present

Please review each numbered statement below. Then, rate the importance of the statement given by selecting one of the following choices listed below the statement:

- Very Important
- Important
- Not Important

Second, rate how well your parish does for each parish element described in the statement by selecting one of the following choices located below each statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

A comment space is available for you to use for each statement as well as at the end of the survey.

My parish provides Mass for Sundays and Holy Days

11. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

12. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

13. Comments _____

My parish provides Mass every day

14. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

15. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

16. Comments _____

My parish provides other worship services (liturgy of the hours, devotions, novenas, exposition/adoration, etc.)

17. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

18. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

19. Comments _____

My parish encourages all people to participate actively in Mass

20. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

21. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

22. Comments _____

My parish invites parishioners to serve in designated ministries for Mass (servers, readers, ushers, hospitality, etc.)

23. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

24. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

25. Comments _____

My parish provides the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation regularly

26. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

27. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

28. Comments _____

My parish emphasizes community and individual growth in holiness

29. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

30. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

31. Comments _____

My parish warmly welcomes new people into the parish

32. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

33. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

34. Comments _____

My parish provides for the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and homebound

35. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

36. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

37. Comments _____

My parish participates in local ecumenical activities (activities that promote friendly relations between faiths, or, promote Christian unity)

38. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

39. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

40. Comments _____

My parish respects and embraces the different ethnic heritages present in the parish and community

41. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

42. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

43. Comments _____

My parish calls active Catholics to a deeper faith

44. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

45. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

46. Comments _____

My parish reaches out to the youth of the parish

47. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

48. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

49. Comments _____

My parish invites non-practicing Catholics back to the Church

50. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

51. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

52. Comments _____

My parish reaches out to people not participating in any church

53. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

54. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

55. Comments _____

My parish prepares people to receive the sacraments

56. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

57. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

58. Comments _____

My parish makes the Gospel real by applying to the issues of our lives

59. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

60. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

61. Comments _____

My parish provides faith formation for students and young people

62. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

63. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

64. Comments _____

My parish provides faith formation for adults on a regular basis

65. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

66. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

67. Comments _____

My parish sponsors and/or supports ministries that reach out to the poor and marginalized

68. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

69. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

70. Comments _____

My parish provides help for those in need, when it can

71. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

72. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

73. Comments _____

My parish assists in obtaining help for those in need when parish itself cannot provide the help

74. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

75. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

76. Comments _____

My parish reaches out to parishioners with special needs (i.e. - widowed, separated/divorced, single parents, physically or mentally challenged, etc)

77. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

78. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

79. Comments _____

My parish invites people to share in the responsibility of leading the parish

80. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

81. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

82. Comments _____

My parish provides periodic financial reports for the parish

83. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

84. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

85. Comments _____

My parish is financially secure

86. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

87. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

88. Comments _____

My parish maintains its property and buildings

89. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

90. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

91. Comments _____

My parish is supported primarily by offertory contributions

92. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

93. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

94. Comments _____

My parish has adequate facilities for the size and population of the parish

95. Rate the importance of this statement:

- Very important
- Important
- Not Important

96. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Does not exist in my parish
- Do not know

97. Comments _____

Section 3 – Parish Life – The Future

All parishes in the participating deaneries are being asked to complete the following question:

Let us imagine for a few moments that you lived in an area where there were 4 Catholic parishes with a total of 5 priests, and, it became certain that next year only 3 priests will be available.

98. What would you recommend be done for the spiritual vitality of the people in these four parishes?

- a. Keep all four parishes open
- b. Close one or more of the parishes
- c. Merge two or more of the parishes together
- d. I do not know

