

**Appendix I: Response Frequencies to All Questions**



**Response Frequencies for Parish Life Survey for Our Cluster of Catholic Churches  
St. Catherine's, St. Francis Xavier's, St. Joseph's  
CARA – Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate**

There were 435 respondents in the Parish Life Survey at Our Cluster of Catholic Churches. Unless otherwise specified the percentage giving each response, calculated out of 100 percent is shown below. The percentages not responding (NR) is shown separately, also calculated out of 100 percent.

*Please use these responses for the questions below.*

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>1=Poor</b>                             | <b>3=Good</b>      |
| <b>2=Fair</b>                             | <b>4=Excellent</b> |
| <b>Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable</b> |                    |

*Please evaluate these aspects of parish life.*

- | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4  | NR |   |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|
| 1 | 10 | 61 | 28 | 5  | 1. Our Cluster of Catholic Churches overall   |
| 4 | 22 | 49 | 25 | 6  | 2. Sense of community within Our Cluster  |
| 2 | 12 | 52 | 34 | 5  | 3. Masses and liturgies in general  |
| 2 | 25 | 50 | 23 | 12 | 4. Vision provided by Our Cluster leaders   |
| 4 | 20 | 53 | 23 | 9  | 5. Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith                                     |
| 4 | 14 | 54 | 28 | 11 | 6. Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the Cluster/parishes |
| 5 | 29 | 46 | 21 | 15 | 7. Outreach to and advocacy for those in need                                       |
| 7 | 32 | 45 | 17 | 15 | 8. Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing  |

*Please evaluate the following persons and programs.*

- | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4  | NR |  |
|---|----|----|----|----|--|
| 3 | 10 | 40 | 47 | 5  | 9. Pastor  |
| 1 | 10 | 52 | 36 | 25 | 10. Pastoral Associate   |
| 2 | 11 | 40 | 47 | 14 | 11. Friendliness of the parish staff at St. Catherine/St. Francis Xavier |
| 2 | 10 | 38 | 50 | 29 | 12. Friendliness of the parish staff at St. Joseph                       |
| 5 | 10 | 37 | 48 | 9  | 13. Director of Music  |
| 1 | 5  | 41 | 53 | 6  | 14. Weekly bulletin  |
| 2 | 11 | 44 | 44 | 31 | 15. Cluster website  |
| 5 | 25 | 49 | 21 | 18 | 16. Social activities  |

*Please evaluate parish outreach to these groups.*

- | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | NR |   |
|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| 8  | 21 | 46 | 25 | 34 | 17. Children (ages 4 to 12)             |
| 3  | 12 | 47 | 38 | 34 | 18. Teens (ages 13 to 17)               |
| 14 | 29 | 40 | 18 | 37 | 19. Young adults (ages 18 to 35)        |
| 10 | 30 | 45 | 15 | 31 | 20. Adults (ages 36 to 64)              |
| 9  | 27 | 43 | 22 | 30 | 21. Senior citizens (ages 65 and older) |
| 17 | 39 | 32 | 12 | 41 | 22. Single adults                       |
| 12 | 29 | 40 | 19 | 30 | 23. Married couples                     |
| 21 | 38 | 29 | 12 | 43 | 24. Those divorced or separated         |
| 17 | 37 | 33 | 14 | 46 | 25. Single parents                      |
| 12 | 33 | 40 | 15 | 41 | 26. Widows or widowers                  |
| 7  | 25 | 43 | 25 | 35 | 27. Those grieving                      |
| 8  | 26 | 42 | 25 | 32 | 28. Those sick or homebound             |
| 10 | 32 | 42 | 16 | 43 | 29. Those in financial need             |
| 12 | 32 | 41 | 15 | 34 | 30. New parishioners                    |
| 9  | 31 | 44 | 16 | 31 | 31. Visitors and guests                 |

Using the numbers for items 17-31 above, to which three groups should the parish give most priority for outreach?  
NR for Qs 32 to 34=46

*Please evaluate these areas of weekend Masses overall for the Mass you most regularly attend.*

- | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4  | NR |                                     |
|---|----|----|----|----|-------------------------------------|
| 2 | 7  | 49 | 41 | 7  | 35. Weekend Masses in general       |
| 2 | 10 | 47 | 42 | 6  | 36. Hospitality or sense of welcome |
| 2 | 5  | 47 | 46 | 9  | 37. Decorations and environment     |
| 5 | 13 | 40 | 41 | 6  | 38. Music                           |
| 3 | 10 | 45 | 42 | 8  | 39. Homilies                        |

*Please evaluate the following faith formation and school personnel and programs.*

- | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | NR |   |
|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| 21 | 24 | 35 | 20 | 36 | 40. Director of Religious Education                         |
| 10 | 20 | 44 | 25 | 45 | 41. RCIA (process for adults to enter the Church)           |
| 9  | 24 | 39 | 28 | 41 | 42. Sacramental preparation programs for children and youth |
| 13 | 24 | 38 | 26 | 42 | 43. Children's religious education/formation                |
| 4  | 8  | 42 | 46 | 41 | 44. Youth ministry program                                  |
| 4  | 7  | 38 | 51 | 39 | 45. Director of Youth Ministry                              |
| 8  | 11 | 46 | 35 | 42 | 46. Divine Providence Academy overall                       |
| 6  | 9  | 40 | 45 | 48 | 47. Principal of Divine Providence Academy                  |
| 6  | 12 | 39 | 44 | 47 | 48. Quality of teaching at Divine Providence Academy        |
| 10 | 27 | 44 | 19 | 44 | 49. Faith formation for adults                              |

*Please evaluate parish/Cluster efforts to:*

- | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | NR |  |
|----|----|----|----|----|--|
| 2  | 22 | 53 | 23 | 11 | 50. Communicate with parishioners                          |
| 5  | 23 | 49 | 23 | 15 | 51. Invite you to participate in parish/Cluster life       |
| 12 | 38 | 38 | 12 | 14 | 52. Help you to meet other parishioners                    |
| 6  | 25 | 50 | 18 | 20 | 53. Invite you to participate in parish/Cluster ministries |
| 6  | 26 | 47 | 21 | 18 | 54. Offer a Catholic view on current issues                |
| 5  | 27 | 48 | 20 | 23 | 55. Foster spiritual growth                                |
| 12 | 24 | 45 | 19 | 26 | 56. Meet the needs of those with disabilities              |

*Please evaluate the following aspects of parish life after our three parishes have been clustered together.*

- | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | NR |   |
|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| 2  | 11 | 58 | 29 | 25 | 57. Sharing our parish ministerial staff (such as our Pastoral Associate, Youth Minister) |
| 10 | 15 | 46 | 29 | 11 | 58. Our shared weekend Mass schedule  |
| 3  | 10 | 57 | 30 | 24 | 59. Our shared weekday Mass schedule  |
| 10 | 16 | 44 | 30 | 38 | 60. Our shared religious education program for children                                   |
| 2  | 11 | 46 | 40 | 38 | 61. Our shared youth ministry program   |
| 8  | 15 | 48 | 29 | 38 | 62. Our shared First Reconciliation/First Eucharist preparation program                   |

32. \_\_\_\_\_ 33. \_\_\_\_\_ 34. \_\_\_\_\_

Please use these responses for the questions below.

**1=No Priority                      3=Medium Priority**  
**2=Low Priority                    4=High Priority**  
**Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable**

What **priority** do you give the following for the parish?

**1 2 3 4 NR**

- 4 24 51 21 19 63. More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration  
4 33 44 19 24 64. More small group prayer opportunities  
7 13 30 51 29 65. Divine Providence Academy  
2 6 40 52 29 66. Children's religious education/formation (kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
3 4 36 58 27 67. Youth ministry (high school age youth)  
4 10 40 46 29 68. Young adult ministry  
3 16 50 30 25 69. Adult faith formation  
1 14 49 35 21 70. Providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy  
3 10 42 45 22 71. Ministry to those grieving  
2 7 40 51 21 72. Visitation of the sick and homebound  
3 11 44 43 21 73. Developing a deeper sense of community at Our Cluster

Using the **numbers** for items 63-73 above, to which three needs should the parish give **most priority**?

**NR for Qs 74 to 76=39**

74. \_\_\_\_\_. 75. \_\_\_\_\_. 76. \_\_\_\_\_.

Please use these responses for the questions below.

**1=Strongly Disagree              3=Somewhat Agree**  
**2=Somewhat Disagree          4=Strongly Agree**  
**Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable**

Please **respond** to the following about parish life.

**1 2 3 4 NR**

- 2 5 38 56 6 77. I am made to feel welcome at this parish  
2 9 45 43 13 78. I feel included in parish life  
5 24 45 26 15 79. Our Cluster has come together as one community  
3 6 32 59 49 80. I am able to find transportation to the other Cluster locations when needed  
5 14 35 46 16 81. I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor  
6 15 45 35 18 82. I feel well informed about what goes on in the Cluster  
1 2 24 74 11 83. I listen to the announcements at Mass  
1 4 35 61 13 84. The bulletin effectively communicates issues related to parish life  
17 8 21 55 29 85. I have visited the Cluster website at least once in the past year for information  
36 12 20 32 39 86. I use parish social media (Facebook, Twitter) as a source of information  
9 9 24 59 22 87. I support having Divine Providence Academy continue being one of Our Cluster's major priorities  
28 10 14 47 78 88. *If applicable*: I am seriously considering sending my child(ren) to Divine Providence Academy

Please **respond** to the following about stewardship.

**1 2 3 4 NR**

- 2 7 36 55 18 89. I understand the concept of stewardship  
9 23 53 16 36 90. I want to volunteer more for this parish/Cluster  
15 28 35 23 37 91. I would volunteer more if someone personally invited me

92. About how **frequently** do you currently attend Mass?

- 1 1. Never or rarely 23 4. Almost every week  
1 2. A few times a year 59 5. Every week  
4 3. Once or twice a month 13 6. More than once a week  
**NR=8**

93. *Excluding your Mass attendance*, how many **ministries or activities** are you involved with at this parish?

- 33 1. None 32 3. Two to four  
30 2. One 6 4. Five or more **NR=12**

94. In which of the following are you registered?

**Please select only one option.**

- 37 1. St. Catherine's 5 4. I regularly attend here but am *not* registered  
12 2. St. Francis Xavier's  
40 3. St. Joseph's 6 5. I am a visitor **NR=4**  
(If you are not registered, please contact the parish office.)

95. In a typical week, when are you **regularly most available** to participate in parish activities such as committees and adult education? **Select only one.**

- 57 1. Weekday evenings 7 3. Saturday afternoons  
7 2. Saturday mornings 30 4. After the Mass you attend  
**NR=33**

Please answer "**yes**" or "**no**" to the following questions.

**Yes No NR**

- 21 79 22 96. Have any of your children attended Divine Providence Academy in the past 5 years?  
25 75 25 97. Have any of your children attended religious education classes here in the past 5 years?  
12 89 23 98. Have you attended adult religious education classes here in the past 5 years?  
78 22 35 99. *Respond only if married*: Will/did your spouse also complete this survey?

**Avg NR**

1962 14 100. Year you were *born*: \_\_\_\_\_ (4-digit year)

101. Gender: 43 1. Male 57 2. Female **NR=7**

102. What **best** describes your current marital status?

- 11 1. Single, never married 3 3. Divorced or separated  
77 2. Married or remarried 9 4. Widowed **NR=9**

**Number of your children or stepchildren living with you who are: Leave blank if none or not applicable.**

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138 103. Age 12 or younger 73 104. Ages 13 to 17

**Thank you for completing this survey.**

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