

SACRED HEART PARISH

Self-Evaluation Results

March 2015



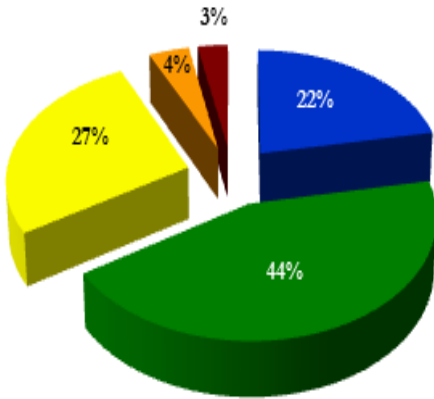
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council I would like to thank you for helping us set and work on a vision for Sacred Heart Parish for years to come. It is so important to us that so many parishioners gave us their feedback and input. The information has already been given to the parish staff and is being disseminated to the different committees and councils. The different groups are given the charge to come up with goals and objectives for the area for the next three to five years. In this way, we will have focused ministry that responds to your needs. Enclosed is a snapshot of what we received from you. Together we make up the risen Body of Christ where everybody matters. For more detailed information feel free to go to our webpage at sacredheartegf.net/surveysummary.

Your brother in Christ,

Msgr. Mike Foltz

Religious Education



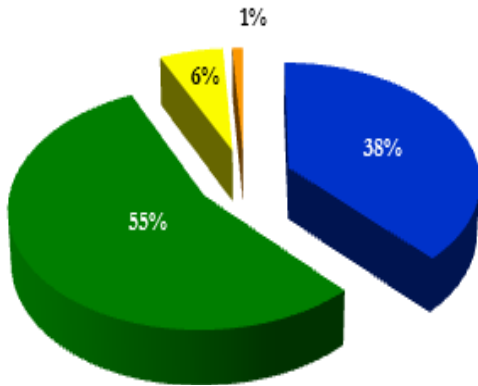
Comment Analysis

Participants recognize the challenge of finding quality instructors.

Instruction is generally seen as positive.

Safety concern about kids running into the streets at end of the program.

Church Bulletin

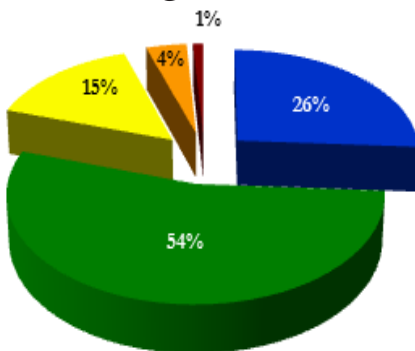


The bulletin is seen as very informative.

Many positive comments about recent improvements in the bulletin.

Select comments questioning the accuracy of some data in the bulletin.

Welcoming Environment



Overall the environment is seen as welcoming.

The addition of greeters is seen as positive but they need to be better trained.

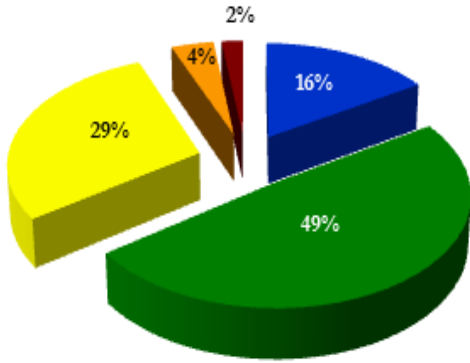
Comments about perceptions of insiders vs. outsiders.

Comments about Sacred Heart School families vs. Public School families.



Comment Analysis

Youth Ministry



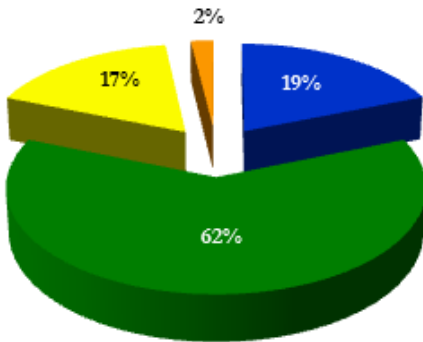
Turnover in the leadership of this program is seen as a problem.

The new leadership in the program is seen as a positive.

Participant comments about making youth involvement a priority for this program.

The challenge of reaching all students was presented.

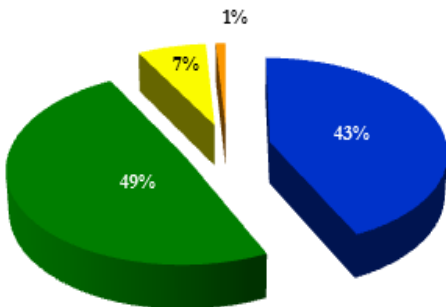
Parish Communications



Most participants feel that communications has improved and is good at this time.

Some participants commented on also using social media and e-mail communicate parish news.

Weekend Masses



The priests are seen as a plus to the Parish.

The music is generally seen as positive.

Some participants recommended potential use of technology during Mass.

Attendance and participation are seen as challenges.

Comment Analysis

Sacred Heart Could Improve By:

- Offering more programming and retreats.
- Getting more people involved.

Helping you become more involved in the parish.

- The general perception is that there is good involvement.
- Some suggest getting retirees more involved, they have the time.
- Others felt that recent improvements in parish operations would generate new interest in getting involved.

Closer relationship between you/ your family and Christ.

- Several suggestions to expand local programming such as workshops and retreats.
- Others support continuing the new programs recently started in the parish.
- Still others suggested to make all feel welcome.

Greatest challenges facing the parish.

- Meeting long-term financial obligations.
- Getting and keeping the young involved.

Bringing back non-practicing Catholics.

- Many participants urged prayer and keeping the doors open for those who have fallen away.
- Some respondents suggested following the Holy Fathers path of acceptance.
- Other respondents suggested personal visits by the clergy to those who have fallen away.

The Light of Christ in the community.

- Some respondents urged that we enhance our presence in the community by working with the poor and marginalized.
- Others suggested that we get all of our parish youth involved in community service projects.

Sacred Heart Strategic Planning Initiatives

- 1. Continue to make improvements to the culture of the parish.**
-Pastoral Council
- 2. Create opportunities for students from the parish to work together on joint projects.**
-Youth Ministry Committee
- 3. Continue to improve and promote the Religious Education program.**
-Religious Education Committee
- 4. Expand involvement of parishioners in the social precepts of the Catholic church.**
-Life & Justice Committee
- 5. Continue to build a welcoming and hospitable environment in the parish.**
-Liturgy Committee
- 6. Increase communication using social media, web pages and e-mails to communicate with members of the Parish.**
-Parish Office Staff
- 7. Explore ways to enhance our Masses.**
-Liturgy Committee
- 8. Explore ways to increase involvement in the parish.**
-Stewardship Committee
- 9. Stabilize the financial strength of the parish.**
-Finance Committee
- 10. Enhance our evangelization efforts.**
-Adult & Faith Formation