

Serving God's People

DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG

Parish Survey - 2010

With the declining number of priests, shifts in demographics, and the challenges of available resources the Diocese of St. Petersburg has initiated a diocesan wide planning process. The purpose of this initiative is to develop new strategies and structures within the diocese to better serve the local 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 by your Parish Leadership Team. 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?
 - a. _____ Yes, less than 2 yrs
 - b. _____ Yes, 2-5 yrs
 - c. _____ Yes, 6-10 yrs
 - d. _____ Yes, more than 10 yrs
 - e. _____ No, not registered
 - f. _____ I do not know/ not sure

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

3. 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

4. Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

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

6. Vocation:
 - a. _____ Single
 - b. _____ Married
 - c. _____ Widowed
 - d. _____ Priests, deacons and religious
 - e. _____ Divorced

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

Section 2 – Parish Life – The Present

Please review each 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
- No opinion

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
- No opinion

A comment space is available for you to use at the end of the survey.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

My parish actively participates in the Sacramental Life of the Church

10. Rate the importance of this statement: _____ Very important _____ Important _____ Not important _____ No opinion	11. 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
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My parish encourages full active participation in the Eucharist

<p>12. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>13. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish encourages people to participate in the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation regularly

<p>14. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>15. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish encourages and provides for participation in other worship services (liturgy of the hours, devotions, novenas, exposition/adoration, etc.)

<p>16. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>17. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish invites and trains parishioners to serve in designated ministries for Mass (servers, readers, ushers, hospitality, etc.)

<p>18. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>19. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish provides for the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and homebound

<p>20. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>21. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish emphasizes community and individual growth in holiness

22. Rate the importance of this statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Very important <input type="checkbox"/> Important <input type="checkbox"/> Not important <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion	23. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know
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My parish respects and embraces the different ethnic heritages present in the parish and community

24. Rate the importance of this statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Very important <input type="checkbox"/> Important <input type="checkbox"/> Not important <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion	25. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know
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EVANGELIZATION

My parish warmly welcomes new people into the parish

26. Rate the importance of this statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Very important <input type="checkbox"/> Important <input type="checkbox"/> Not important <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion	27. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know
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My parish invites in-active Catholics, and, people not participating in any church to our parish

28. Rate the importance of this statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Very important <input type="checkbox"/> Important <input type="checkbox"/> Not important <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion	29. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know
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LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

My parish prepares children and adults to participate in the Sacramental Life of the Church

30. Rate the importance of this statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Very important <input type="checkbox"/> Important <input type="checkbox"/> Not important <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion	31. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know
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My parish models and applies the Gospel to issues in our daily lives

<p>32. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>33. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish has effective faith formation programs for children, youth and young adults, which respects and builds upon ethnic and cultural realities

<p>34. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>35. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish provides faith formation for adults on a regular basis which respect and build upon ethnic and cultural realities

<p>36. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>37. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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

<p>38. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>39. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish reaches out to parishioners with special needs (i.e. - widowed, separated/divorced, single parents, physically or mentally challenged, etc)

<p>40. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>41. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish participates in local ecumenical and interfaith activities (activities that promote mutual respect and understanding between faiths, or promote Christian unity)

<p>42. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>43. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish promotes and encourages good stewardship of time, talent and treasure

<p>44. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>45. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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ADMINISTRATION

My parish invites people and provides training for leadership responsibilities in the parish

<p>46. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>47. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish provides periodic financial reports for the parish

<p>48. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>49. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish is financially secure and maintains its property and buildings

<p>50. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>51. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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My parish has adequate facilities for the size and population of the parish

<p>52. Rate the importance of this statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Very important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No opinion</p>	<p>53. Rate how well your parish does for the parish element described in the statement:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not exist in my parish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not know</p>
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Section 3 – Parish Life – The Future

All parishes in the diocese 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 4 priests, and, it became certain that next year only 3 priests will be available.

54. 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

Section 4 – (Optional) Contact Information and Comments

55. For any additional comments you wish to share or use the back of the page:

56. Concerning the Living Eucharist initiative, check which statement applies to you.

- I have read the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter, *Living Eucharist Gathered, Nourished, Sent*
- I have seen the companion DVD to the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter
- I belong to a Small Christian Community
- I have attended a Living Eucharist conference in the past
- I participate in adult formation in my parish

57. If you wish to be contacted regarding this survey, please give the following information:

Name _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____