



CARA'S TYPICAL SURVEY FORMAT AND FREQUENTLY-USED QUESTIONS

This document presents what a typical Parish Life Survey looks like, including its typical length and some questions typically used by parishes. THIS DOCUMENT IS COPYRIGHTED and is the property of CARA. The questions below may not be copied or used without the express permission of CARA.

This questionnaire will help us to better understand the needs and concerns of [Parish Name] parishioners and to plan for the future. Your individual response is extremely important. Please respond by marking an "X" in the appropriate boxes below.

Please use these responses for the questions below.
1=Poor **3=Good**
2=Fair **4=Excellent**
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

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

- 1 2 3 4**
- 32. Hospitality or sense of welcome
 - 33. Liturgical decorations and environment
 - 34. Music
 - 35. Homilies
 - 36. Weekend Mass schedule

Please evaluate these aspects of parish life.

- 1 2 3 4**
- 1. [Parish Name] Parish overall
 - 2. Sense of community within the parish
 - 3. Masses and liturgies in general
 - 4. Vision provided by parish leaders
 - 5. Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith
 - 6. Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the parish
 - 7. Outreach to and advocacy for those in need or distress
 - 8. Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing

Please evaluate parish efforts to:

- 1 2 3 4**
- 37. Communicate with parishioners
 - 38. Nurture your relationship with Jesus Christ
 - 39. Foster spiritual growth
 - 40. Offer a Catholic view on current issues
 - 41. Help you practice gospel values in your daily life
 - 42. Meet people's spiritual needs
 - 43. Invite you to participate in parish ministries
 - 44. Manage parish finances

Please evaluate the following persons and programs.

- 1 2 3 4**
- 9. Leadership provided by the pastor
 - 10. Friendliness of the parish office staff
 - 11. Children's religious education programs
 - 12. Youth ministry
 - 13. Faith formation for adults
 - 14. Social activities

Please use these responses for the questions below.
1=None **3=Some**
2=Only a Little **4=High**
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

Please evaluate parish outreach to these groups.

- 1 2 3 4**
- 15. Children (ages 4 to 12)
 - 16. Teens (ages 13 to 17)
 - 17. Young adults (ages 18 to 35)
 - 18. Senior citizens (age 65 and older)
 - 19. Single adults
 - 20. Married couples
 - 21. Those divorced or separated
 - 22. Single parents
 - 23. Those sick or homebound
 - 24. Those grieving
 - 25. Those in financial need
 - 26. Inactive Catholics
 - 27. New parishioners
 - 28. Visitors and guests

What priority do you give the following for the parish?

- 1 2 3 4**
- 45. Children's religious education/formation
 - 46. Youth ministry
 - 47. Adult faith formation
 - 48. Young adult ministry
 - 49. Providing retreat opportunities
 - 50. More small group prayer opportunities
 - 51. More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration
 - 52. Outreach to inactive Catholics
 - 53. Ministry to the divorced and separated
 - 54. Ministry to those grieving
 - 55. Visitation of the sick and homebound
 - 56. Providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy
 - 57. Developing a parish sense of community

Using the numbers for items 15-28 above, to which three groups should the parish give most priority for outreach?

Using the numbers for items 45-57 above, to which three needs should the parish give most priority?

29. _____ 30. _____ 31. _____

58. _____ 59. _____ 60. _____

