

Some possible points to make in presenting survey (not necessarily in order)

Purpose: To get to know our parishioners better: --Awhile ago, all parishioners were invited to a series of meetings to provide input on how they see the future of the parish. One of the recommendations was to establish a database of the gifts, capabilities and experience represented by our parishioners.

The ushers are handing out questionnaires are being handed out to everyone 12 years of age or older. If anyone would prefer a copy in French/English, just let the usher know. By participating in this survey, you will provide the input needed for this database.

Saint Lukes is a thriving, active and spiritual parish. We depend on the involvement of parishioners to help provide nourishing liturgies, faith formation for children, sacramental preparation, adult growth in faith, youth activities, community-building and social events, outreach to those in need, and more.

If a lot of people each do a little, then no one has to do too much.

Helping to send out the newsletter, serving refreshments or helping put up the stage for the Multicultural Festival, or perhaps giving an opinion in your area of professional expertise might involve a one-time commitment of not more than an hour or two. Other things, for example, helping with children's liturgy, might involve a more regular commitment.

We encourage you to get involved. Besides helping with something worthwhile, you'll get to know some nice people and might gain some new skills or experience.

Even if you don't have the time or desire to get involved right now, please fill out the survey anyway, for the parish database.

The database will be accessed only by a small number of people in the parish office.

Review of the questions: (Once everyone has a copy)

Q.1: We all have different gifts. In question 1, please put a check mark in front of each item that you have talent or training or experience in. You may have abilities that aren't listed. For example, perhaps you have experience writing articles, or you are fluent in a foreign language, or you've been part of a marriage preparation team, or you have some other area of skill or experience... If so, please let us know by writing them under "other", at the end of the list.

Q.2: The next 2 questions ask about your availability.

In question 2, please check the statement that best applies to your situation. Even if you cannot take on any additional commitments at this time, please fill out the rest of the survey anyway. What we are asking for here is ***your best current indication*** of your availability to help out in some way. It **is not a commitment**. If someone calls from the church to invite you to help out in some area and meanwhile your situation has changed, you can always say 'no' at that time and no one will try to pressure you.

And please don't feel insulted if no one calls. It may be that the areas you put down are already covered at the current time.

In question 3, please indicate one or more time periods when it is likely that you could be available. If you are too busy right now, try to indicate the periods you are most likely to be available when you do have more time. Checking more than one time period tells us that you have flexibility in terms of when you could be available,

Q.4: Please indicate the various types of activity that you would consider helping with. Don't be afraid to check a number of different activities. Checking a bunch of different activities will ***not*** be seen as an interest in helping with everything that you check! But the more choice you give, the greater the chance of putting your skills to work in the area where they would be most appreciated.

Q5: This is important. Please make sure to print your name, phone number and other contact information.

The ushers will be coming around to pick up your completed questionnaires

Thanks for your cooperation, and we hope to have a chance to get to know many of you better.