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Executive Summary

The All Saints Parish Life Survey was designed by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University. Most of the questions were derived from CARA's database of nationally tested questions, with some questions designed specifically for the parish. The parish distributed the questionnaire to those attending its liturgies over one weekend in December 2017. In all, there were 480 valid responses, with an additional three respondents under age 16 not included in the analysis.

Major findings can be summarized as follows:

Demographic Characteristics

- The average age of valid respondents to the in-pew survey at All Saints Parish is 58. Half are 61 or younger.
- CARA divides Catholics into four generations, reflective of the age categories used by many other social scientists. The most common generation at All Saints Parish is the Vatican II Generation, ages 57 to 74 in 2017.
- Sixty percent of respondents to the survey are female and 40% are male. About two in three (65%) say they are currently married or remarried. Fourteen percent have never married, 11% are divorced or separated, and 10% are widowed. Some 17% report having at least one child or stepchild under age 18 living with them.
- Some 31% have attained a high school diploma or less, 27% have attended some college or have an associate's degree, and 42% have a bachelor's or graduate degree.

Religious Characteristics of Respondents

- On average, respondents have attended the parish for 18 years, with half having attended 10 years or more.
- Some 76% identify the parish as their primary place of worship and 62% say they are registered there. Eleven percent say they regularly attend the parish but are *not* registered and another 23% identified as a visitor on the weekend of the survey.

Assessment of Parish Life and Needs

- Nearly all (97%) give All Saints Parish overall a positive evaluation (“good” and “excellent” combined). Some 71% rate it as “excellent.”
- Fully 96% at least “somewhat” agree that they feel included in parish life, with 63% agreeing “strongly” that they do.
- More than two in three respondents report being attracted to the parish “very much” by the following: its open and welcoming spirit (83%), the quality of the preaching (82%), the sense of belonging they feel there (80%), the quality of the liturgy (77%), and its commitment to social justice and peace (68%).
- The following needs related to community, social justice, and passing along the faith to the next generation are especially likely to receive high priority from responding parishioners: developing a parish sense of community (74%), providing services for the poor (74%), providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy (73%), youth ministry (71%), children’s religious education/formation (70%). Seven in ten or more give each of these needs “very much” priority.
- Respondents were also invited to choose from a predetermined list the three needs to which the parish should give most priority. The top six they listed are children’s religious education, youth ministry, providing services for the poor, providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy, collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society, and developing a parish sense of community.
- Fully 82% agree at least “somewhat” that they want to be more involved in parish life. Twenty-nine percent “strongly” agree that they want more involvement.

Leadership

- Ninety-five percent give a positive evaluation to the vision provided by parish leaders, with 63% rating it as “excellent.” The leadership provided by the pastor receives an “excellent” rating from 85%, with the leadership of the Parish Team receiving as high a rating from 68%.
- Eighty-two percent “strongly” agree they would feel comfortable talking with the pastor.
- Forty-four percent agree “strongly” that the Parish Pastoral Council keeps parishioners informed about its work and deliberations.
- Nearly six in ten (58%) “strongly” agree that parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision making at the parish.
- Sixty-one percent rate efforts to manage parish finances as “excellent.”
- Some 76% give an “excellent” rating to the friendliness of the parish office staff.

Worship

- Masses and liturgies in general receive a positive evaluation from 97% of respondents. Seventy percent rate them as “excellent.”
- About eight in ten rate the hospitality or sense of welcome at weekend Masses (83%) and the homilies (79%) as “excellent.” Some 67% give as high of a rating to the music.
- Those regularly attending Masses at the parish were invited to choose the one they most regularly attend. The most commonly identified Mass is Sunday at 10:30 a.m., with 42% identifying that as their regular Mass. Ten percent say they do not regularly attend Mass at any of the times and so are considered visitors to the parish.
- Some 64% attend Mass at least once a week and another 30% attend almost every week. Mass attendance varies some by generation, with those of the oldest generations (84%) most likely to attend at least once a week.
- Thirty-five percent give “very much” priority to the parish providing more small group prayer opportunities. Having more opportunities for devotions, such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration, receives “very much” priority from 34% of respondents.
- Some 66% report regularly spending time in personal prayer more than once a week during the past year. Another quarter (26%) do so at least once a month.

Sense of Community

- The sense of community within the parish receives a positive rating from 96% of respondents. Sixty-seven percent give it an “excellent” rating.
- Social activities receive an “excellent” rating from 55% of respondents.
- Developing a parish sense of community receives “very much” priority from 74% of respondents.

Formation

- Parish efforts to educate parishioners in the faith receive a positive evaluation from 96% of respondents, with 69% giving these efforts an “excellent” rating.
- Efforts to foster spiritual growth receive an “excellent” rating from 67% of respondents. Some 72% rate as “excellent” efforts to nurture one’s relationship with Jesus Christ, with 63% rating efforts to help them practice gospel values in their daily lives as highly.
- Seventy-one percent rate youth ministry as “excellent,” with 65% rating children’s religious education programs as highly.

- Two in three (67%) report having spent time learning more about their faith at least once a month in the past year. Some 48% say they have read the Bible that frequently.
- Twenty-five percent say they have attended adult faith formation classes at the parish in the past five years. Faith formation for adults receives an “excellent” rating from 61%.
- Some 58% place “very much” priority on adult faith formation. Providing retreat opportunities receives as high of a priority from 29%.

Stewardship

- Fully 94% agree at least “somewhat” that they understand the concept of stewardship, with 66% agreeing “strongly” that they do.
- Parish efforts to encourage parishioners to share their time, talents and treasure with the parish receive a positive evaluation from 96%. Seventy-four percent rate these efforts as “excellent.”
- Three in four (74%) rate parish efforts to invite participation in ministries as “excellent.”
- Nearly half (48%) agree “strongly” that the parish should ask people to do more than simply come to Mass.
- More than half of All Saints respondents report being involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish besides attending Mass (54%). More than a third are involved with two or more (35%).

Evangelization and Parish Outreach

- Efforts to spread the Gospel/evangelize receive a positive rating from 94% of respondents. Some 58% give these efforts an “excellent” rating.
- On average, more than six in ten responding parishioners say they have invited someone to attend a parish worship service or activity at least once in the past year (63%). Nearly six in ten (57%) say they have talked to someone about their faith at least once a month in the past year.
- Some 53% give “very much” priority to reaching out to inactive Catholics.

Social Justice

- Outreach to and advocacy for those in need receives a positive rating from 96% of respondents. Seventy-five percent rate these efforts as “excellent.”
- Providing parish services to the poor (74%) and providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy (73%) receive “very much” priority from about three in four. About six in

ten place as much priority on collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society (65%) and to working for justice and peace globally (60%).

- Visitation of the sick and homebound receives “very much” priority from 65%. Fifty-eight percent place as much priority on ministry to those grieving.

Facilities

- Nearly six in ten (56%) agree at least “somewhat” that current parish facilities will not adequately satisfy the needs of the parish in 10 years. Twenty-one percent “strongly” agree that the facilities will be inadequate.
- Just over half “strongly” agree that the parish needs more space for parking (53%). Two in ten agree as strongly that the parish needs more space for parish meetings, activities and other functions.
- Some 42% agree “strongly” that parish facilities are accessible to those with physical disabilities. Those of the two older generations are particularly likely to “strongly” agree.
- Three in four (74%) agree at least “somewhat” that they would help support a building program. Thirty-one percent “strongly” agree that they would.

Parish Communications

- Parish efforts to communicate with parishioners receive a positive evaluation from 95% of respondents, with 65% rating these efforts as “excellent.”
- Responding parishioners are particularly likely to say the following are “very” effective ways of communicating parish news to them: Sunday bulletins (82%), announcements read at Mass (70%), fliers and brochures in the church (60%) and the parish’s quarterly newsletter (58%).

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Introduction

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Interpreting This Report

Most of the questions in this survey use four point response scales ("not at all," "only a little," "somewhat," "very much"; or "poor," "fair," "good," "excellent"). These scales allow half of the responses to be interpreted as relatively more "negative" ("poor" and "fair," for example) and half as relatively more "positive" ("good" and "excellent," for example). In parts of the analysis in this report, these responses are combined to allow for clearer comparisons. However, sometimes examining the most positive response distinguishes important contrasts in level of support.

In addition, readers may also wish to compare the difference between the two extreme responses, say "poor" and "excellent," to compare the level of intensity with which opposing opinions are held. These comparisons and others may be drawn by referring to the actual percentage responses given in Appendix I. That appendix shows the percentage responses for each item, calculated out of 100%, as well as the percentage of all respondents that did not respond to each question, separately calculated out of 100% for clarity of comparison.

In addition to summarizing the responses to most questions for respondents as a whole, the report also compares the responses of those from selected subgroups. The first section of the report describes the characteristics of the respondents as well as the subgroups that are used in the analyses that follow. Throughout the report, the tables and charts that compare differences between

¹Strictly speaking, it is necessary to know the total population (in this case, the total number of adult parishioners) to calculate margin of error. CARA's standard assumption for its in-pew parish surveys is that about half of parishioners are represented. For obvious reasons, those who are represented in a given in-pew survey are disproportionately more frequent Mass attenders.

and among these various subgroups are presented following the responses for parishioners as a whole in each section.

The margin of error for *differences between subgroups*, such as the differences among those of different generations or those with different levels of involvement, depends on the size of the subgroups being compared. Unless otherwise noted, all subgroup differences described in the graphs of this report are statistically significant: that is, they pass standard tests of statistical inference and can be considered to be “real” differences. In some instances, differences between or among subgroups that are not statistically significant are also noted. These differences should be treated as merely suggestive of real differences that may exist between the subgroups under consideration.

CARA regularly conducts parish surveys through its Parish Life Surveys. Parish Life Surveys are a series of dynamic survey instruments for pastoral planning, including survey data collection, analyses of key stakeholders and demographic groups, and user-friendly reports and products. From the aggregate data collected through the Parish Life Survey services over the past 15 years, CARA has a database of characteristics of parish life gathered from more than 900 parishes nationwide. While this database is not a random sample of parishes, and therefore not necessarily representative of all parishes nationwide, it is the most comprehensive source of data of its kind and covers a broad range of topics important to vibrant parish life.

In this report, where possible, results from All Saints Parish current Parish Life Survey are compared to the aggregate responses from the Parish Life Survey National Database of Parish Life to put the parish results into a larger national context. Additionally, where available, comparisons are made to findings from a 2012 study of Catholics in-pew at 23 parishes across the country. Finally, comparisons are made to findings from CARA’s nationally representative surveys of adult self-identified Catholics conducted since 2012. For all of these comparisons, only differences of 10 percentage points or more are treated as meaningful.

In addition to the quantitative data analyzed in this report, one open-ended question on the survey collected qualitative data. For these data, respondents were prompted with a question and given an open box for written comments, rather than select from a set of response options. The question, which is presented in Appendix I, was on a separate sheet of paper which the parish tore off and kept when sending the completed surveys to CARA. These comments were transcribed and analyzed separately by the parish and do not appear in this report.

The results of this survey fairly represent the characteristics and attitudes of people ages 16 and older who attend Mass at All Saints Parish. It cannot be used to make inferences about populations outside of Mass attendees at the parish; it is not representative of those who do not attend Mass or those who are only involved in parish functions excluding Mass.

Section I: Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

This section of the report includes demographic and other descriptive data for the 480 valid respondents to this survey. These data may be helpful in considering who responded to the survey, which populations are represented in the data, and characteristics of those attending Mass on a typical weekend at the parish.

Age and Generation

Valid respondents at All Saints Parish surveyed in 2017 were born between 1926 and 2001. The average age of respondents is 58, with half saying they are 61 or younger. Although not directly comparable as the national data comes from 2012, this is higher than the median age of 49 among all self-identified Catholics nationally.¹ The most common age range reported is 55 to 64.

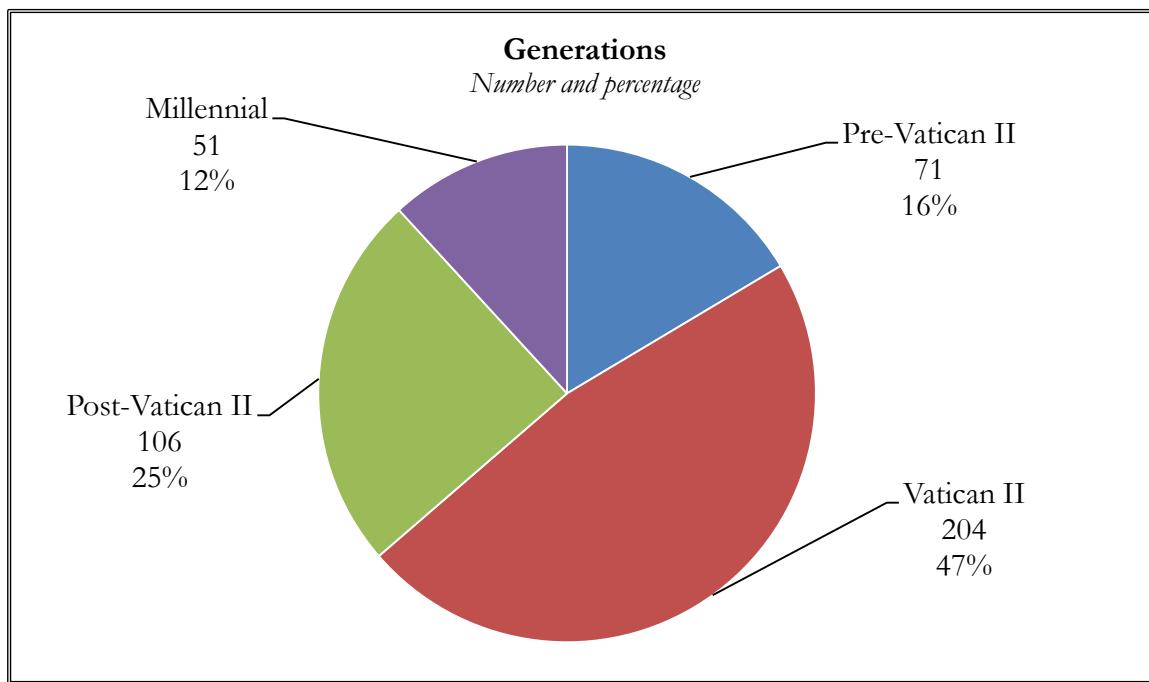
Age in 2017, Compared to Catholics Nationally			
Age Range	All Saints	Catholics In Pew Nationally*	Catholics Nationally**
18-24***	5%	4%	9%
25-34	6	9	17
35-44	8	20	20
45-54	14	23	19
55-64	26	19	20
65-74	24	15	10
75 or older	16	10	5

*Source: CARA's 2012 Emerging Models study
**Source: CARA's 2012 Media Use study
***For comparison purposes, 16 year olds (2 respondents) and 17 year olds (6 respondents) are omitted from this table

- Overall, All Saints respondents report being older than those responding in-pew nationally. Some 19% of All Saints respondents are under age 45 compared to 33% of Catholics in pew nationally.
- They also differ significantly from Catholics nationally. Some 19% of All Saints respondents are under age 45 compared to 46% of Catholics nationally.

¹ Source: Mark M. Gray, and Mary L. Gautier. 2012. *Catholic New Media Use in the United States, 2012*.

Important differences between groups in parishes are typically found among those who belong to different generations. CARA divides Catholics into four generations, reflective of the age categories used by many other Catholic researchers. The most common generation among All Saints respondents is the Vatican II Generation (47%), followed by the Post-Vatican II Generation (25%).



- *The “Pre-Vatican II Generation,” ages 75 and over in 2017:* The Pre-Vatican II Generation was born in 1942 or earlier. Its members came of age before the Second Vatican Council. Members of the Pre-Vatican II Generation make up 16% of the respondents at All Saints Parish. This is similar to the percentage among Catholics in-pew nationally (18%) and only slightly higher than the percentage among Catholics nationally (10%).
- *The “Vatican II Generation,” ages 57-74 in 2017:* These are the “Baby Boomers” who were born between 1943 and 1960, a time of great demographic and economic growth. They came of age during the time of the Second Vatican Council and their formative years likely spanned that time of profound changes in the Church. Members of the Vatican II Generation at All Saints Parish represent 47% of respondents. This is higher than the percentage among Catholics in-pew nationally (35%) and among Catholics nationally (32%).
- *The “Post-Vatican II Generation,” ages 36-56 in 2017:* Born between 1961 and 1981, this generation, sometimes called “Generation X” or “Baby Busters” by demographers, has no lived experience of the pre-Vatican II Church. Some 25% of those at All Saints Parish are members of this generation. This is less than the percentage among Catholics in-pew nationally (39%) and among Catholics nationally (38%).

- *The “Millennial Generation,” ages 18-35 in 2017:* This generation, born in 1982 or later (up to 1996 among adults), has come of age primarily under the papacies of John Paul II and Benedict XVI. Because some still live with their parents, their religious practice is often closely related to that of their families of origin. Some 12% of respondents at All Saints Parish belong to the Millennial Generation. This is in between the percentage among Catholics in-pew nationally (8%) and among Catholics nationally (19%).

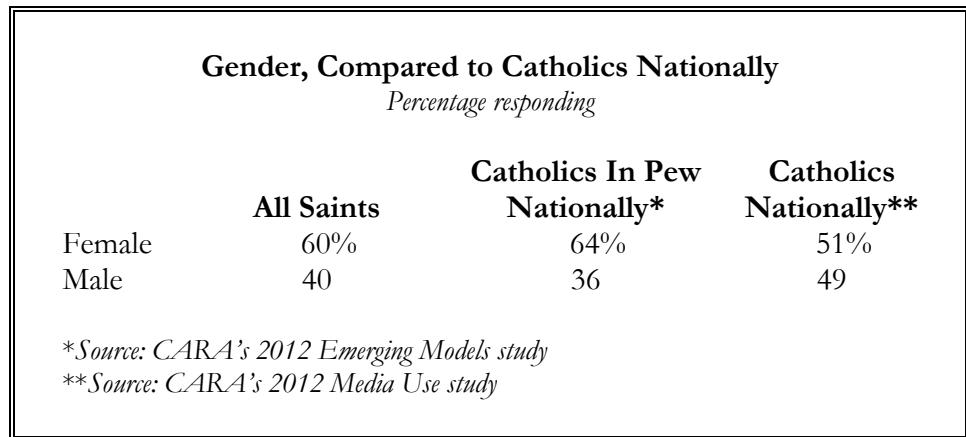
Generations	All Saints	Catholics In Pew Nationally*	Catholics Nationally**
Pre-Vatican II (born 1942 or earlier)	16%	18%	10%
Vatican II (born 1943 to 1960)	47	35	32
Post-Vatican II (born 1961 to 1981)	25	39	38
Millennial (born 1982 to 2000)	12	8	19

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 **Source: CARA's 2012 Media Use study

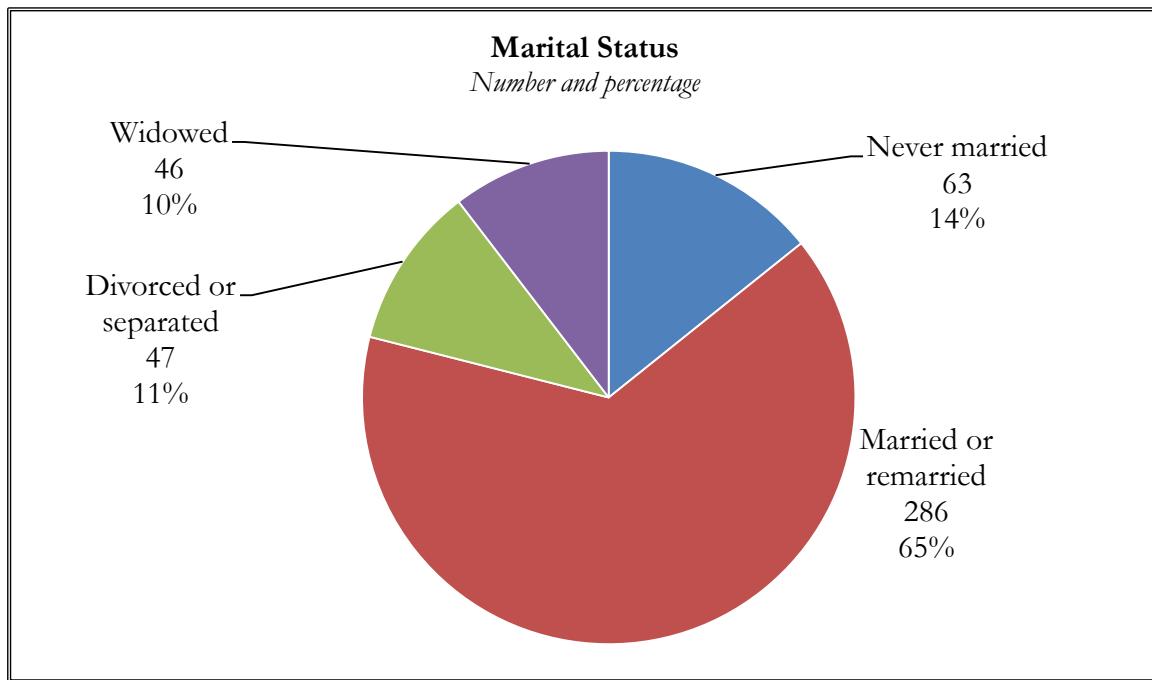
These four generations' responses will be compared throughout the rest of the report.

Gender and Marital Status

Six in ten respondents identify as female. This is similar to Catholics nationally in pew (64%) but higher than the percentage of self-identified Catholics nationally identifying as female (51%).



Nearly two in three (65%) respondents are currently married or remarried. Some 14% have never married, 11% are divorced or separated, and 10% are widowed.



Marital status at the parish is compared to the national data in the table below. The percentage married or remarried at All Saints Parish (65%) is in between the percentage among Catholics in-pew nationally (70%) and the percentage among Catholics nationally (62%).

Marital Status	All Saints	Catholics In Pew Nationally*	Catholics Nationally**
Never married***	14%	15%	24%
Married or remarried	65	70	62
Divorced or separated	11	8	9
Widowed	10	7	5

*Source: CARA's 2012 Emerging Models study
 **Source: CARA's 2012 Media Use study
 ***The Media Use study includes those responding "living with a partner," who are included in the "never married" category here

- Fourteen percent have never married, compared to about one in seven in-pew Catholics nationally (15%) and a quarter of adult Catholics nationally (24%).
- Some 11% are divorced or separated, compared to almost one in ten Catholics in pew (8%) and nationally (9%).
- Ten percent of All Saints respondents overall have been widowed, compared to about one in 20 of those in pew (7%) and nationally (5%).

Differences by Generation

Marital status differs by generation. Members of the Millennial Generation are particularly likely to have never married (55%); those of the Post-Vatican II Generation are most likely to be married (81%); and those of the Pre-Vatican II Generation are most likely to be widowed (32%).

	Marital Status, by Generation			
	Pre-Vatican II	Vatican II	Post-Vatican II	Millennial
Single, never married	13%	6%	7%	55%
Married or remarried	52	68	81	43
Divorced or separated	3	16	11	2
Widowed	32	11	1	0

Children in the Household

Respondents report having from zero to five of their children or stepchildren living with them. Some 81 respondents (17%) have at least one child (including stepchildren) under age 18 living with them. Taking into account that in some households two parents may have responded to this question, respondents report 59 children or stepchildren ages 12 and younger living with them and 51 children ages 13 to 17 living with them.²

Number of Children or Stepchildren

Living with You

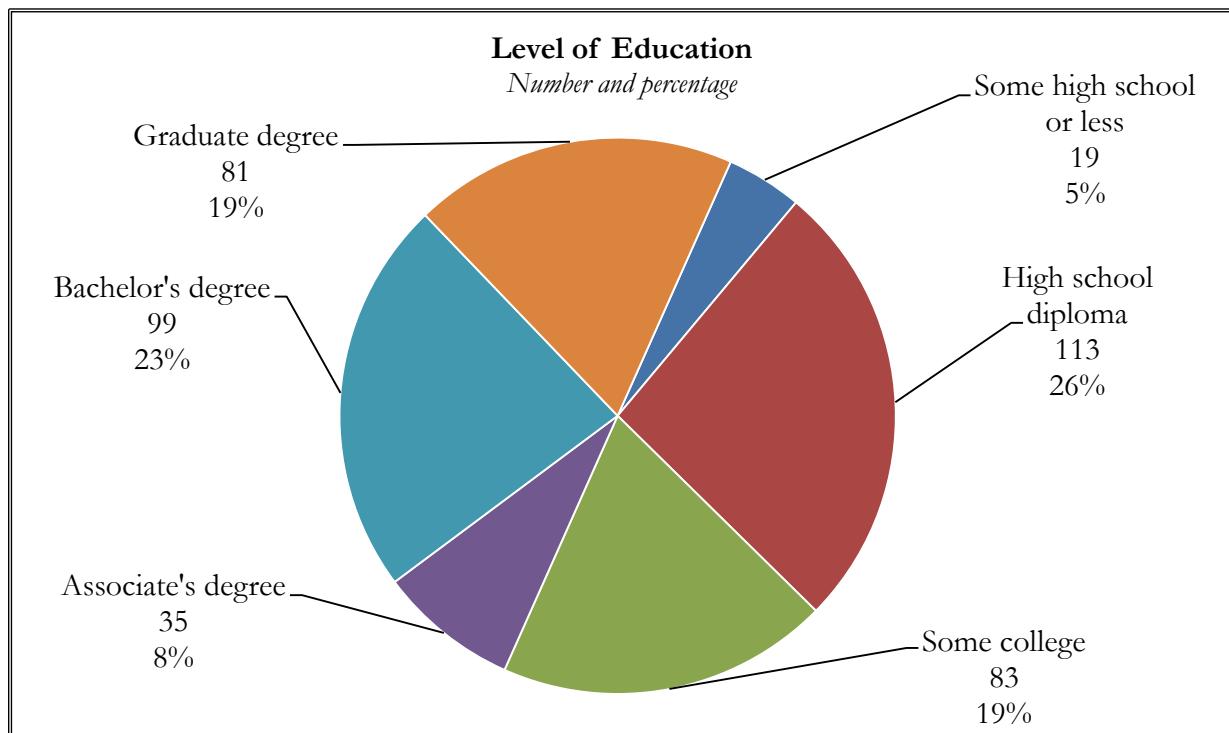
Percentage responding

No children	83%
One child	6
Two children	7
Three or more children	3
Ages 12 or younger	11%
Age 13 to 17	10

² This was calculated using the yes/no response to this question: “Did/will your spouse also complete this survey?”

Level of Education

Some 31% have a high school diploma or less. Another 27% have attended some college or have an associate's degree. Forty-two percent report having a bachelor's or graduate degree.



In comparison to those responding in Pew nationally, All Saints respondents are more likely to have a high school degree or less (19% compared to 31%, respectively) and less likely to have a bachelor's or graduate degree (53% compared to 42%, respectively). Compared to Catholics nationally, All Saints respondents are more likely to have a bachelor's degree (27% compared to 42%, respectively) and less likely to have a high school degree or less (46% compared to 31%, respectively).

Level of Education	Catholics		
	All Saints	In Pew Nationally*	Catholics Nationally**
Some high school or less	4%	5%	47%
High school diploma	26	14	
Some college	19	19	26
Associate's degree	8	9	
Bachelor's degree	23	33	27
Graduate degree	19	20	

*Source: CARA's 2012 Emerging Models study
**Source: CARA's 2012 Media Use study

Differences by Generation

Level of education differs some by generation. Members of the Post-Vatican II Generation are particularly likely to have a bachelor's or graduate degree (59%), with those of the Pre-Vatican II Generation most likely to have a high school diploma or less (52%). It is worth noting that Millennials are the most likely among the generations to be in college but to not yet have finished their degrees.

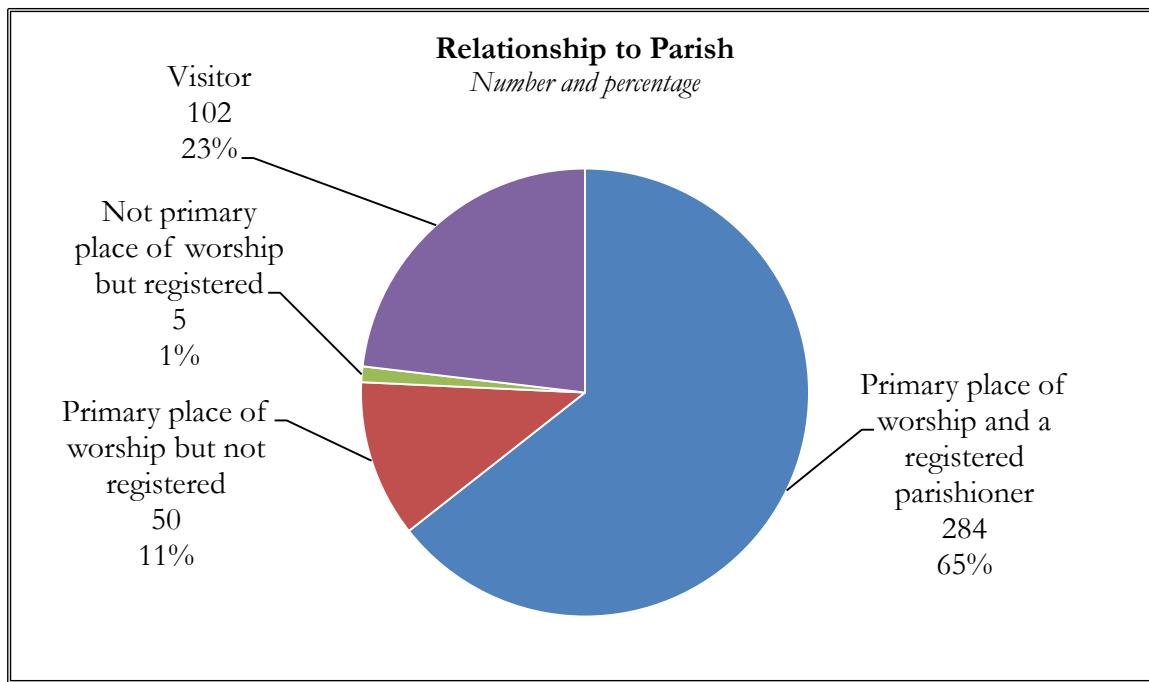
Level of Education	Level of Education, by Generation			
	Pre-Vatican II	Vatican II	Post-Vatican II	Millennial
Some high school or less	9%	1%	1%	8%
High school diploma	43	31	16	10
Some college	25	20	15	20
Associate's degree	3	8	9	14
Bachelor's degree	6	21	38	24
Graduate degree	13	19	21	24

Section II: Religious Characteristics of Respondents

This part of the report describes several characteristics of the 480 valid respondents to the survey that relate to their religious attributes and parish-related behaviors.

Relationship to the Parish

Among all respondents, 76% report that All Saints Parish is their primary place of worship and 64% say they are registered there. In the figure below, those two measures are examined in relationship to one another. Nearly two in three (65%) say both that the parish is their primary place of worship *and* that they are registered there. Fewer, 11%, say the parish is their primary place of worship but that they are *not* registered there. About a quarter (23%) are visitors to the parish.



Compared to Catholics in pew nationally, All Saints respondents are more likely to be visitors (7% compared to 23%, respectively) and are *less* likely to report that the parish is their primary place of worship and that they are registered there (78% compared to 65%, respectively).

	All Saints	Catholics In Pew Nationally*
Primary place of worship <i>and</i> a registered parishioner	65%	78%
Primary place of worship but <i>not</i> registered	11	13
<i>Not</i> primary place of worship but registered	1	2
Visitor to the parish	23	7

*Source: CARA's 2012 Emerging Models study

Years at the Parish

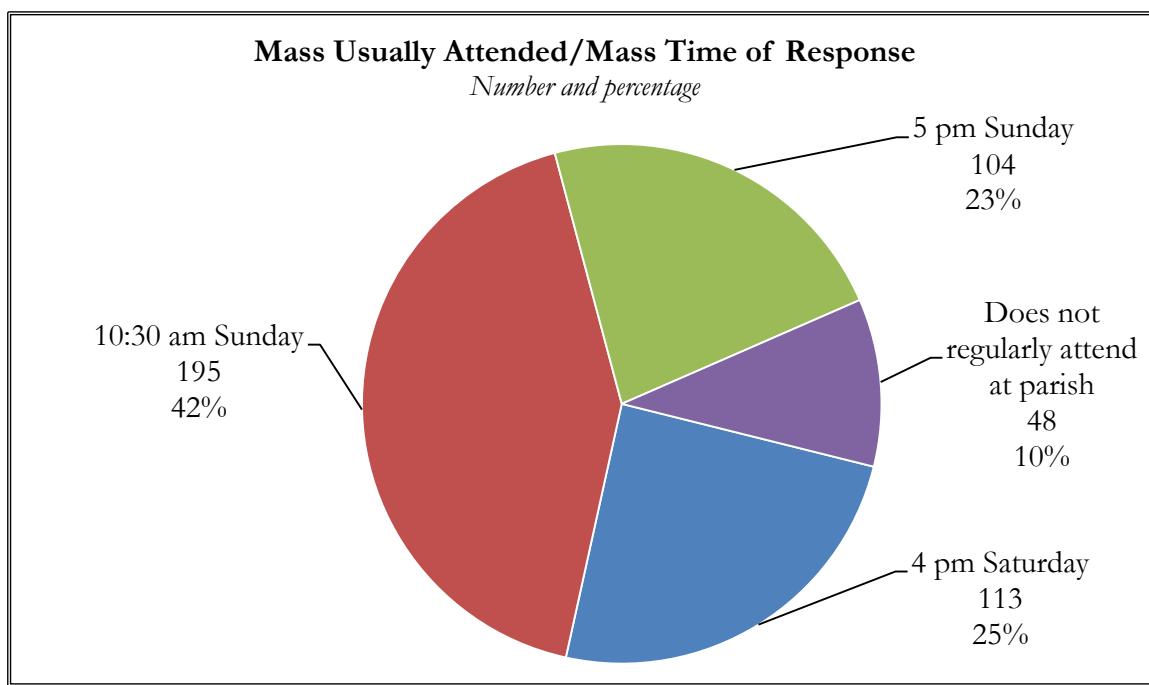
Mass attenders were asked to write in the number of years they have attended the parish. On average, respondents have attended the parish for 18 years. The median is 10 years, meaning that half of respondents have attended for 10 years or less.

Years at Parish*	
<i>Percentage responding</i>	
1 year or less	10%
2-5 years	22
6-10 years	23
11-15 years	11
16-20 years	8
21-25 years	3
26-30 years	5
31 years or more	1
36-40 years	3
41 years or more	15
Average	18
Median	10
Minimum	1
Maximum	81

* Those who do not regularly attend the parish were asked to leave the question blank. Those who have attended for less than a year were instructed to write “1.”

Mass Regularly Attended

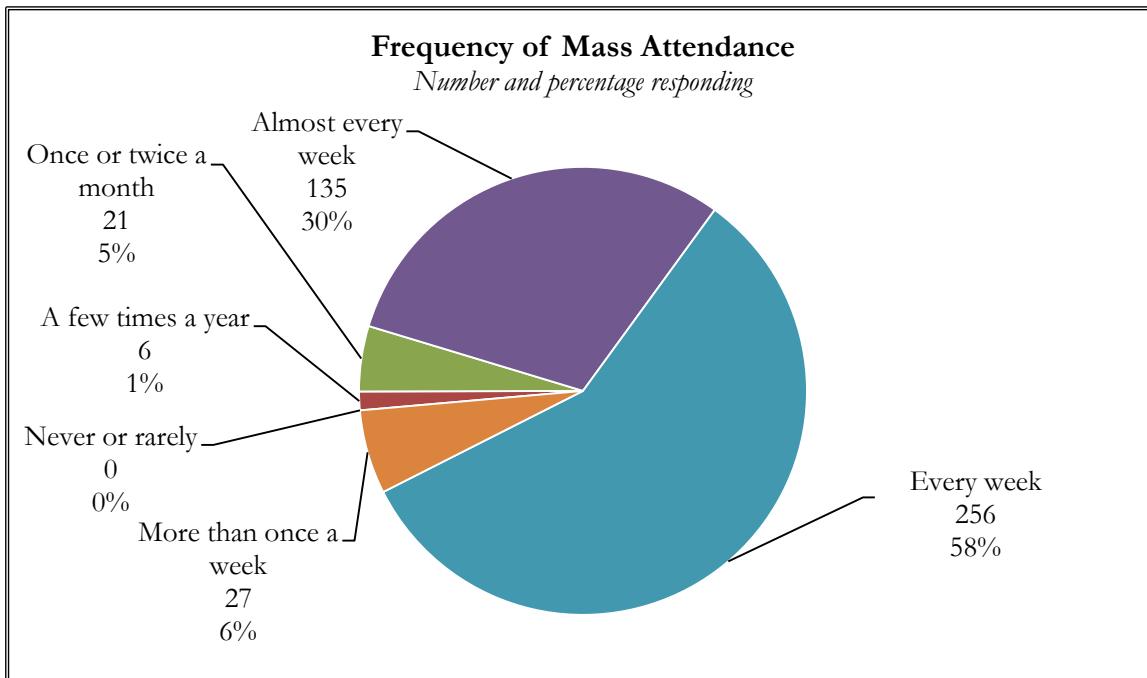
Respondents were invited to choose the one Mass they most regularly attend at the parish. The most commonly chosen Mass was the 10:30 a.m. (42%). Ten percent say they do *not* regularly attend Mass at the parish.



Where relevant throughout the rest of the report, comparisons are made among those who usually attend the various Masses.

Frequency of Mass Attendance

Nearly two in three respondents (64%) report attending Mass at least once a week. An additional 30% attend almost every week and 5% attend once or twice a month. One percent attends less frequently than that.



Comparison to Catholics Nationally

- Compared to in-pew Catholics nationally (71%), All Saints respondents are slightly *less* likely to attend Mass at least once a week (64%).
- All Saints respondents (64%) are considerably more likely to attend Mass at least once a week than are self-identified Catholic adults nationally (23%).

<i>About how frequently do you currently attend Mass?</i> <i>Percentage responding</i>			
	All Saints	In Pew Nationally*	Catholics Nationally**
Never or rarely	0%	<1%	32%
A few times a year	1	2	24
Once/twice a month	5	6	10
Almost every week	30	21	11
Every week	58	57	20
More than once a week	6	14	3

*Source: CARA's 2012 Emerging Models study
**Source: CARA's 2012 Media Use study

Differences by Generation

Members of the Pre-Vatican II Generation (84%) are most likely to attend Mass at least once a week, followed by those of the Vatican II Generation (63%), Millennial Generation (61%), and Post-Vatican II Generation (52%).

Those of the Post-Vatican II Generation (39%), on the other hand, are most likely to attend Mass almost every week, followed by those of the Vatican II Generation (32%), Millennial Generation (27%), and Pre-Vatican II Generation (16%).

Participation in Parish Formation Programs

Respondents report the following family participation in parish formation programs:

- 25% of respondents have attended adult religious education programs in the past five years at the parish.
- 17% have children who have attended Family Faith Formation, EDGE, or LifeTeen at the parish in the past five years.

Frequency of Religious Behaviors

Respondents were asked how often they engage in a variety of religious behaviors in the past year. The behavior they engage in most often is regularly spending time in personal prayer. Two-thirds report doing so more than once a week (66%), with an additional one in six doing so once a week (16%). About one in 20 (7%) reports doing so twice a year or less frequently.

<i>How often have you done the following in the past year?</i>					
	Percentage responding				
	More Than Once a Week	Once a Week	Once or Twice a Month	Once or Twice a Year	Never or Rarely
Regularly spent time in personal prayer	66%	16%	10%	3%	4%
Spent time learning more about your faith	22	19	26	21	12
Contributed generously to the support of the parish	21	37	21	10	11
Talked to someone about your faith	17	17	23	19	24
Read the Bible	15	13	20	19	34
Volunteered for a parish ministry	12	14	16	20	38
Attended a parish activity or function besides Mass	7	10	23	29	30
Invited someone to attend one of our parish worship services or activities	6	8	16	33	37
Participated in a small faith sharing group	6	8	7	24	56
Participated in a parish-sponsored event	5	8	20	34	33
Used the parish website	4	7	20	21	48

Responding parishioners vary in how often they have engaged in formation-related behaviors in the past year. Two in three say they spent time learning more about their faith (67%) at least once a month, compared to 48% who read the Bible and 21% who participated in a small faith-sharing group at least once a month.

Concerning stewardship, eight in ten report having contributed generously to the parish (79%) at least once a month in the past year, compared to 52% who have volunteered for a parish ministry that frequently.

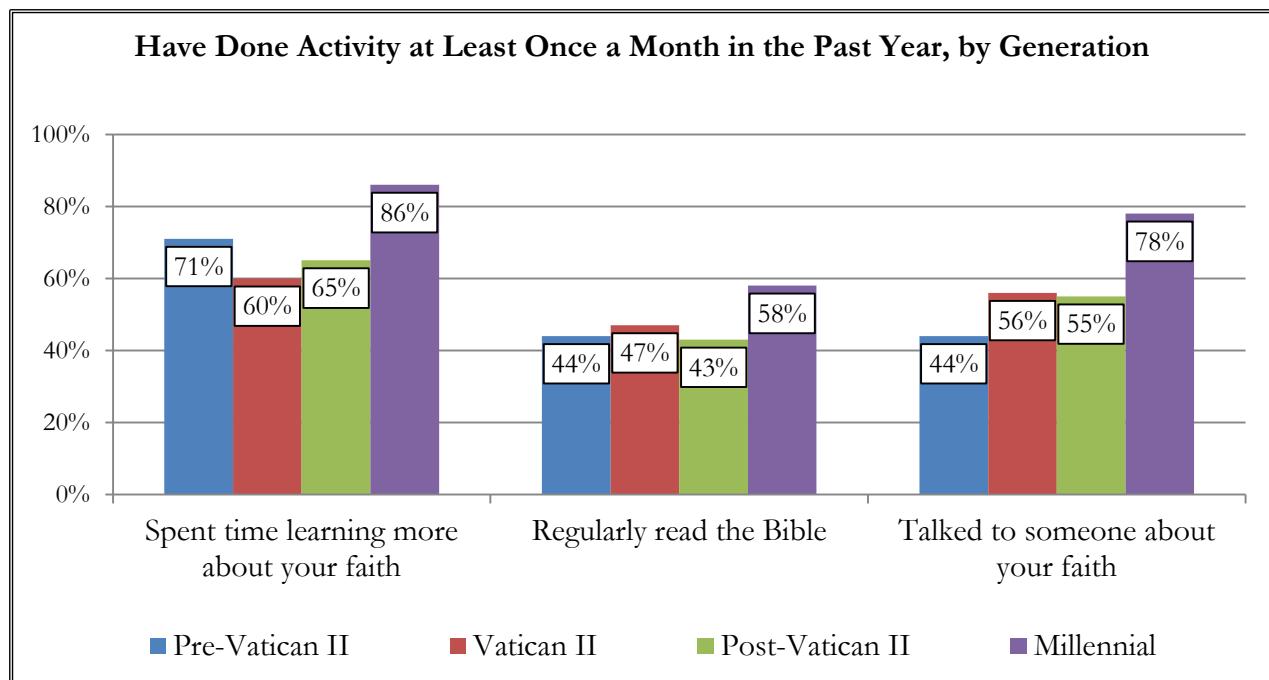
Evangelization-related behaviors also vary considerably. Some 57% say they have talked to someone about their faith at least once a month during the past year, compared to 30% who say they have invited someone to attend a parish worship service or activity that often.

Four in ten report having attended a parish activity or function besides Mass (40%) at least once a month in the past year, compared to 33% who say they have participated in a parish-sponsored event at least as often.

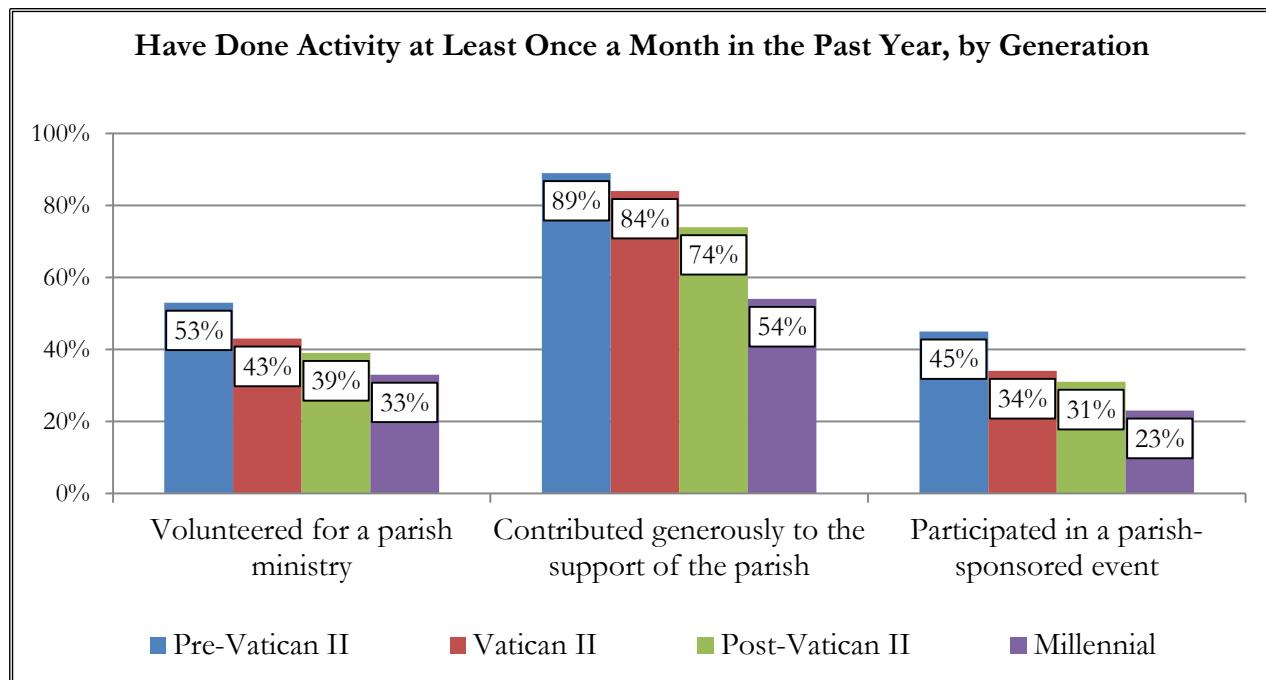
Finally, three in ten (31%) report having used the parish website at least once a month in the past year. Nearly half (48%) say they have rarely or never done so, however.

Differences by Generation

Millennials are particularly likely to have engaged in the activities shown in the figure below at least once a month in the past year.

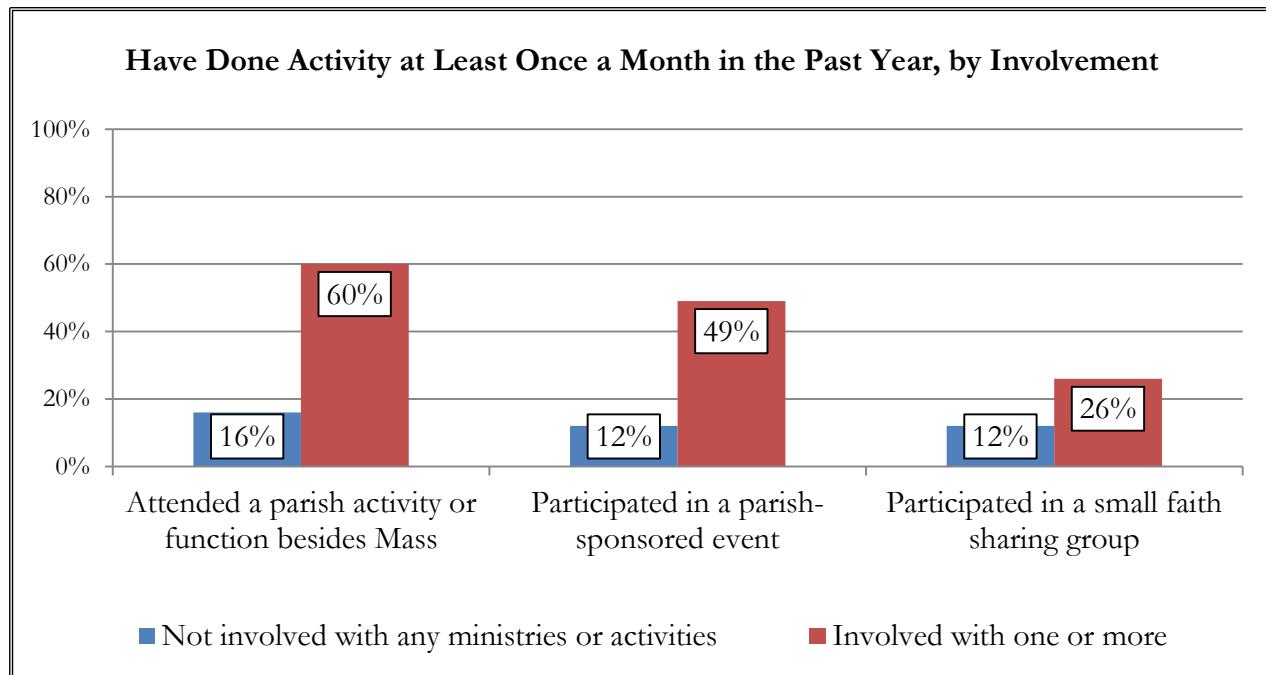
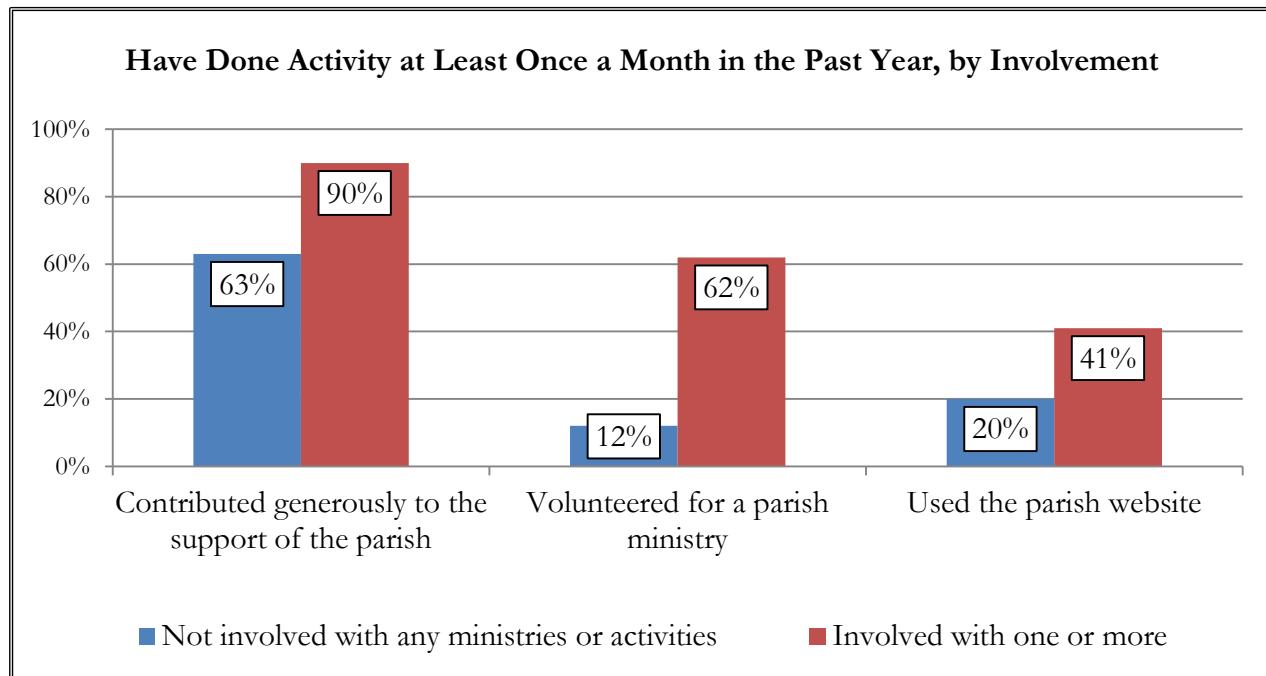


The older the generation, the more likely its members are to have engaged in the activities shown in the figure below at least once a month during the past year.



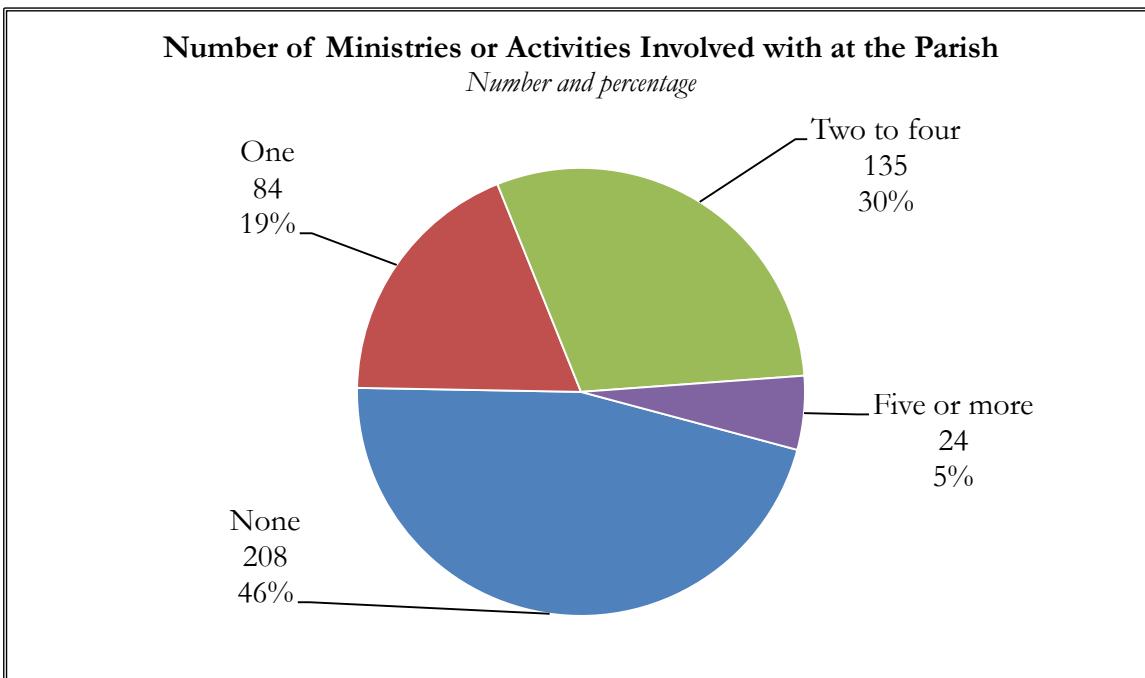
Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish are considerably more likely than others to report having engaged in the following activities at least once a month in the past year.



Ministry and Activity Participation

More than half (54%) report being involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish in the past year. Thirty-five percent are involved in two or more.



In the remainder of this report comparison is made between two groups of respondents according to their involvement in parish activities:

- Those not involved in any parish ministries or activities (225 respondents or 46%)
- Those involved in at least one parish ministry or activity (255 respondents or 54%)

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

More than half (54%) report being involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish. This is similar to the average proportion reported by parishes CARA has worked with in the past (50%).

Number of Ministries or Activities Involved With <i>Percentage responding</i>		
	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
None	46%	50%
One	32	23
Two	22	22
Three or more	3	3

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting
CARA Parish Life Surveys*

- Some 22% of All Saints respondents are involved in two or more ministries or activities, similar to the 25% reported at parishes nationally.
- Forty-six percent are *not* involved with any parish ministries or activities, compared to half of those at parishes nationally.

Section III: Assessment of Parish Life and Needs

Overall, the results of the All Saints Parish Life Survey are very positive. Ten particular areas were addressed in the survey instrument. These areas are featured in this section of the report, though readers are advised to consult the response frequencies in Appendix I of this document for response rates and other pertinent information about these data. The areas of parish life addressed are:

- Evaluation of Aspects of Parish Life
- Evaluation of Persons and Programs
- Evaluation of Areas of Weekend Mass
- Evaluation of Parish Efforts
- Effectiveness of Ways of Communicating
- Priority for Parish Needs
- Top Priority for Parish Needs
- Attraction to the Parish
- Attitudes about Parish Life
- Parish Facility Needs

Evaluation of Aspects of Parish Life

This section presents the survey's most general evaluation of parish life. Besides an evaluation of the parish overall, the other items are very general measures of CARA's seven elements of parish life: community, worship, leadership, faith formation, stewardship, social justice, and evangelization.

Nearly all (98%) of respondents give a positive rating ("good" and "excellent" combined) to All Saints Parish overall. Moreover, each of the aspects of parish life presented in the table below receive a positive evaluation from at least 94% of respondents.

<i>Please evaluate these aspects of parish life Percentage responding "Good" or "Excellent"</i>		
	All Saints	Catholics In Pew Nationally*
All Saints Parish overall	98%	94%
Masses and liturgies in general	97	94
Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith	96	91
Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the parish	96	91
Sense of community within the parish	96	87
Outreach to and advocacy for those in need	96	—
Vision provided by parish leaders	95	90
Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing	94	88

**Source: CARA's 2012 Emerging Models study*

Comparison to Parishes Nationally³

Respondents at All Saints Parish do *not* differ significantly from those at parishes nationally in their positive evaluations of aspects of parish life.

³ As discussed in the Introduction, only differences of 10 percentage points or more are treated as meaningful.

“Excellent” Evaluations

Seven in ten respondents give an “excellent” rating to All Saints Parish overall.

<i>Please evaluate these aspects of parish life</i> <i>Percentage responding “Excellent”</i>		
	All Saints	Catholics In Pew Nationally*
Outreach to and advocacy for those in need	75%	—
Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the parish	74	57%
All Saints Parish overall	71	58
Masses and liturgies in general	70	59
Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith	69	55
Sense of community within the parish	67	46
Vision provided by parish leaders	63	50
Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing	58	45

**Source: CARA’s 2012 Emerging Models study*

About three-quarters say the following aspects of parish life are “excellent”: outreach to and advocacy for those in need and encouragement to share one’s time, talents, and treasure with the parish.

- Roughly two-thirds give an “excellent” evaluation to these aspects of parish life: Masses and liturgies in general (70%), efforts to educate parishioners in the faith (69%), the sense of community within the parish (67%), and the vision provided by parish leaders (63%).
- Efforts to spread the Gospel or evangelize receive an “excellent” evaluation from almost six in ten respondents (58%).

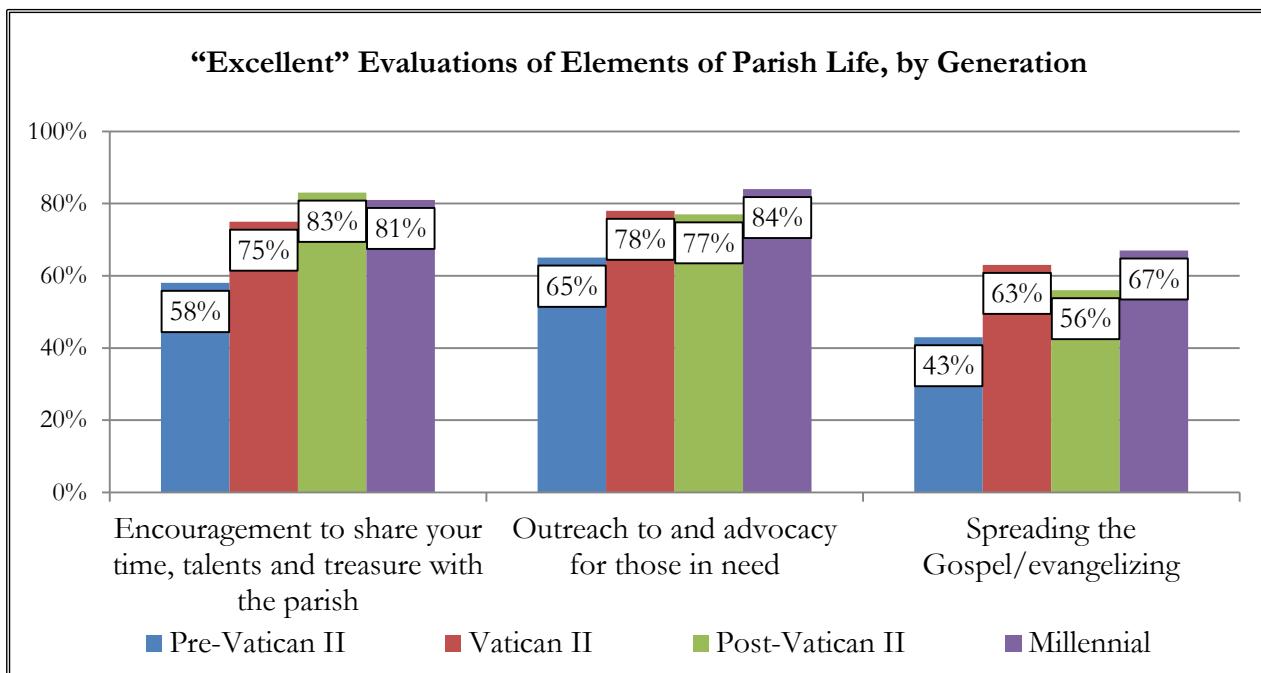
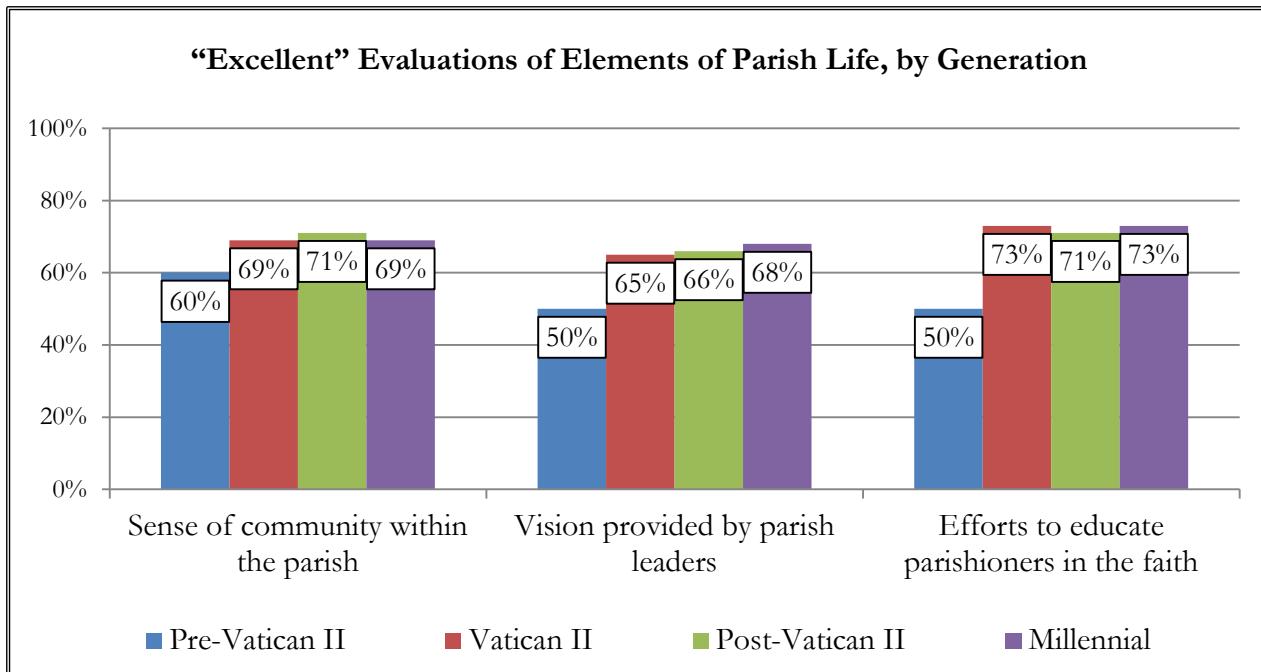
Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Those at All Saints Parish are 11 to 21 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to give an “excellent” evaluation to the following aspects of parish life:

- Sense of community within the parish (67% compared to 46%)
- Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the parish (74% compared to 57%)
- Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith (69% compared to 55%)
- The parish overall (71% compared to 58%)
- Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing (63% compared to 50%)
- Masses and liturgies in general (70% compared to 59%)

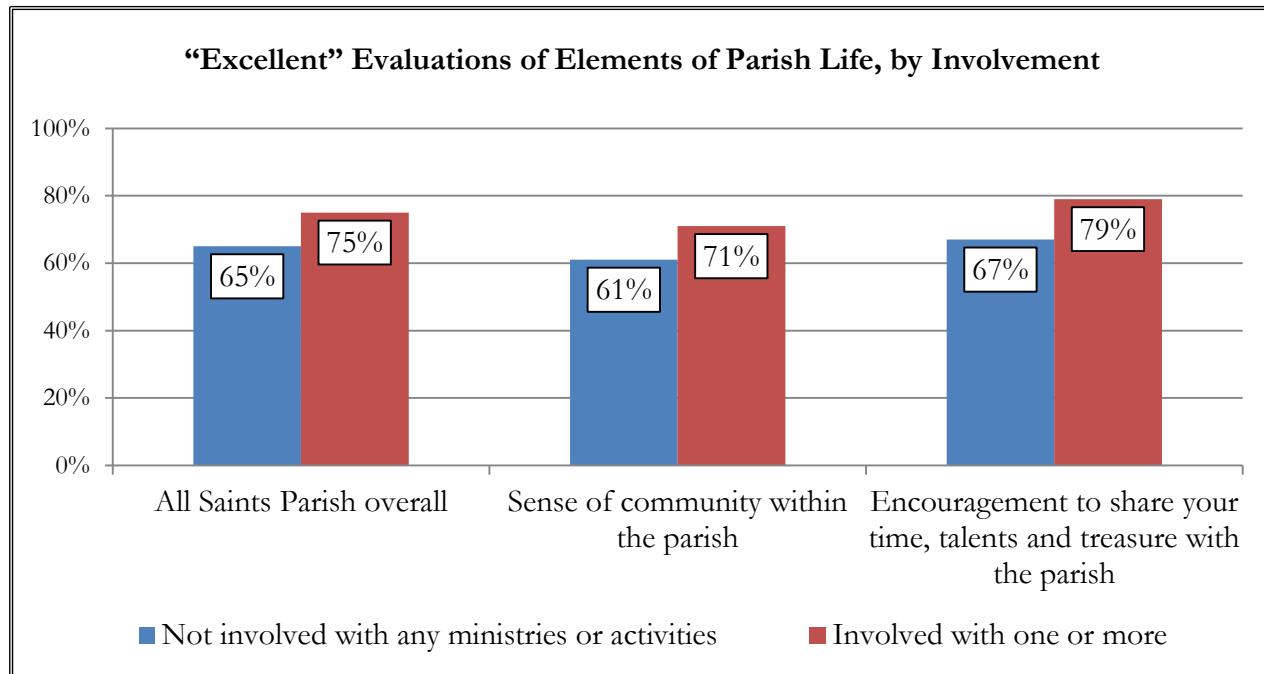
Differences by Generation

Members of the oldest generation are *least* likely to evaluate the elements of parish life shown in the figures below as “excellent.”



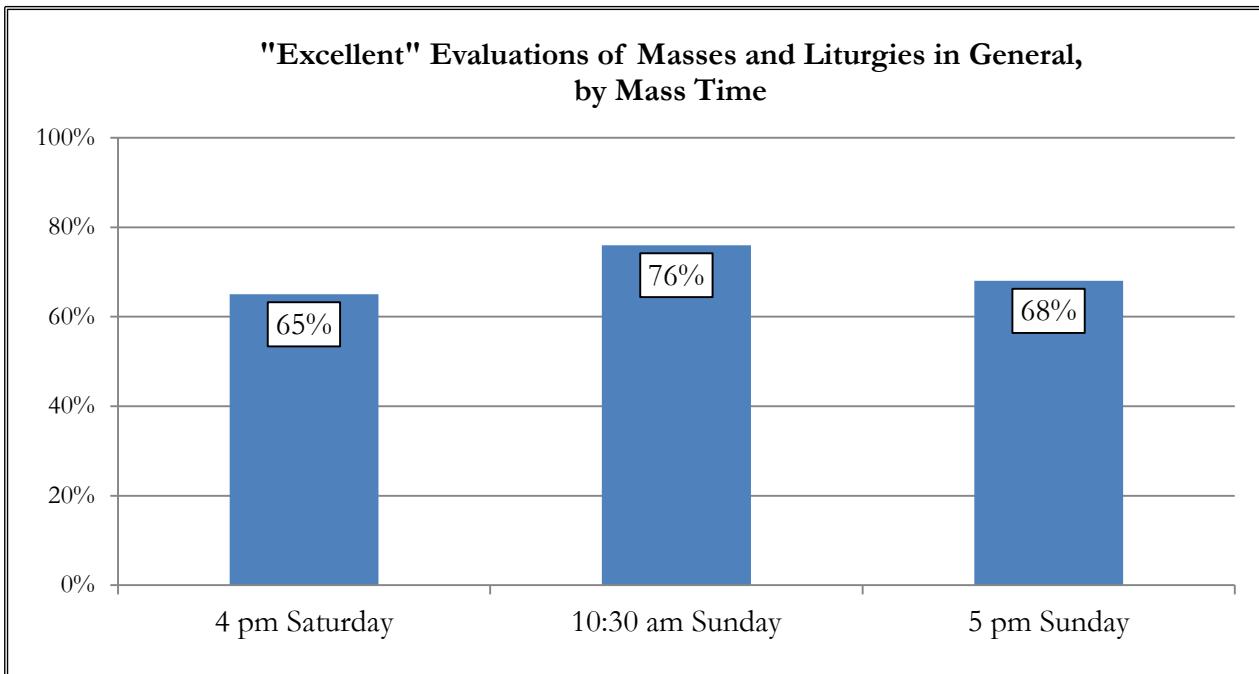
Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish are more likely than others to give an “excellent” rating to the elements of parish life shown in the figure below.



Differences by Mass Usually Attended

Those who usually attend the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass are especially likely to give the Masses and liturgies in general an “excellent” rating.



Differences by Past Participation in Formation Programs

Those whose children have attended religious education classes at the parish in the past five years do *not* differ significantly from others in how they evaluate efforts to educate parishioners in the faith.

Similarly, those who have attended adult religious education classes at the parish in the past five years do *not* differ significantly from others in how they evaluate efforts to educate parishioners in the faith.

Evaluation of Persons and Programs

Between 95% and 98% give a positive rating to each of the persons and programs evaluated in the table below.

<i>Please evaluate the following persons and programs Percentage responding “Good” or “Excellent”</i>		
	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
Leadership provided by the pastor	98%	88%
Youth ministry (EDGE and LifeTeen)	98	73
Friendliness of the parish office staff	97	92
Children’s religious education programs (Family Faith Formation) ⁴	96	83
Leadership of the Parish Team	96	—
Social activities	95	72
Faith formation for adults	95	71

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 10 to 25 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to give a “good” or “excellent” evaluation to the following persons or programs:

- Youth ministry (98% compared to 73%)
- Faith formation for adults (95% compared to 71%)
- Social activities (95% compared to 72%)
- Children’s religious education programs (96% compared to 83%)
- Leadership provided by the pastor (98% compared to 88%)

⁴ This program and other formation programs have non-response rates between 27 and 37 percent due to limited family participation in those programs. For the non-response rates to all questions, see Appendix I.

“Excellent” Evaluations

More than eight in ten say the leadership provided by the pastor is “excellent.” The friendliness of the office staff (76%) and leadership of the Parish Team (68%) are also rated highly by more than two-thirds of responding parishioners.

<i>Please evaluate the following persons and programs</i>		
	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
Leadership provided by the pastor	85%	55%
Friendliness of the parish office staff	76	51
Youth ministry (EDGE and LifeTeen)	71	31
Leadership of the Parish Team	68	—
Children’s religious education programs (Family Faith Formation)	65	39
Faith formation for adults	61	27
Social activities	55	27

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*

- Between six- and seven-tenths of responding parishioners give an “excellent” evaluation to these areas of formation: youth ministry including EDGE and LifeTeen (71%), children’s religious education programs including Family Faith Formation (65%), and faith formation for adults (61%).
- Social activities receive an ‘excellent’ evaluation from 55% of respondents.

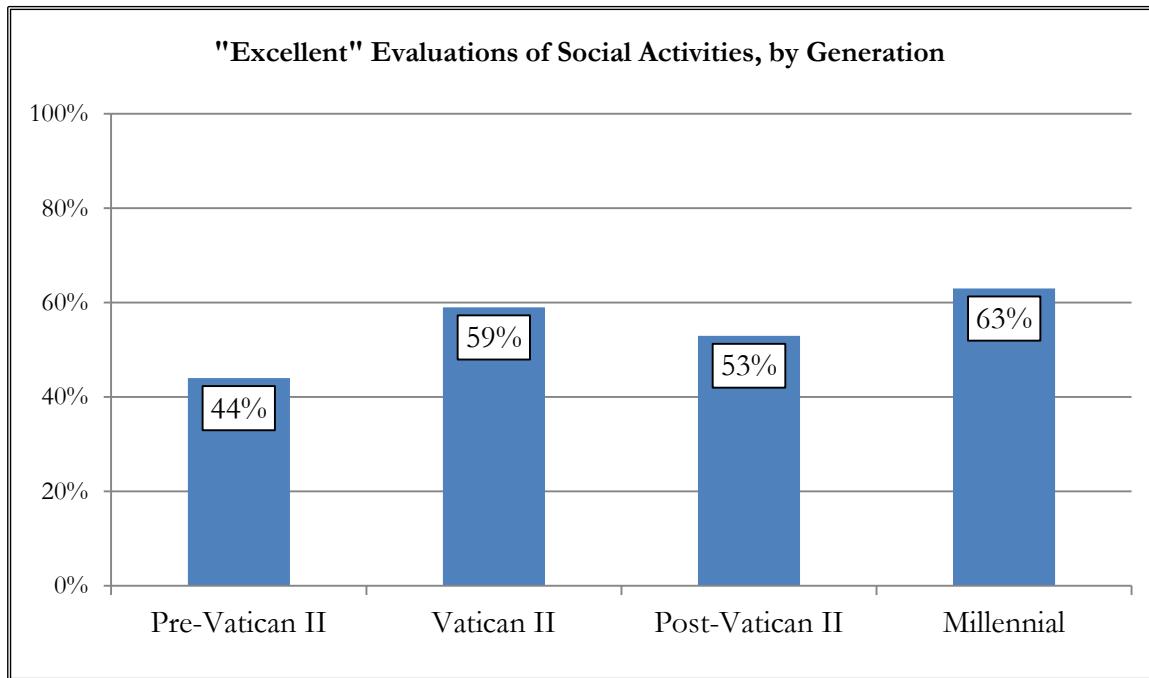
Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 25 to 40 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to give an “excellent” evaluation to the following persons or programs:

- Youth ministry (71% compared to 31%)
- Faith formation for adults (61% compared to 27%)
- Leadership provided by the pastor (85% compared to 55%)
- Social activities (55% compared to 27%)
- Children’s religious education programs (65% compared to 39%)
- Friendliness of the parish office staff (76% compared to 51%)

Differences by Generation

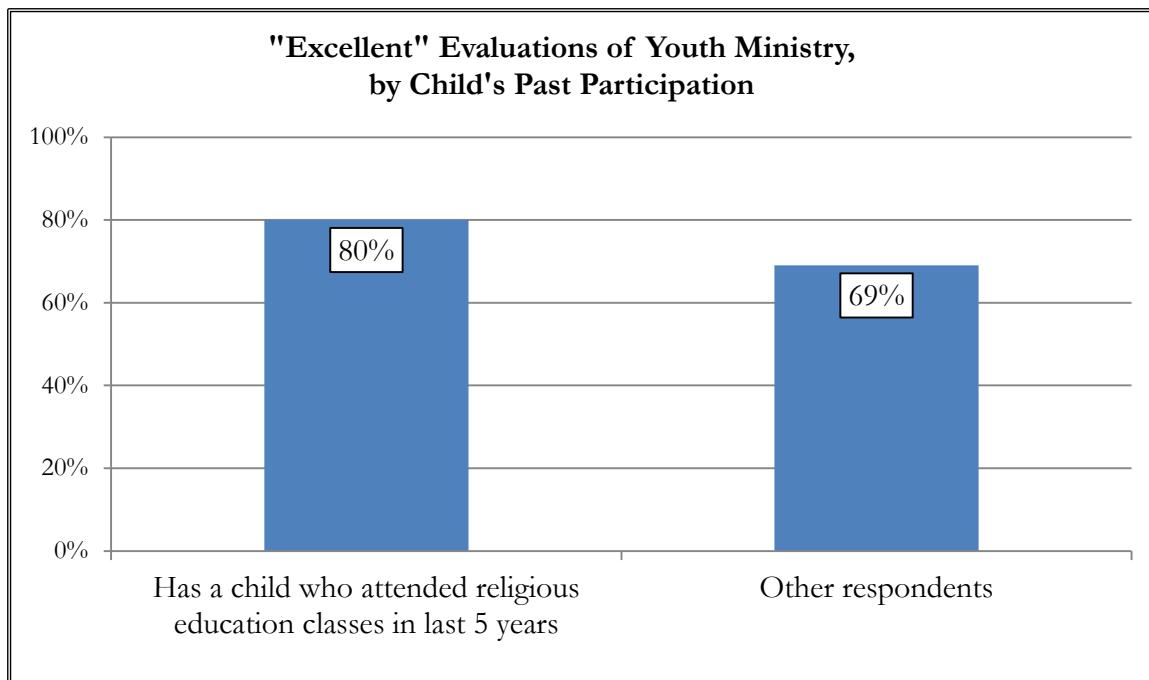
Members of the oldest generation are *least* likely to rate social activities as “excellent.”



Differences by Past Participation in Formation Programs

Those whose children have attended religious education classes at the parish in the past five years do *not* differ significantly from others in how they evaluate children's religious education classes.

Those whose children have attended religious education classes at the parish in the past five years are more likely than others to give an "excellent" rating to efforts to youth ministry, however.



Those who have attended adult religious education classes at the parish in the past five years do *not* differ significantly from others in how they evaluate adult faith formation.

Evaluation of Areas of Weekend Masses

Nearly all respondents give a “good” or “excellent” rating to the hospitality or sense of welcome (99%) and homilies (97%) at the Mass they most regularly attend. Nine in ten give a positive evaluation to the music at those Masses.

*Please evaluate these areas of weekend Masses overall
for the Mass you most regularly attend
Percentage responding “Good” or “Excellent”*

	All Saints	Catholics In Pew Nationally*
Hospitality or sense of welcome	99%	85%
Homilies	97	87
Music at the Mass you frequently attend	90	82

*Source: CARA's 2012 Emerging Models study

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 10 to 14 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to give a “good” or “excellent” evaluation to the following areas of worship:

- Hospitality or sense of welcome (99% compared to 85%)
- Homilies (97% compared to 87%)

“Excellent” Evaluations

About eight in ten say the hospitality or sense of welcome (83%) and homilies (79%) at weekend Masses are “excellent.”

<i>Please evaluate these areas of weekend Masses overall for the Mass you most regularly attend</i>		
	<i>Percentage responding “Excellent”</i>	
	All Saints	Catholics In Pew Nationally*
Hospitality or sense of welcome	83%	49%
Homilies	79	48
Music at the Mass you frequently attend	67	48

**Source: CARA’s 2012 Emerging Models study*

Two in three rate the music of the Mass they most frequently attend as “excellent.”

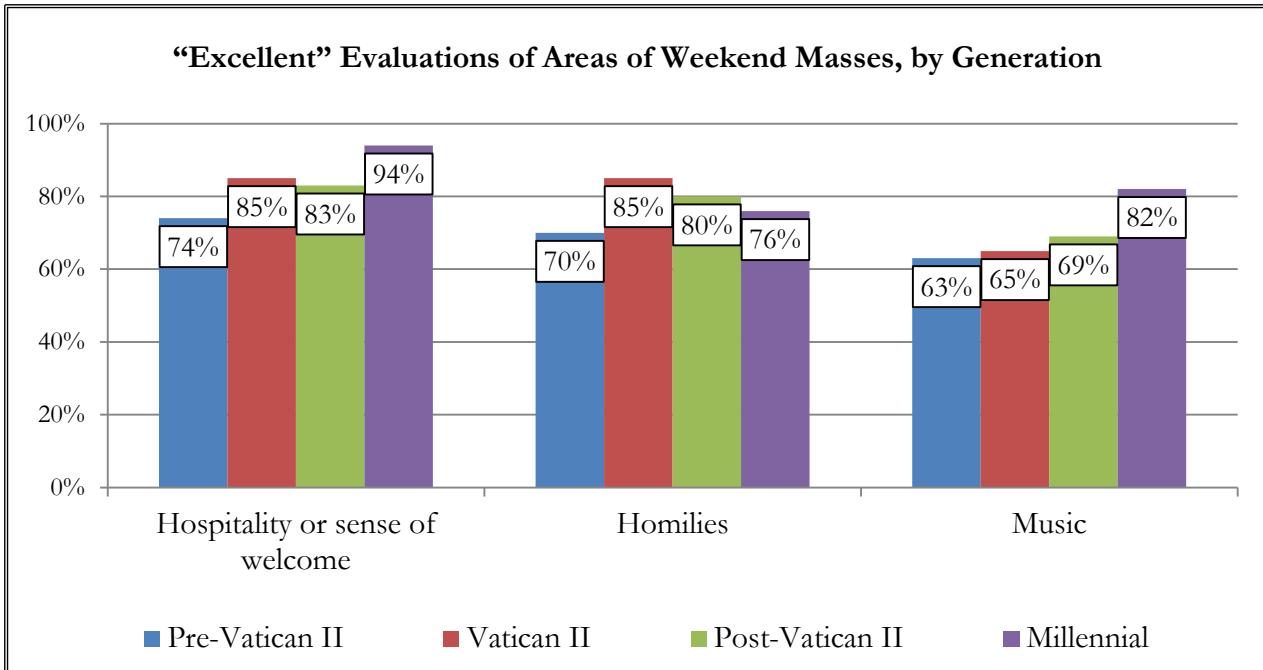
Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 19 to 34 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to give an “excellent” evaluation to the following areas of worship:

- Hospitality or sense of welcome (83% compared to 49%)
- Homilies (79% compared to 48%)
- Music (67% compared to 48%)

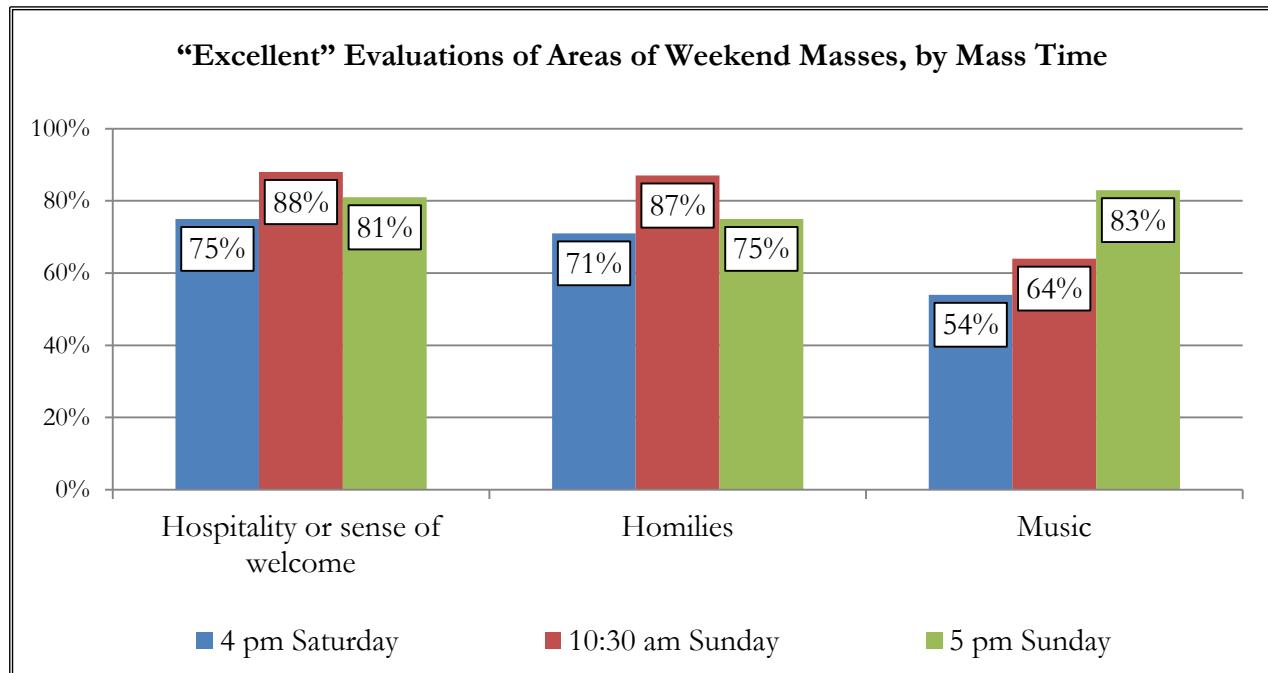
Differences by Generation

Members of the oldest generation are *least* likely to rate the hospitality or sense of welcome and homilies as “excellent.” Millennials are most likely to evaluate the music that highly.



Differences by Mass Usually Attended

Those who usually attend the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass are especially likely to give the hospitality or sense of welcome and the homilies an “excellent” rating. Usual attenders of the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass are most likely to rate the music that highly.



Differences by Relationship to the Parish

Visitors at the parish do *not* differ significantly from others in how they evaluate the hospitality or sense of welcome at parish liturgies. The same is true for those who have attended the parish for two years or less.

Evaluation of Parish Efforts

Each of the parish efforts presented in the table below are evaluated positively by 94% to 97% of responding parishioners.

	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
Nurture your relationship with Jesus Christ	97%	89%
Invite you to participate in parish ministries	97	82
Foster spiritual growth	96	81
Manage parish finances	95	85
Communicate with parishioners	95	80
Help you practice gospel values in your daily life	94	86

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 10 to 15 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to give a “good” or “excellent” evaluation to these parish efforts to:

- Invite you to participate in parish ministries (97% compared to 82%)
- Foster spiritual growth (96% compared to 81%)
- Communicate with parishioners (95% compared to 80%)
- Manage parish finances (95% compared to 85%)

“Excellent” Evaluations

Parish efforts to invite participation in parish ministries receives an “excellent” evaluation from 74% of responding parishioners.

	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
Invite you to participate in parish ministries	74%	39%
Nurture your relationship with Jesus Christ	72	47
Foster spiritual growth	67	35
Communicate with parishioners	65	37
Help you practice gospel values in your daily life	63	37
Manage parish finances	61	40

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*

About six- to seven-tenths say the following parish efforts are “excellent”: nurturing one’s relationship with Jesus Christ (72%), fostering spiritual growth (67%), and helping parishioners practice gospel values in their daily life (63%).

- Communication with parishioners is given an “excellent” evaluation by 65% of respondents.
- Sixty-one percent rate efforts to manage parish finances as “excellent.”

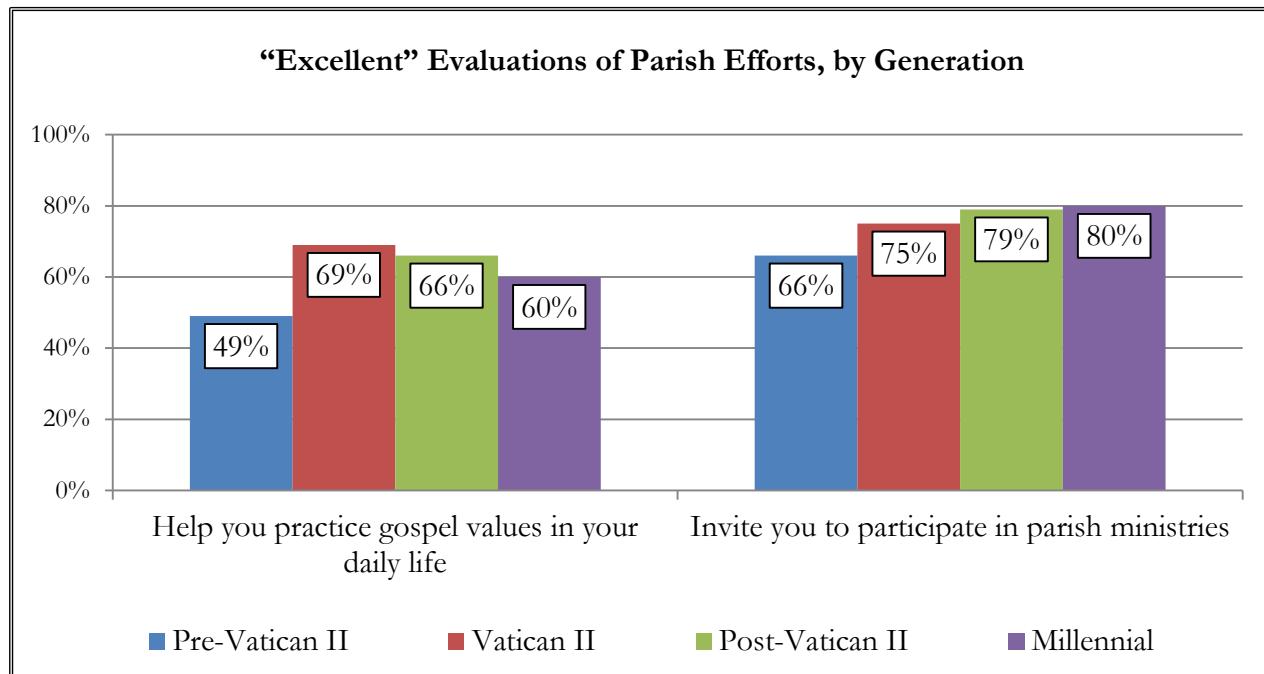
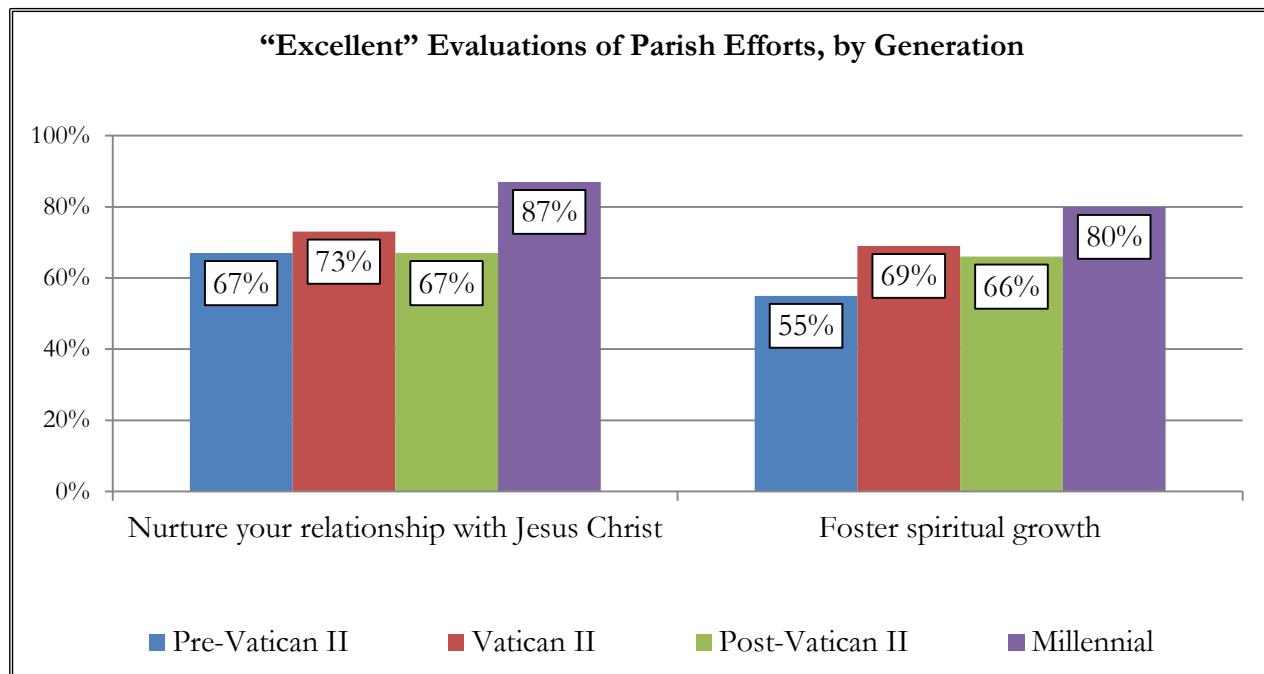
Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 21 to 35 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to give an “excellent” evaluation to these parish efforts to:

- Invite you to participate in parish ministries (74% compared to 39%)
- Foster spiritual growth (67% compared to 35%)
- Communicate with parishioners (65% compared to 37%)
- Help you practice gospel values in your daily life (63% compared to 37%)
- Nurture your relationship with Jesus Christ (72% compared to 47%)
- Manage parish finances (61% compared to 40%)

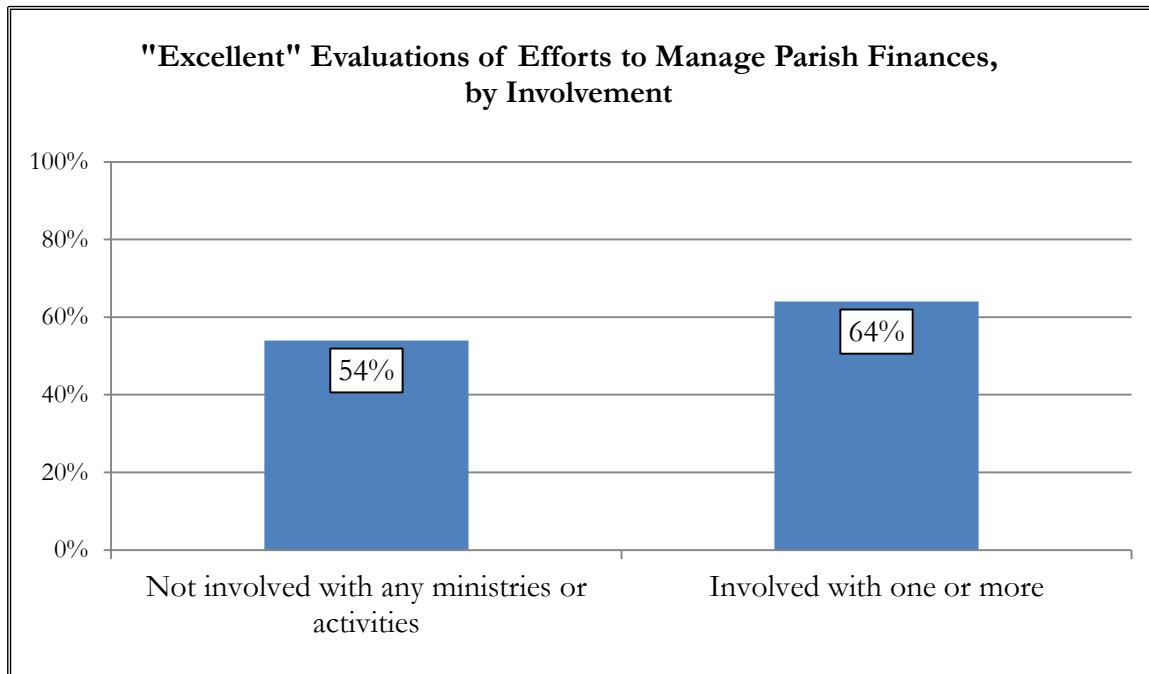
Differences by Generation

Millennials are especially likely to rate parish efforts to nurture their relationship with Jesus Christ and to foster spiritual growth as “excellent.” Those of the oldest generation, on the other hand, are *least* likely to give an “excellent” evaluation to efforts to foster spiritual growth, invite participation in parish ministries and to help them practice their faith in their daily lives.



Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish are more likely than others to give an “excellent” evaluation to the management of parish finances.



Effectiveness of Ways of Communicating

More than nine in ten say the Sunday bulletins (97%) and announcements read at Mass (95%) are “somewhat” or “very” effective ways of communicating parish news to them.

<i>How effective are these ways of communicating parish news to you?</i> Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Very”		
	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
Sunday bulletins	97%	95%
Announcements read at Mass	95	90
Fliers and brochures in the church	88	86
Our parish quarterly newsletter: <i>All Saints Catholic Parish Connection</i>	85	82
Word of mouth among parishioners	72	56
Email to your work or home address	65	60
Parish website	64	62
Social media (Facebook)	56	—

*Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys

A majority of responding parishioners say each method of communication presented in the table above are at least “somewhat” effective for the communication of parish news.

- Nearly nine in ten report that fliers and brochures in the church and the parish’s quarterly newsletter are at least “somewhat” effective.
- Word of mouth among parishioners is seen as at least “somewhat” effective by more than seven in ten respondents.
- Just under two in three say that email and the parish website are “somewhat” or “very” effective ways of communicating parish news to them.
- Social media is seen as at least “somewhat” effective by almost six in ten responding parishioners.

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 16 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to report that word of mouth among parishioners (72% compared to 56%) is a “somewhat” or “very” effective way for the parish to communicate news to them.

“Very” Effective Ways of Communicating

More than half say the following are “very” effective ways to communicate parish news to them: Sunday bulletins (82%), announcements read at Mass (70%), fliers and brochures in the church (60%), and the parish’s quarterly newsletter *All Saints Catholic Parish Connection* (58%).

<i>How effective are these ways of communicating parish news to you?</i> Percentage responding “Very”		
	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
Sunday bulletins	82%	70%
Announcements read at Mass	70	57
Fliers and brochures in the church	60	49
Our parish quarterly newsletter: <i>All Saints Catholic Parish Connection</i>	58	48
Email to your work or home address	44	32
Parish website	34	30
Word of mouth among parishioners	30	21
Social media (Facebook)	29	—

*Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys

- Among the electronic forms of communication, email is seen as “very” effective by 44%, the parish website by 34%, and social media by 29%.
- Word of mouth among parishioners is seen as “very” effective by 30%.

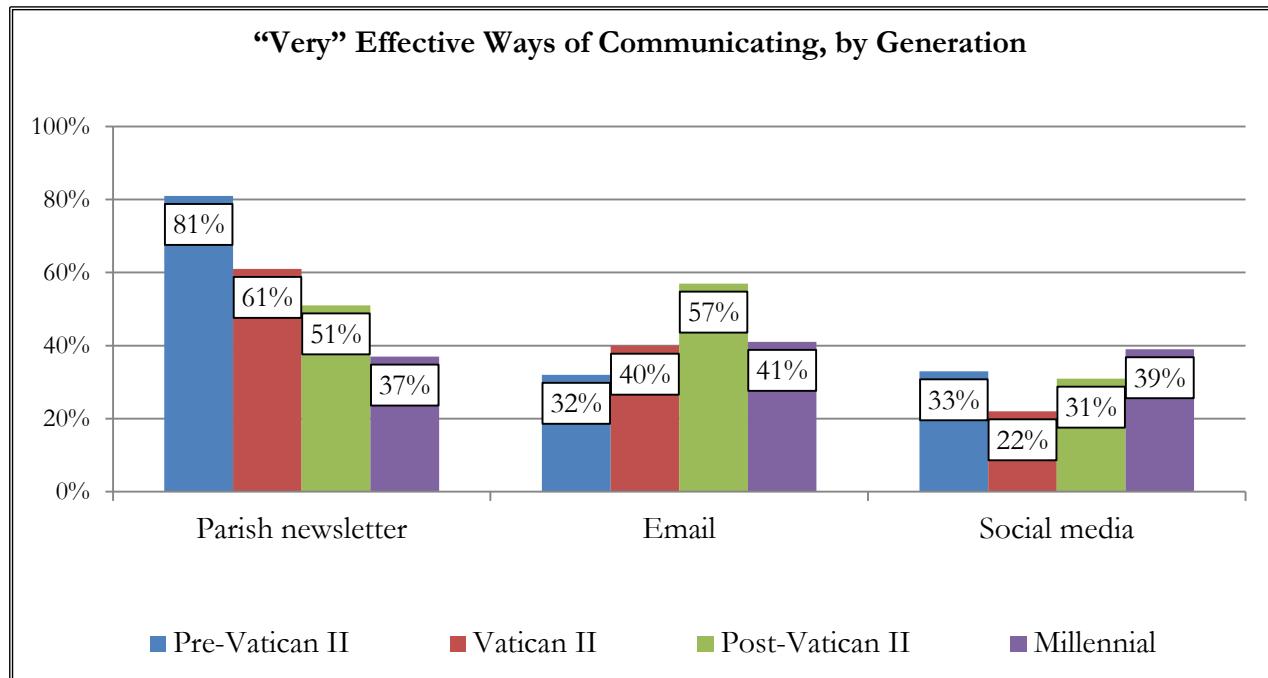
Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 10 to 13 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to say the following are “very” effective ways of communicating parish news to them:

- Announcements read at Mass (70% compared to 57%)
- Sunday bulletins (82% compared to 70%)
- Email to your work or home address (44% compared to 32%)
- Fliers and brochures in the church (60% compared to 49%)
- Parish newsletter (58% compared to 48%)

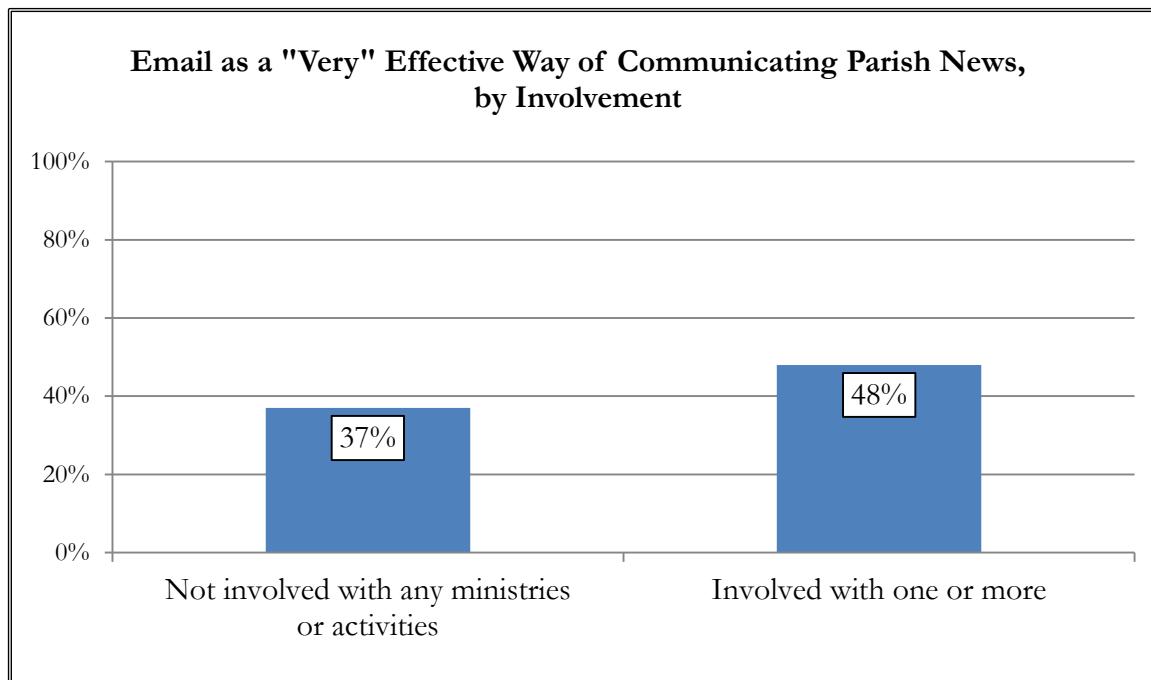
Differences by Generation

Members of the oldest generation are especially likely to report that the parish newsletter (*All Saints Catholic Parish Connection*) is a “very” effective way to communicate parish news. Those of the Post-Vatican II Generation, on the other hand, are most likely to say email is “very” effective. Finally, Millennials are most likely to report that social media are “very” effective.



Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with one or more ministries or activities at the parish are more likely than those less involved to say email is a “very” effective way to communicate parish news to them.



Priority for Parish Needs

More than seven in ten give at least “somewhat” priority to each of the needs listed in the table below.

	<i>What priority do you give the following for the parish?</i> <i>Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Very Much”</i>	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
Providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy	95%	87%	
Developing a parish sense of community	94	91	
Providing services for the poor	93		
Visitation of the sick and homebound	92	90	
Youth ministry	91	88	
Collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society	91	—	
Children’s religious education/formation	90	91	
Ministry to those grieving	90	91	
Adult faith formation	90	86	
Young adult ministry	89	90	
Outreach to inactive Catholics	89	73	
Working for justice and peace globally	87	—	
Ministry for senior citizens	86	—	
Ministry to the divorced and separated	82	82	
More small group prayer opportunities	80	75	
Providing retreat opportunities	79	71	
More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration	74	80	
Outreach to LBGTQ persons	72	—	

*Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys

Between 87% and 95% give “somewhat” or “very much” priority to each of these social justice-related needs: providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy (95%), providing services for the poor (93%), visitation of the sick and homebound (92%), collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society (91%), ministry to those grieving (90%), and working for justice and peace globally (87%).

- Developing a parish sense of community receives at least “somewhat” priority from 94% of responding parishioners.

- Nine in ten give at least “somewhat” priority to these formation-related needs: youth ministry (91%), children’s religious education/formation (90%), and adult faith formation (90%). Seventy-nine percent give as much priority to providing retreat opportunities.
- More than eight in ten say the parish should give at least “somewhat” priority to outreach to inactive Catholics (89%), ministry for senior citizens (86%), and ministry to the divorced and separated (82%). Some 72% say as much priority should be given to outreach to LBGTQ persons.
- Eighty percent say at least “somewhat” priority should be given to having more small group prayer opportunities. More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration is given as much priority by 74%.

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 16 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to say the parish should give outreach to inactive Catholics (89% compared to 73%) at least “somewhat” priority.

“Very Much” Priority

Responding parishioners are particularly likely to give “very much” priority to needs related to community, social justice, formation, and ministry to groups within and outside of the parish.

	<i>What priority do you give the following for the parish?</i> <i>Percentage responding “Very Much”</i>	Parishes All Saints	Nationally*
Developing a parish sense of community	74%	60%	
Providing services for the poor	74	—	
Providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy	73	53	
Youth ministry	71	59	
Children’s religious education/formation	70	70	
Visitation of the sick and homebound	65	55	
Collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society	65	—	
Young adult ministry	63	62	
Working for peace and justice globally	60	—	
Ministry to those grieving	58	58	
Adult faith formation	58	46	
Outreach to inactive Catholics	53	35	
Ministry for senior citizens	49	—	
Ministry to the divorced and separated	45	40	
Outreach to LGBTQ persons	37	—	
More small group prayer opportunities	35	34	
More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration	34	39	
Providing retreat opportunities	29	31	

*Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys

Three in four say the parish should give “very much” priority to developing a parish sense of community.

- At least six in ten give “very much” priority to these social justice-related needs: providing services for the poor (74%), providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy (73%), collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society (65%), and working for peace and justice globally (60%).
- More than half place “very much” priority on these formation-related needs: youth ministry (71%), children’s religious education/formation (65%), and adult faith formation (58%). Some 29% place as much priority on providing retreat opportunities.

- The priority given to ministry and outreach to various groups differs significantly: visitation of the sick and homebound (65%), young adult ministry (63%), ministry to those grieving (58%), outreach to inactive Catholics (53%), ministry for senior citizens (49%), ministry to the divorced and separated (45%), and ministry to LBGTQ persons (37%).
- Just over a third place “very much” priority on more small group prayer opportunities (35%) and more opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration (34%).

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 12 to 20 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to say the parish should give the following “very much” priority:

- Providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy (73% compared to 53%)
- Outreach to inactive Catholics (53% compared to 35%)
- Developing a parish sense of community (74% compared to 60%)
- Youth ministry (71% compared to 59%)
- Adult faith formation (58% compared to 46%)

Differences by Age Group

Those ages 18 to 35 do *not* differ significantly in the priority they give to young adult ministry.

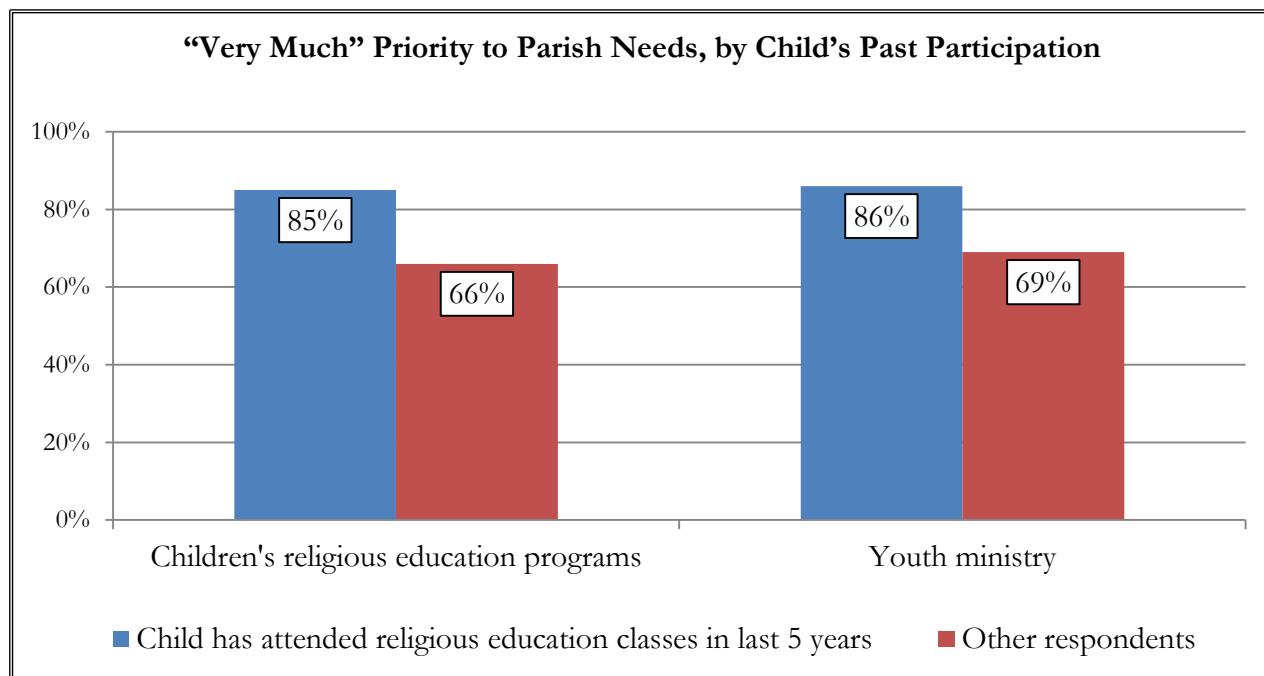
Similarly, those ages 65 and older do *not* differ significantly in the priority they give to ministry for senior citizens.

Differences by Marital Status

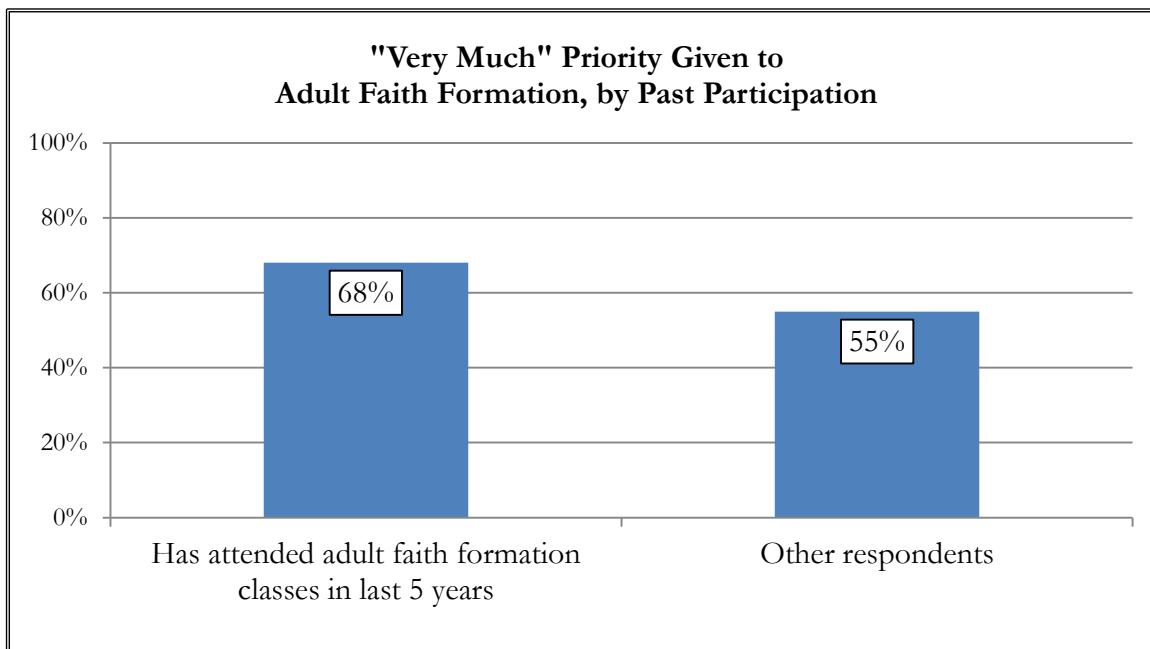
Divorced or separated respondents do *not* differ significantly in the priority they give to ministry to the divorced and separated.

Differences by Past Participation in Formation Programs

More than eight in ten of those whose children have attended religious education classes at the parish in the past five years report that the parish should give at least “somewhat” priority to youth ministry (86%) and children’s religious education programs (85%).

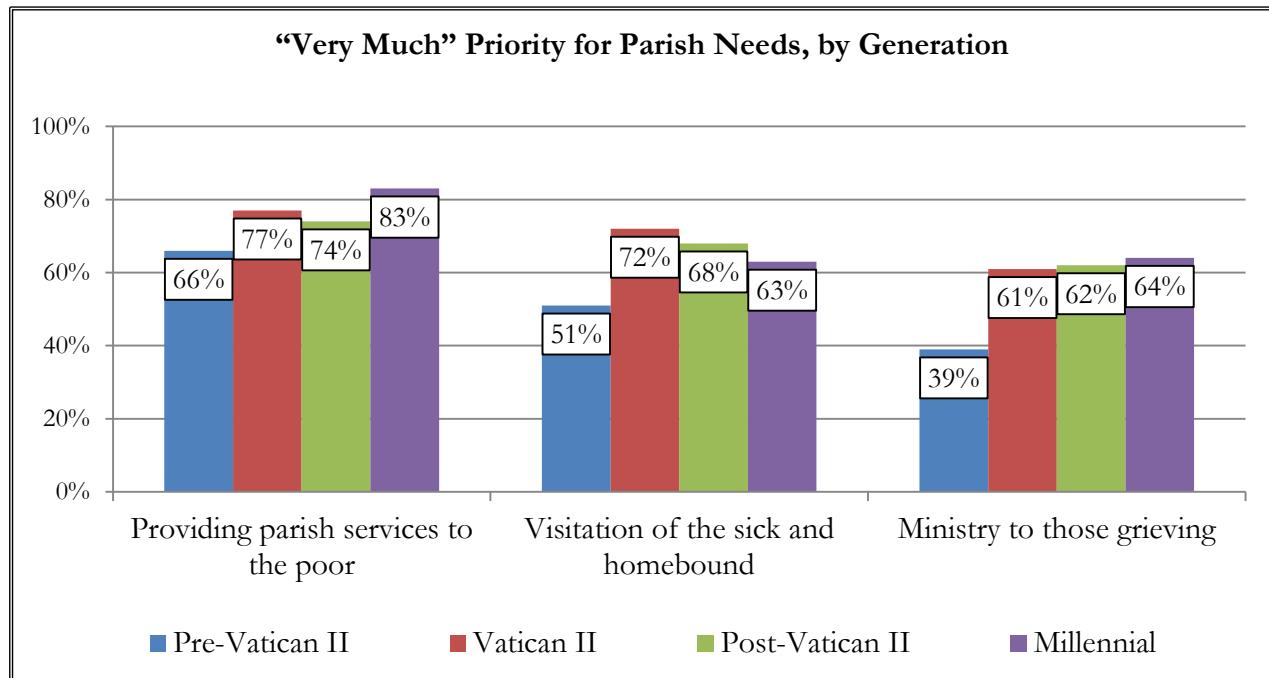


Two-thirds of those who have attended adult religious education classes at the parish in the past five years say the parish should give “very much” priority to adult faith formation.



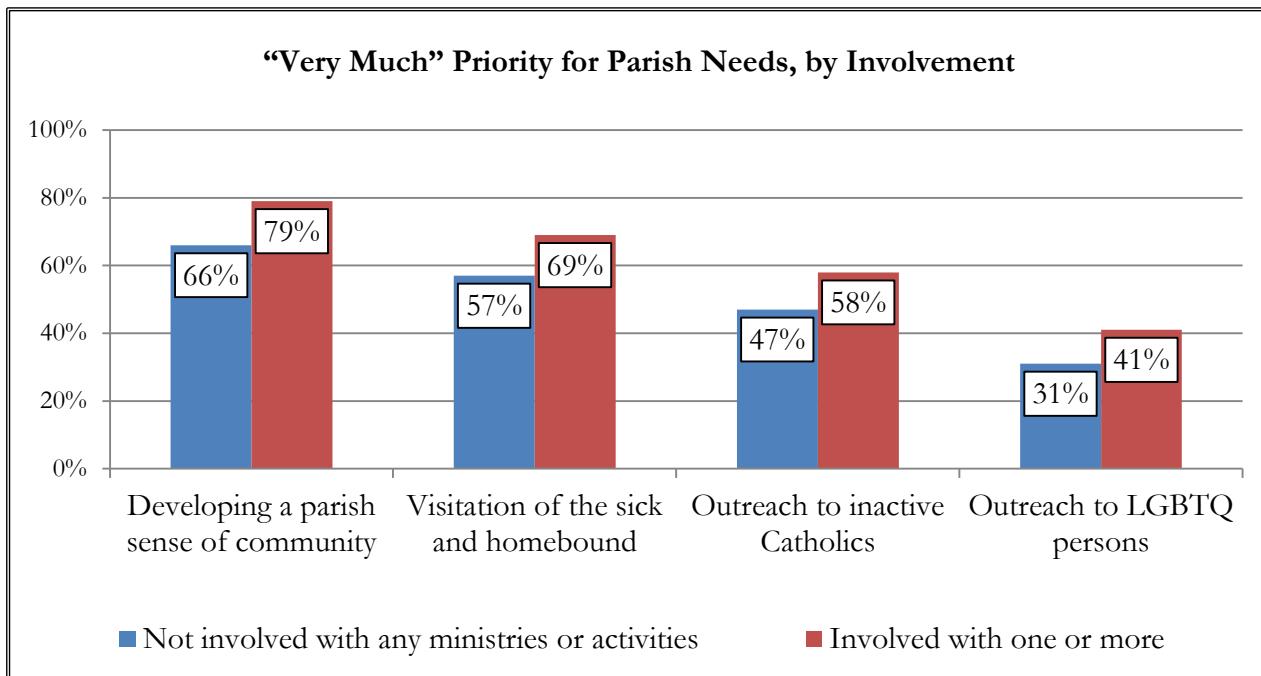
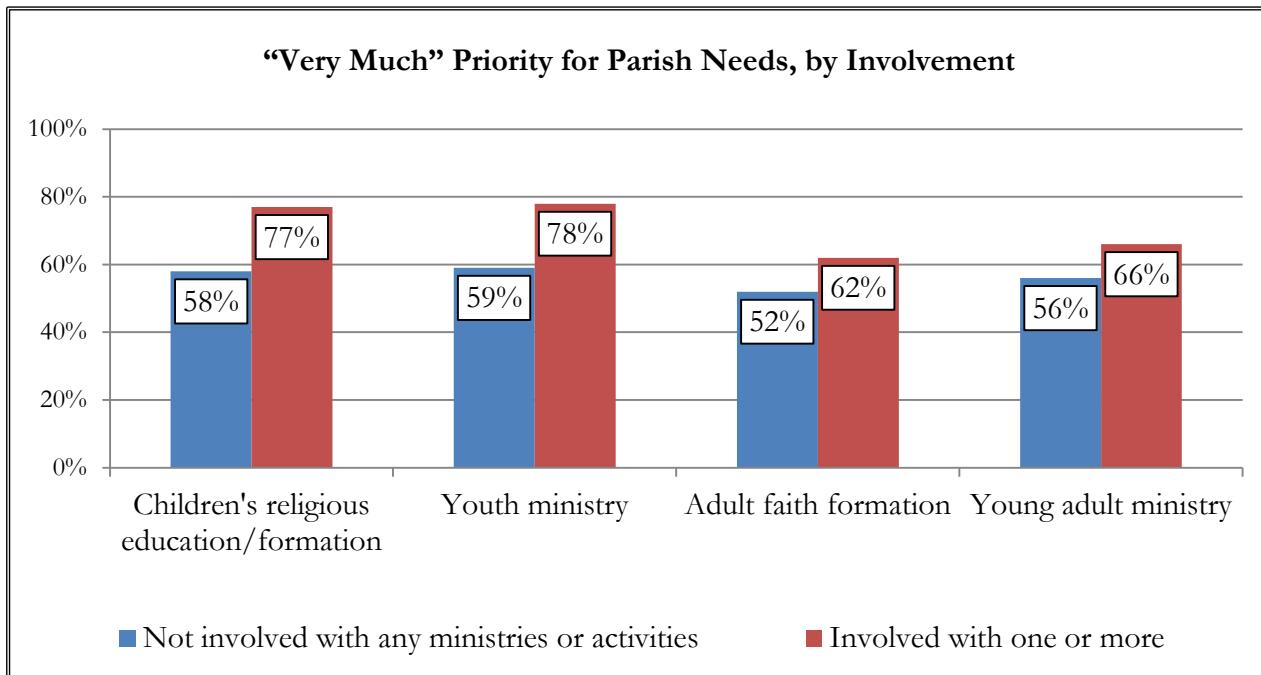
Differences by Generation

Members of the oldest generation are *least* likely to say the parish should give “very much” priority to the needs presented in the figure below.

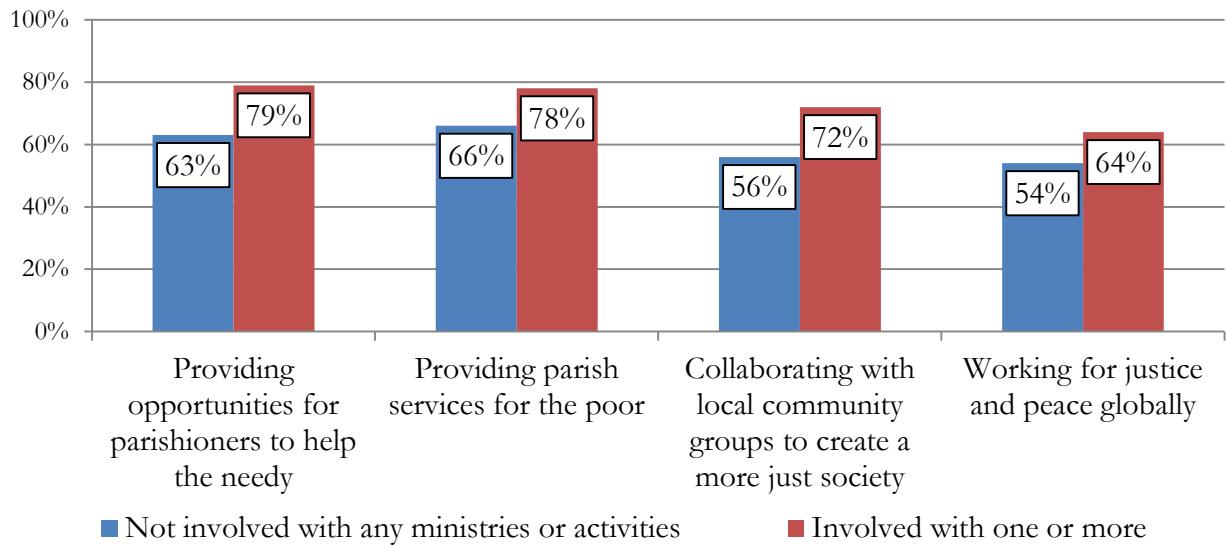


Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish are more likely than others to say the parish should give the needs presented in the three figures below “very much” priority.



“Very Much” Priority for Parish Needs, by Involvement



Top Priorities for Parish Needs

Respondents were asked to choose the three needs from the list in the previous section that the parish should give most priority to.⁵ Needs related to passing along the faith to the next generation, social justice, and developing community are especially likely to have been selected.

Needs Listed Among One's Top Three Priorities

	One of their Three Top Priorities
Children's religious education/formation	28%
Youth ministry	26
Providing services for the poor	26
Providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy	25
Collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society	25
Developing a parish sense of community	23
Young adult ministry	17
Working for justice and peace globally	17
Outreach to inactive Catholics	16
Visitation of the sick and homebound	16
Ministry to those grieving	14
Adult faith formation	14
Ministry for senior citizens	11
Outreach to LBGTQ persons	7
Ministry to the divorced and separated	6
More small group prayer opportunities	6
More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration	5
Providing retreat opportunities	5

More than a quarter list children's religious education/formation (28%) and youth ministry (26%) among their top three priorities. Fourteen percent list adult faith formation and 5% list providing retreat opportunities.

- Social justice-related needs listed among responding parishioners' top three include providing services for the poor (26%), providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy (25%), collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society (25%), and working for justice and peace globally (17%).

⁵Thirty-one percent did not provide a response to this series of questions.

- Developing a parish sense of community is listed by 23% of respondents.
- Ministry and outreach to the following groups are listed among the top three needs by 6% to 17% of responding parishioners: young adults (17%), inactive Catholics (16%), the sick and homebound (16%), those grieving (14%), senior citizens (11%), LBGTQ persons (7%), and those divorced or separated (6%).
- Five or 6% list among their top three needs having more small group prayer opportunities and more opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration.

Differences by Generation

Members of the Pre-Vatican II Generation are most likely to list these six areas of parish life as one of their top three priorities for parish needs:

- *Tie:* Children's religious education/formation (23%), outreach to inactive Catholics (23%) and collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society (23%)
- *Tie:* Adult faith formation (21%), ministry to those grieving (21%), and visitation of the sick and homebound (21%).

Those of the Vatican II Generation are most likely to list these five needs as one of their top three priorities for the parish:

- Children's religious education/formation (34%)
- Collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society (27%)
- Youth ministry (25%)
- *Tie:* Providing services for the poor (24%) and providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy (24%).

Members of the Post-Vatican II Generation are most likely to list these five needs among their top three priorities:

- Providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy (36%)
- Youth ministry (31%)
- Providing services for the poor (30%)
- Collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society (27%)
- Children's religious education/formation (24%).

Those of the Millennial Generation are most likely to list these five needs as one of their top three:

- Developing a parish sense of community (50%)
- *Tie:* Youth ministry (44%) and providing services for the poor (44%)
- Young adult ministry (35%)
- Children's religious education/formation (32%).

Attraction to the Parish

Those attending Mass at the parish report being especially attracted to the parish by the quality of the preaching, its open and welcoming spirit, the quality of the liturgy, and the sense of belonging they feel there. Between 96% and 98% say these elements attract them “somewhat” or “very much.”

How much do the following attract you to the parish?
Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Very Much”

	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
The quality of the preaching	98%	87%
Its open, welcoming spirit	98	86
The quality of the liturgy	97	89
The sense of belonging you feel here	96	86
Its opportunities for spiritual growth	93	81
Its commitment to social justice and peace	92	71
Its faith formation for adults	88	66
Its religious education/formation for children and youth	84	74

**Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys*

- Formation-related elements that attract to the parish “somewhat” or “very much” include its opportunities for spiritual growth (93%), its faith formation for adults (88%), and its religious education/formation for children and youth (84%).
- The parish’s commitment to social justice and peace attracts 92% of respondents at least “somewhat.”

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 10 to 22 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to say the following “somewhat” or “very much” attracts them to the parish:

- Its faith formation for adults (88% compared to 66%)
- Its commitment to social justice and peace (92% compared to 71%)
- Its open, welcoming spirit (98% compared to 86%)
- Its opportunities for spiritual growth (93% compared to 81%)
- The quality of the preaching (98% compared to 87%)
- The sense of belonging you feel here (96% compared to 86%)
- Its religious education/formation for children and youth (84% compared to 74%)

Elements That Attract “Very Much”

More than two-thirds of respondents report being attracted to the parish “very much” by its open and welcoming spirit (83%), the quality of the preaching (82%), the sense of belonging they feel there (80%), the quality of the liturgy (77%), and its commitment to social justice and peace (68%).

How much do the following attract you to the parish?
Percentage responding “Very Much”

	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
Its open, welcoming spirit	83%	57%
The quality of the preaching	82	57
The sense of belonging you feel here	80	62
The quality of the liturgy	77	55
Its commitment to social justice and peace	68	32
Its opportunities for spiritual growth	59	42
Its faith formation for adults	46	28
Its religious education/formation for children and youth	45	40

*Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys

Between 45% and 59% say the following formation-related elements attract them to the parish “very much”: its opportunities for spiritual growth (59%), its faith formation for adults (46%), and its religious education/formation for children and youth (45%).

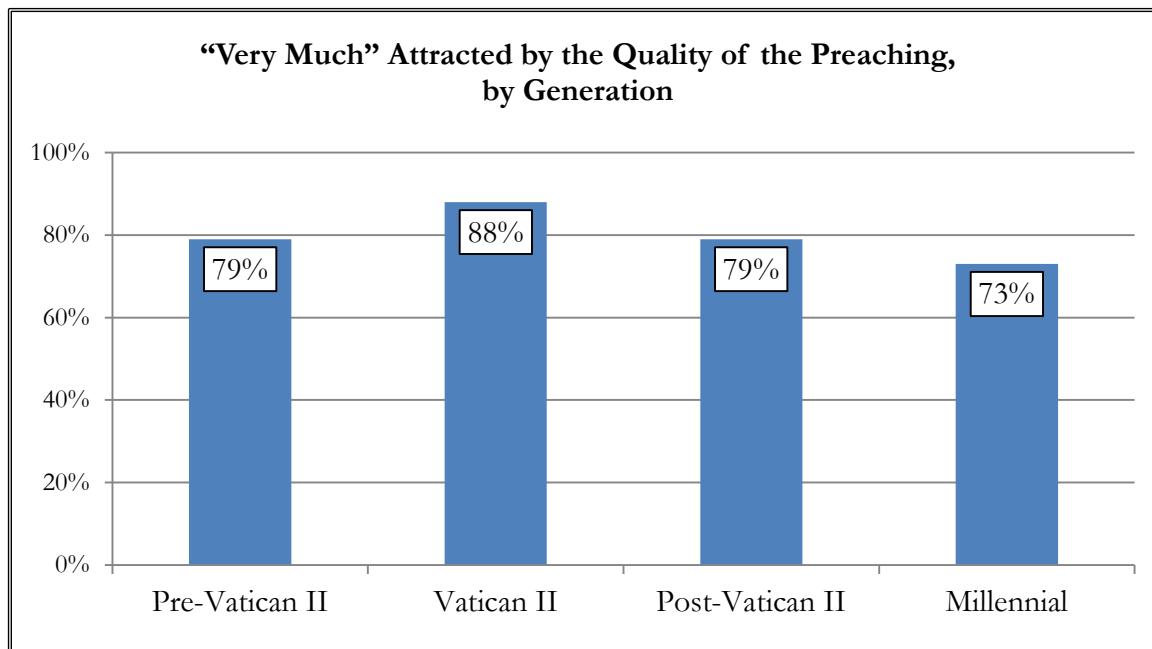
Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 17 to 36 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to say the following “very much” attracts them to the parish:

- Its commitment to social justice and peace (68% compared to 32%)
- Its open, welcoming spirit (83% compared to 57%)
- The quality of the preaching (82% compared to 57%)
- The quality of the liturgy (77% compared to 55%)
- The sense of belonging you feel here (80% compared to 62%)
- Its faith formation for adults (46% compared to 28%)
- Its opportunities for spiritual growth (59% compared to 42%)

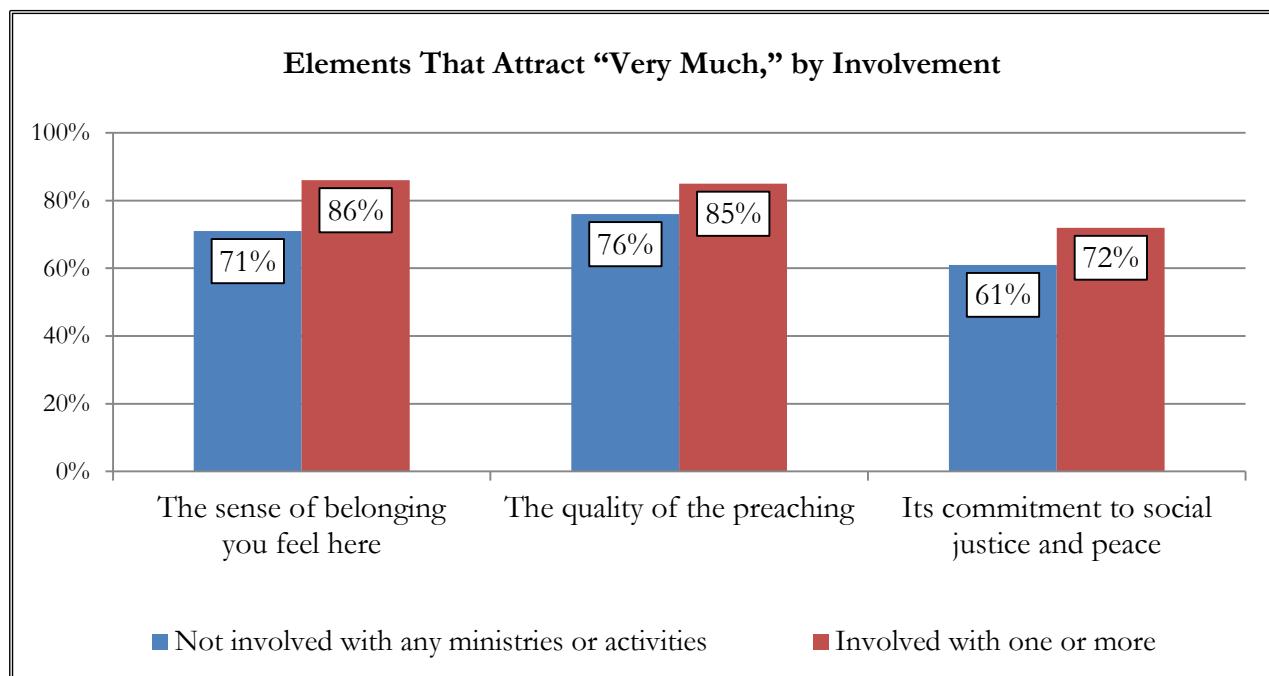
Differences by Generation

Members of the Vatican II Generation are most likely to say the quality of the preaching attracts them to the parish “very much.” Millennials are *least* likely to say the same.



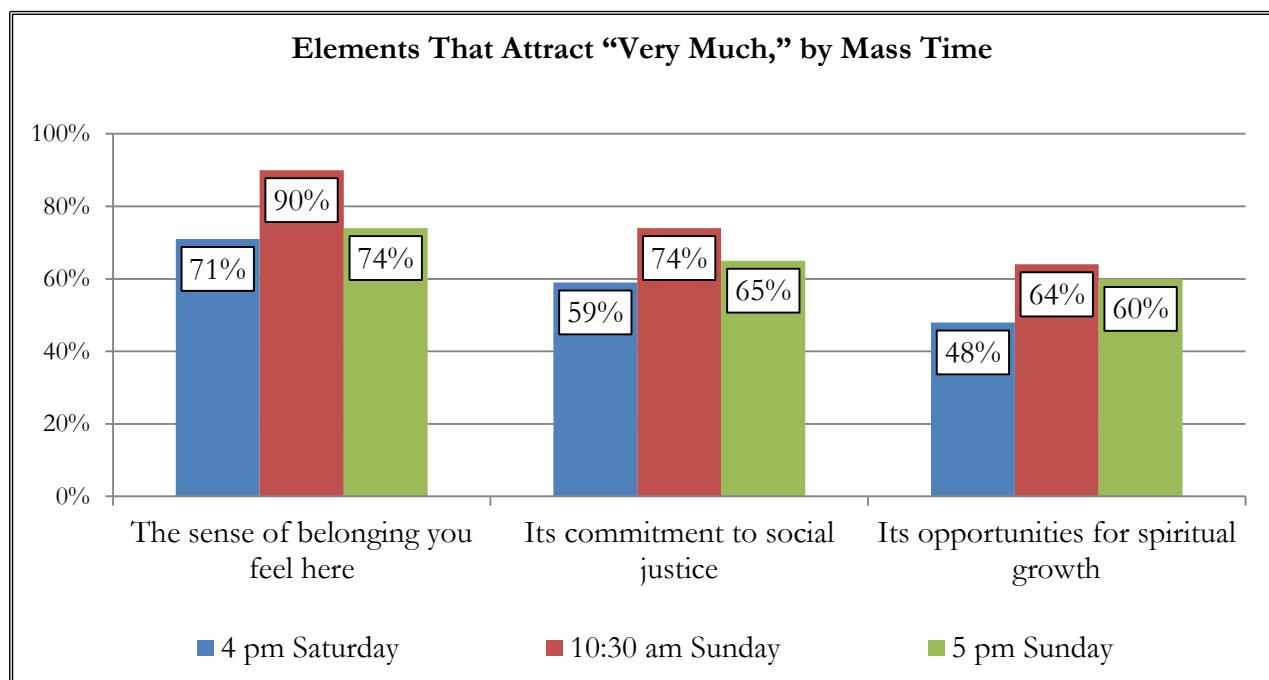
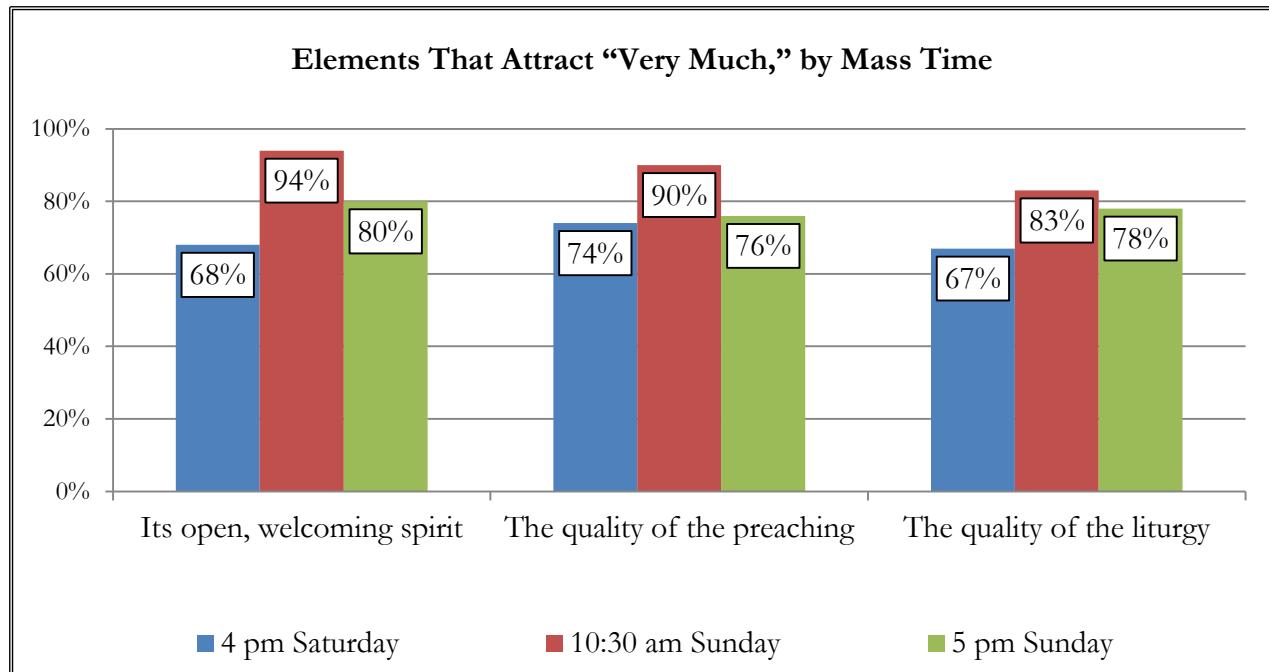
Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish are more likely than others to say the elements in the figure below attract “very much” to the parish.



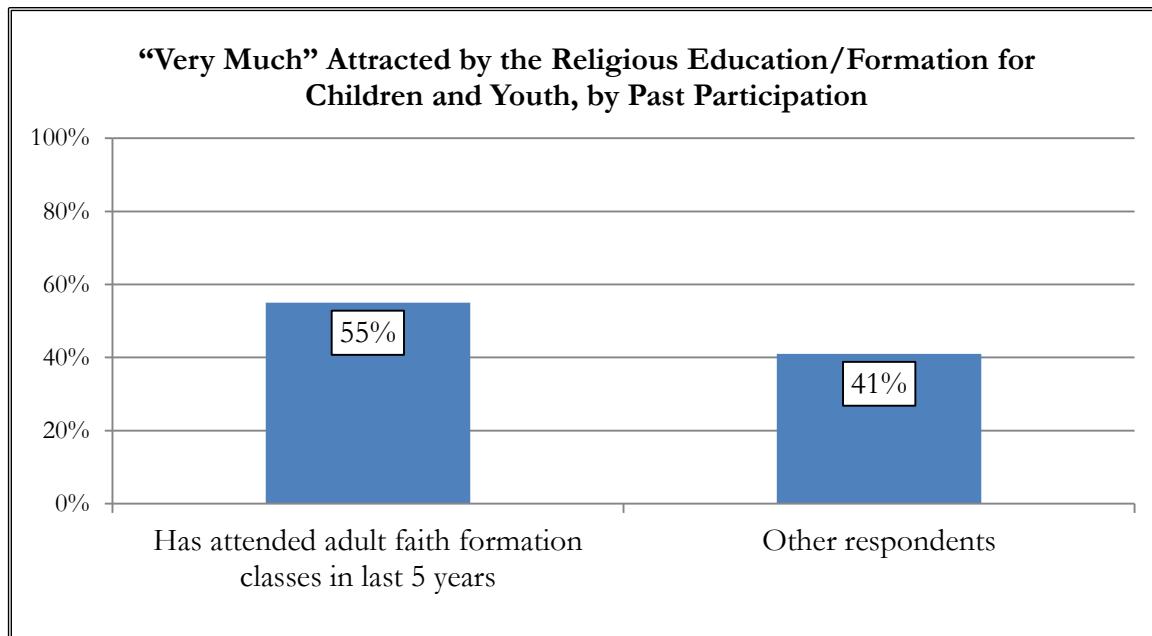
Differences by Mass Usually Attended

Those who usually attend the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass are especially likely to say the elements of the parish shown in the figures below “very much” attract them to the parish.



Differences by Past Participation in Formation Programs

More than half of those whose children or stepchildren have attended religious education classes at the parish in the past five years say the parish's religious education/formation for children and youth "very much" attracts them to the parish.



Attitudes about Parish Life

Between 87% and 97% agree at least “somewhat” with all but the last statement in the table below.

	<i>Please respond to the following Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Strongly” Agree</i>	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor	97%	48%	
I feel included in parish life	96	87	
I understand the concept of stewardship	94	85	
Parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision making at the parish	93	79	
I feel adequately informed about parish finances	92	75	
The Parish Pastoral Council keeps parishioners informed about its work and deliberations	89	—	
I think the parish should ask people to do more than simply come to Mass	87	84	
I want to be more involved in parish life	82	—	

*Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys

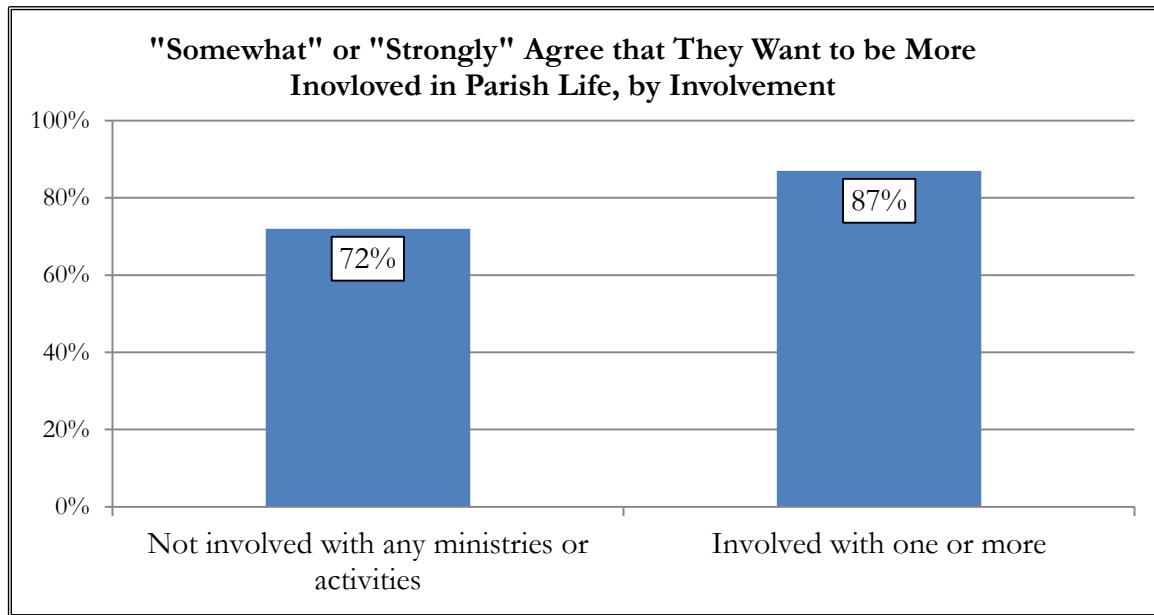
Comparison to Parishes Nationally

Respondents at All Saints Parish are 14 to 49 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to “somewhat” or “strongly” agree with these statements:

- I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor (97% compared to 48%)
- I feel adequately informed about parish finances (92% compared to 75%)
- Parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision making at the parish (93% compared to 79%)

Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish are relatively more likely than others to “somewhat” or “strongly” agree that they want to be more involved in parish life.



“Strongly” Agree

More than eight in ten “strongly” agree that they would feel comfortable talking with the pastor (82%).

<i>Please respond to the following Percentage responding “Strongly” Agree</i>		
	All Saints	Parishes Nationally*
I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor	82%	21%
I understand the concept of stewardship	66	51
I feel included in parish life	63	49
Parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision making at the parish	58	40
I feel adequately informed about parish finances	51	37
I think the parish should ask people to do more than simply come to Mass	48	45
The Parish Pastoral Council keeps parishioners informed about its work and deliberations	44	—
I want to be more involved in parish life	29	—

*Source: Cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys

Some 63% “strongly” agree that they feel included in parish life. Twenty-nine percent agree as strongly that they want to be more involved in parish life.

- Two-thirds “strongly” agree that they understand the concept of stewardship. Forty-eight percent agree as strongly that they think the parish should ask people to do more than simply come to Mass.
- Some 58% agree “strongly” that parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision making at the parish.
- Half “strongly” agree that they feel adequately informed about parish finances.
- Forty-four percent agree “strongly” that the Parish Pastoral Council keeps parishioners informed about its work and deliberations.

Comparison to Parishes Nationally

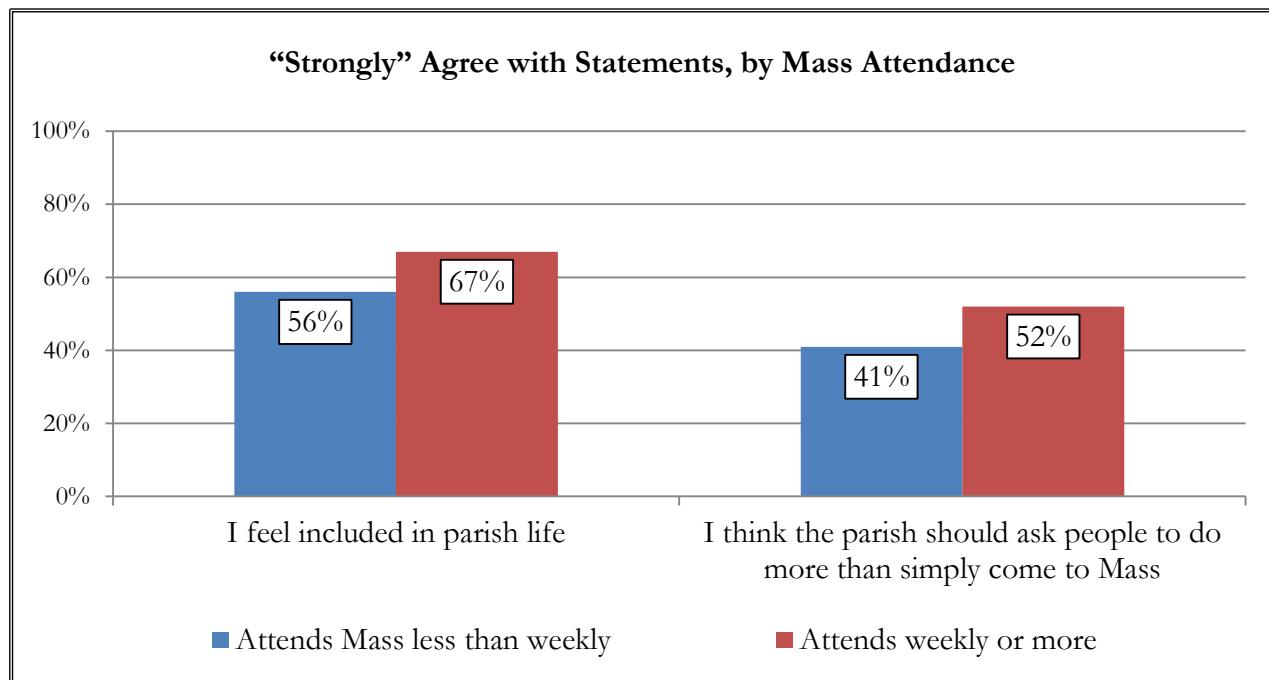
Respondents at All Saints Parish are 61 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to “strongly” agree that they would feel comfortable talking with the pastor (82% compared to 21%).

Those at All Saints Parish are also 14 to 18 percentage points more likely than those at parishes nationally to “strongly” agree with these statements:

- I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor (82% compared to 21%)
- Parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision making at the parish (58% compared to 40%)
- I understand the concept of stewardship (66% compared to 51%)
- I feel adequately informed about parish finances (51% compared to 37%)

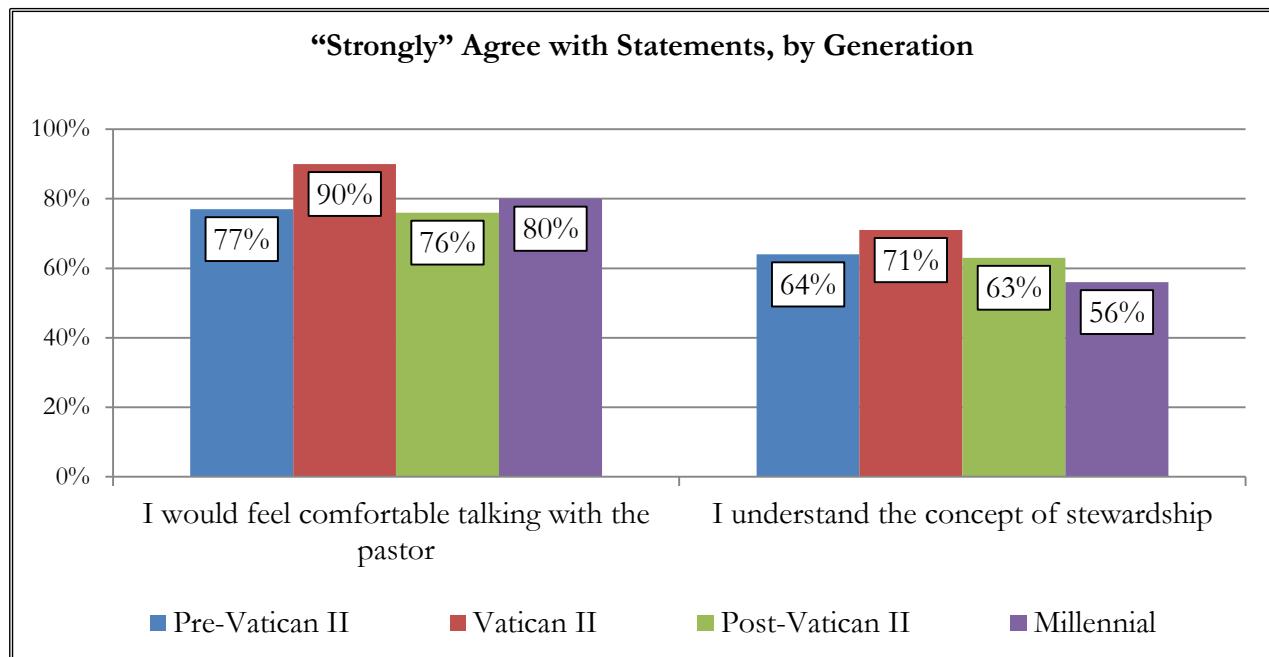
Differences by Frequency of Mass Attendance

Those who attend Mass at least once a week are more likely than those attending less frequently to “strongly” agree that they feel included in parish life and that the parish should ask people to do more than simply come to Mass.



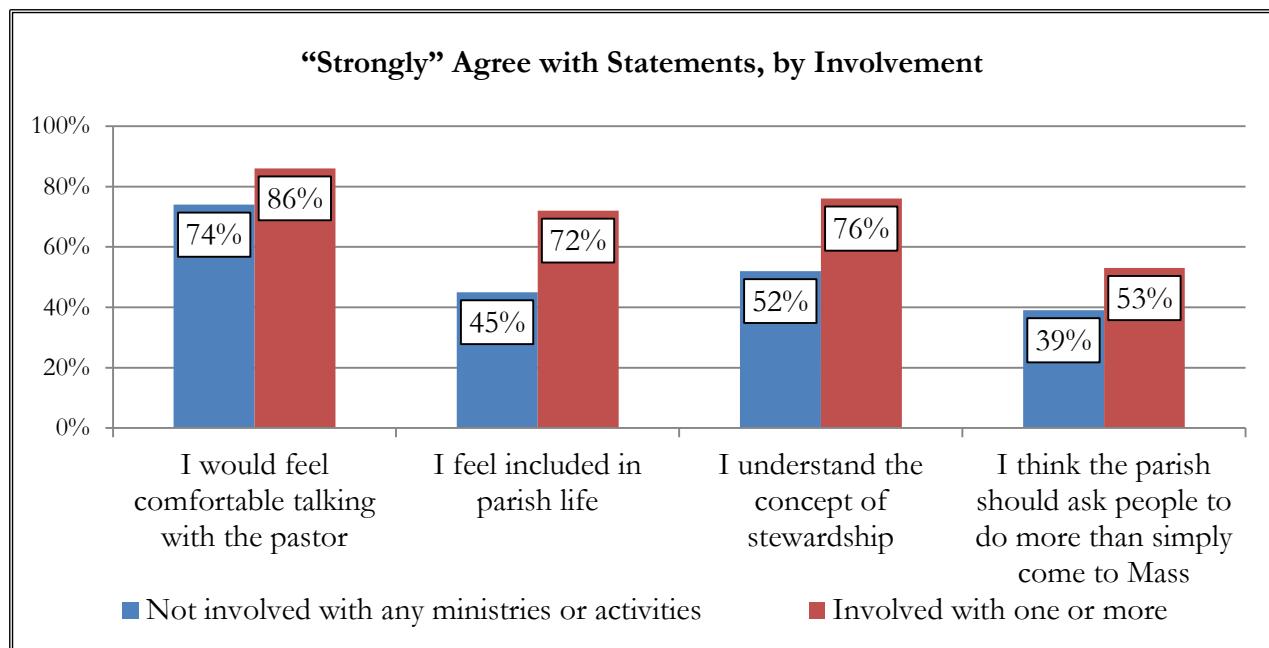
Differences by Generation

Members of the Vatican II Generation are especially likely to “strongly” agree that they would feel comfortable talking with the pastor and that they understand the concept of stewardship.



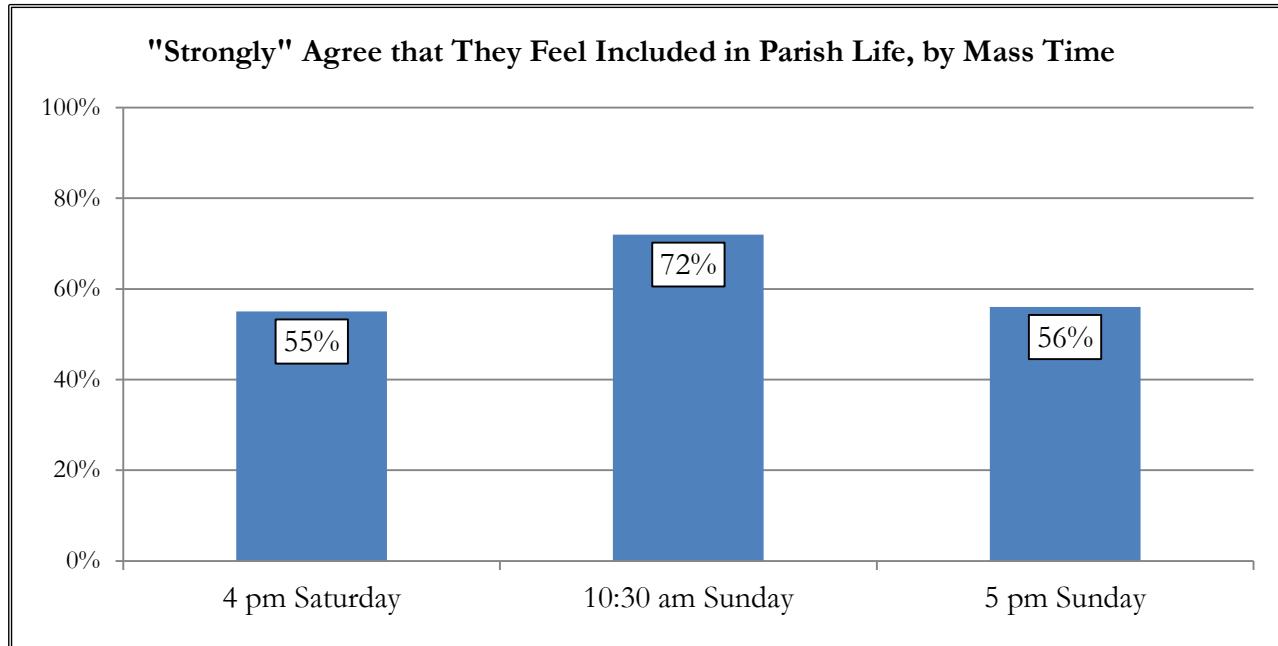
Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish are relatively more likely than others to “strongly” agree with the statements presented in the figure below.



Differences by Mass Usually Attended

Those who usually attend the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass are most likely to “strongly” agree that they feel included in parish life.



Parish Facility Needs

Slightly less than six in ten agree at least “somewhat” that the current parish facilities will not adequately satisfy the need of the parish in 10 years (56%). Twenty-one “strongly” agree that they will not be adequate.

Please respond to the following about parish facilities

Percentage responding “Somewhat” or “Strongly” Agree

	“Somewhat” or “Strongly” Agree	“Strongly” Agree Only
Parish facilities are accessible to those with physical disabilities	84%	42%
We need more space for parking	83	53
I would help support a building program	74	31
The current parish facilities will not adequately satisfy the needs of the parish in 10 years	56	21
We need more space for parish meetings, activities, and other functions*	53	21

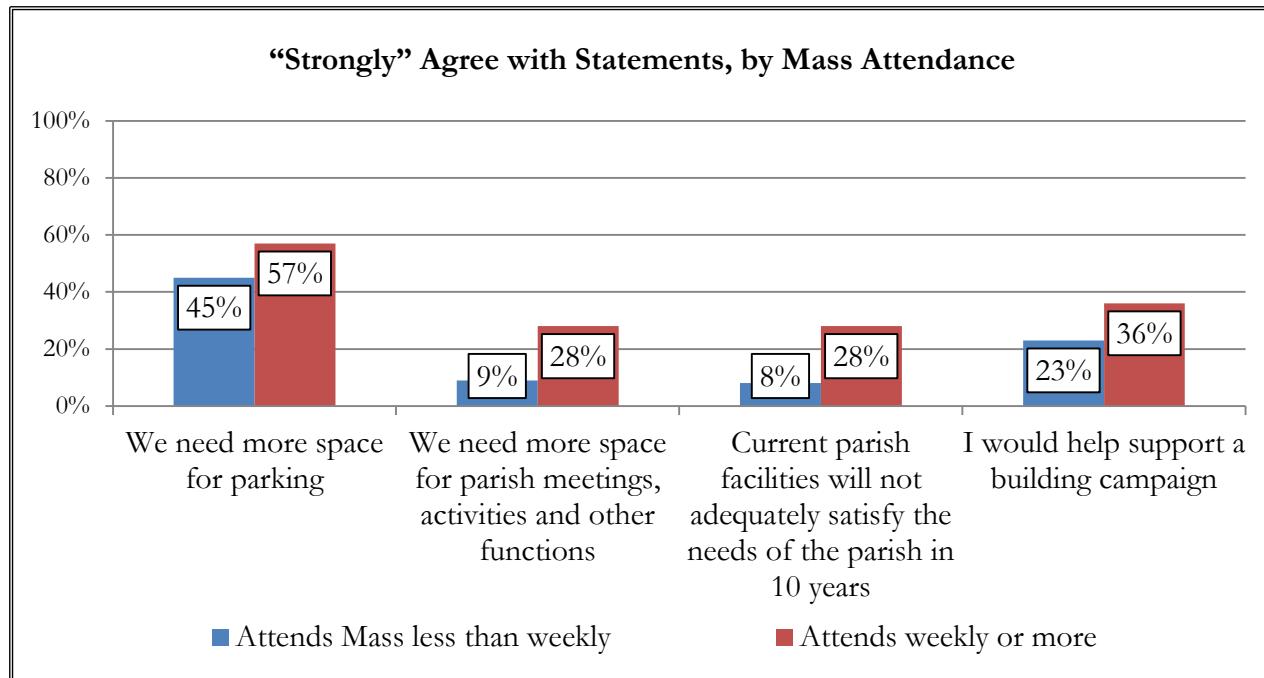
*This is the only question in this section to which CARA can provide a national comparisons. The cumulative average from parishes conducting CARA Parish Life Surveys for this question is 53% agreeing “somewhat” or “strongly” and 27% agreeing “strongly,” both of which are similar to the findings for All Saints Parish.

More than eight in ten agree at least “somewhat” that the physical facilities are accessible to those with physical disabilities (84%), with more than four in ten “strongly” agreeing they are (42%).

- Eighty-three percent agree “somewhat” or “strongly” that the parish needs more space for parking. Just over half “strongly” agree that it does (53%).
- Three-quarters agree at least “somewhat” that they would help support a building program. Three in ten agree strongly that they would.
- Just over half (53%) agree at least “somewhat” that the parish needs more space for parish meetings, activities, and other functions. Two in ten (21%) “strongly” agree that it does.

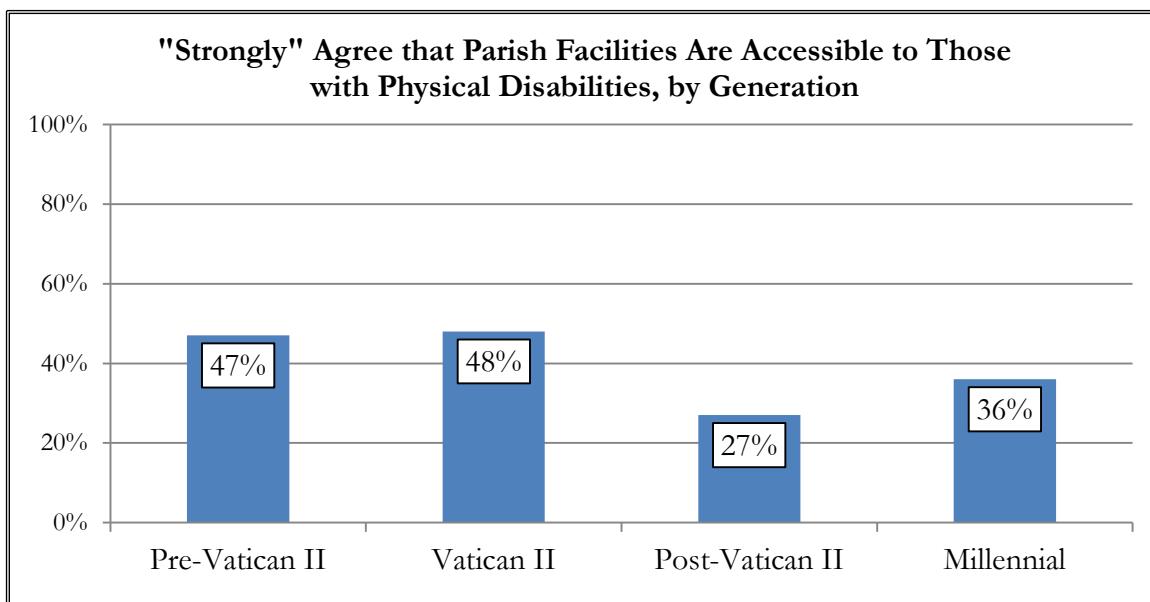
Differences by Frequency of Mass Attendance

Those who attend Mass at least once a week are relatively more likely than those attending less frequently to “strongly” agree with the statements about parish facilities presented in the figure below.



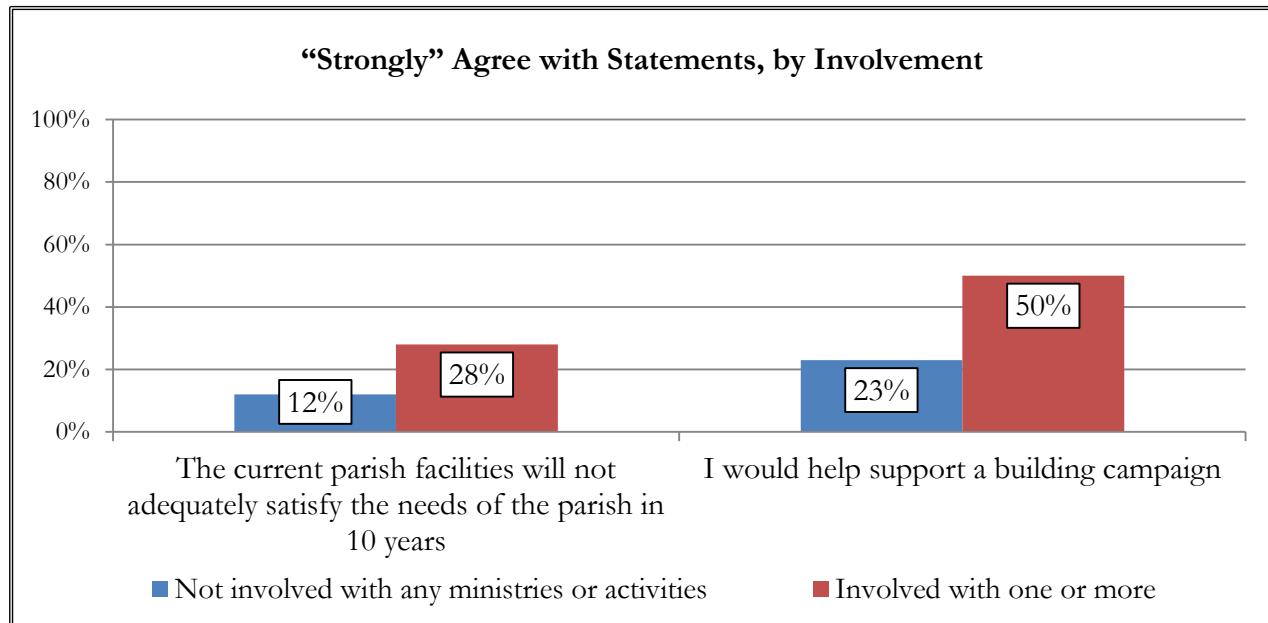
Differences by Generation

Members of the two oldest generations are especially likely to “strongly” agree that parish facilities are accessible to those with physical disabilities.



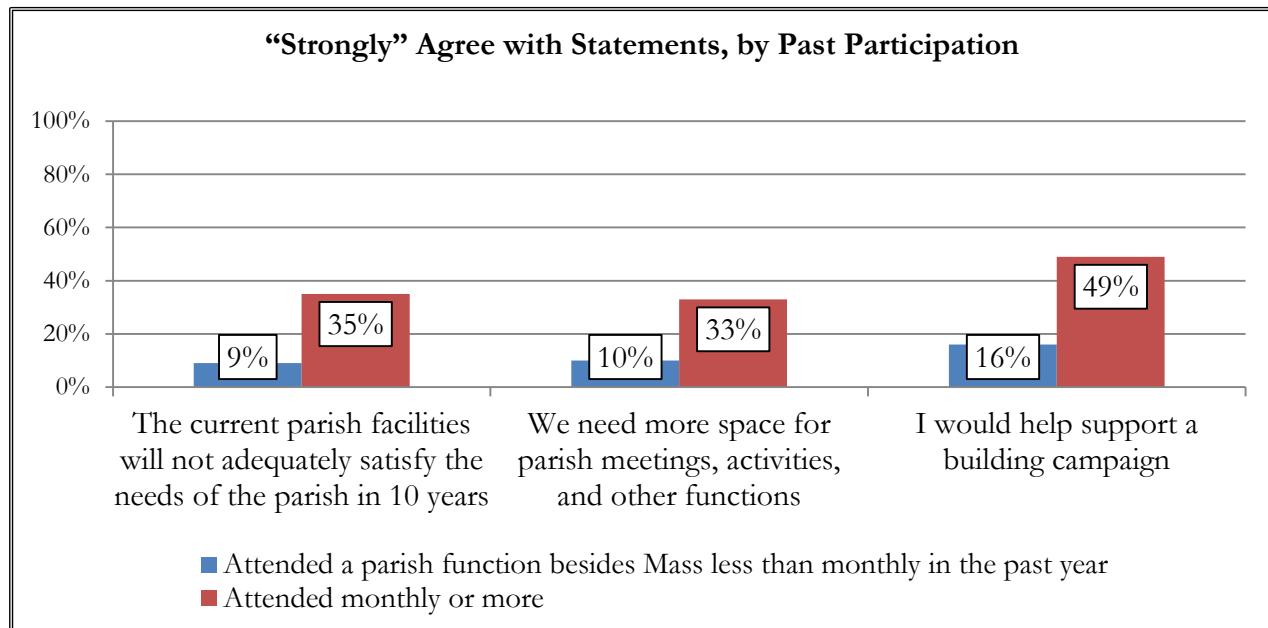
Differences by Level of Involvement

Those involved with at least one ministry or activity at the parish are more likely than others to “strongly” agree with the statements about parish facilities presented in the figure below.



Differences by Past Participation in Parish Activities Other than Mass

Respondents who say they have attended a parish activity or function besides Mass at least once a month in the past year are more likely than others to “strongly” agree with the statements about facilities shown in the figure below.



Appendix I: Response Frequencies to All Questions



Parish Life Survey for All Saints Parish, Evansville, Indiana

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There were 480 respondents to the All Saints Parish Life Survey age 16 and older. The percentage giving each response, calculated out of 100 percent, is shown below. The percentage not responding (NR) is shown separately, also calculated out of 100 percent.

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=Poor	3=Good
2=Fair	4=Excellent
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable	

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1=Not at All or None	3=Somewhat
2=Only a Little	4=Very Much
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable	

Please evaluate these aspects of parish life.

1	2	3	4	NR	
1	2	27	71	8	1. All Saints Parish overall
1	4	29	67	8	2. Sense of community within the parish
<1	3	27	70	7	3. Masses and liturgies in general
1	5	32	63	12	4. Vision provided by parish leaders
1	4	28	69	11	5. Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith
1	3	23	74	11	6. Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the parish
1	3	21	75	14	7. Outreach to and advocacy for those in need
1	5	36	58	15	8. Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing

Please evaluate the following persons and programs.

1	2	3	4	NR	
<1	1	13	85	7	9. Leadership provided by the pastor
1	3	29	68	13	10. Leadership of the Parish Team
1	2	21	76	13	11. Friendliness of the parish office staff
<1	3	32	65	37	12. Children's religious education programs (Family Faith Formation)
0	3	27	71	34	13. Youth ministry (EDGE and LifeTeen)
1	4	35	61	27	14. Faith formation for adults
1	5	39	55	19	15. Social activities

Please evaluate parish efforts to:

1	2	3	4	NR	
1	4	30	65	12	16. Communicate with parishioners
1	2	25	72	12	17. Nurture your relationship with Jesus Christ
1	3	29	67	13	18. Foster spiritual growth
1	5	31	63	14	19. Help you practice gospel values in your daily life
<1	3	24	74	11	20. Invite you to participate in parish ministries
1	4	34	61	27	21. Manage parish finances

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

1	2	3	4	NR	
1	1	16	83	3	22. Hospitality or sense of welcome
2	7	24	67	4	23. Music at the Mass you frequently attend
<1	2	19	79	6	24. Homilies
25	Which Mass do you usually attend at this parish?				
Please select only one Mass time.					
25	1. Saturday 4:00 pm	10	4. I do not regularly attend Mass at this parish	NR=4	
42	2. Sunday 10:30 am				
23	3. Sunday 5:00 pm				

What priority do you give the following for the parish?

1	2	3	4	NR	
6	4	21	70	29	26. Children's religious education/formation
6	4	19	71	27	27. Youth ministry
5	6	32	58	25	28. Adult faith formation
6	5	27	63	29	29. Young adult ministry
7	14	50	29	30	30. Providing retreat opportunities
7	13	45	35	30	31. More small group prayer opportunities
8	18	40	34	28	32. More opportunities for devotions such as rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration
7	7	36	49	27	33. Ministry for senior citizens
11	17	35	37	36	34. Outreach to LBGTQ persons
4	7	35	53	26	35. Outreach to inactive Catholics
8	11	36	45	32	36. Ministry to the divorced and separated
4	6	32	58	26	37. Ministry to those grieving
4	4	27	65	24	38. Visitation of the sick and homebound
4	3	20	74	23	39. Providing parish services for the poor
4	2	22	73	21	40. Providing opportunities for parishioners to help the needy
5	4	26	65	22	41. Collaborating with local community groups to create a more just society
4	9	27	60	23	42. Working for justice and peace globally
3	3	20	74	21	43. Developing a parish sense of community

Using the numbers for items 26-43 above, to which three needs should the parish give most priority?

NR Overall for questions 44 to 46=31

44. _____ . 45. _____ . 46. _____ .

How much do the following attract you to this parish?

1	2	3	4	NR	
1	1	15	83	5	47. Its open, welcoming spirit
1	2	20	77	8	48. The quality of the liturgy
1	1	16	82	6	49. The quality of the preaching
4	12	39	45	34	50. Its religious education/formation for children and youth
3	10	41	46	30	51. Its faith formation for adults
2	4	36	59	24	52. Its opportunities for spiritual growth
3	5	24	68	22	53. Its commitment to social justice and peace
1	3	16	80	12	54. The sense of belonging you feel here

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

46 1. None 30 3. Two to four **NR=6**
19 2. One 5 4. Five or more

Please use these responses for the questions below.

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1=Never or Rarely | 4=Once a Week |
| 2=Once or Twice a Year | 5=More than Once |
| 3=Once or Twice a Month | a Week |
| Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable | |

Please use these responses for the questions below.

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1=Not at All | 3=Somewhat |
| 2=Only a Little | 4=Very |
| Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable | |

How often have you done the following in the past year?

1 2 3 4 5 NR

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|-------------------|--|
| 30 29 23 10 7 13 | 56. Attended a parish activity or function besides Mass |
| 33 34 20 8 5 18 | 57. Participated in a parish-sponsored event |
| 48 21 20 7 4 18 | 58. Used the parish website |
| 24 19 23 17 17 17 | 59. Talked to someone about your faith |
| 37 33 16 8 6 18 | 60. Invited someone to attend one of our parish worship services or activities |
| 4 3 10 16 66 10 | 61. Regularly spent time in personal prayer |
| 12 21 26 19 22 18 | 62. Spent time learning more about your faith |
| 34 19 20 13 15 15 | 63. Regularly read the Bible |
| 56 24 7 8 6 20 | 64. Participated in a small faith sharing group |
| 38 20 16 14 12 20 | 65. Volunteered for a parish ministry |
| 11 10 21 37 21 15 | 66. Contributed generously to the support of the parish |

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

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| 1 3 33 63 23 67 | I feel included in parish life |
| 3 5 41 51 26 68 | I feel adequately informed about parish finances |
| 3 8 45 44 25 69 | The Parish Pastoral Council keeps parishioners informed about its work and deliberations |
| 0 3 15 82 16 70 | I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor |
| 2 5 36 58 25 71 | Parishioners are encouraged to have a role in decision making in the parish |
| 6 12 53 29 33 72 | I want to be more involved in parish life |
| 2 12 39 48 26 73 | I think the parish should ask people to do more than simply come to Mass |
| 2 4 28 66 20 74 | I understand the concept of stewardship |

Please respond to the following about parish facilities.

1 2 3 4 NR

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| 17 27 35 21 30 5 | The current parish facilities will not adequately satisfy the needs of the parish in 10 years |
| 18 30 32 21 37 6 | We need more space for parish meetings, activities, and other functions |
| 4 12 42 42 30 7 | Parish facilities are accessible to those with physical disabilities |
| 7 10 30 53 20 8 | We need more space for parking |
| 11 15 43 31 35 9 | I would help support a building campaign |

How effective are these ways of communicating parish news to you?

1 2 3 4 NR

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| 7 21 42 30 29 | 80. Word of mouth among parishioners |
| 1 4 25 70 16 | 81. Announcements read at Mass |
| 1 11 29 60 20 | 82. Fliers and brochures in the church |
| 1 2 15 82 15 | 83. Sunday bulletin |
| 5 10 27 58 30 | 84. our quarterly parish newsletter: <i>All Saints Catholic Parish Connection</i> |
| 20 15 22 44 37 | 85. Email to your work or home address |
| 29 16 28 29 39 | 86. Social media (Facebook) |
| 20 16 30 34 34 | 87. Parish website |
| 88. | About how frequently do you currently attend Mass? |
| 0 1. Never or rarely | 30 4. Almost every week |
| 1 2. A few times a year | 58 5. Every week NR=7 |
| 5 3. Once or twice a month | 6 6. More than once a week |

Avg. NR

18.2 39 89. Years you have attended this parish?

Leave blank if this is not your regular parish. Write "1" if one year or less.

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

Yes No NR

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|-------------|--|
| 64 36 6 90 | Are you registered in this parish? |
| 76 24 7 91 | Is this parish your primary place of worship? |
| 17 83 20 92 | Have any of your children attended Family Faith Formation, EDGE, or LifeTeen here in the past 3 years? |
| 25 75 13 93 | Have you attended adult formation sessions here in the past 3 years? |
| 46 54 24 94 | Will/did your spouse also complete this survey? |

Avg. NR

1959 8 95. Year you were born: _____ (4-digit year)

96. Gender: 40 1. Male 60 2. Female **NR=8**

97. What best describes your current marital status?

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 14 1. Single, never married | 11 3. Divorced or separated |
| 65 2. Married or remarried | 10 4. Widowed NR=8 |

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

Sum

87 98. Age 12 or younger 68 99. Ages 13 to 17

100. What best describes your highest level of education?

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4 1. Some high school or less | 8 4. Associate's degree |
| 26 2. High school diploma | 23 5. Bachelor's degree |
| 19 3. Some college | 19 6. Graduate degree |

NR=10

Thank you for completing this survey.

101. What would help you participate more fully in parish life?