



Parish Survey Recap

Vision 2013: Forward Together

This past summer we reached-out with a detailed survey, to get your input, in preparation for our October Parish Summit. We had an incredible response of over 500 participants. I want to thank each and every one of you who took the time to provide honest and thoughtful feedback.

It is clear from the feedback, you gave serious thought in how we can continue to improve our parish community. We have not only used your quantitative responses, but we have read every comment to help us bring clear focus in making our October Parish Summit as focused, efficient and effective as possible.

I wanted to share with you the quantitative responses on the following pages. I hope you will take the time to review this snapshot of the collective input of our community. As we approach our Summit, I would ask you to pray for the wisdom of our Holy Spirit to guide our discussions as we work to set creative new initiatives to enrich our call to live our faith each and every day.

Again, I want to thank you for your remarkable participation in the survey!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Hugh Fullmer

Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Parish Survey 2013: FORWARD TOGETHER

Here is some of the feedback from our recent Parish Survey. We will use this information to better plan for the future of our parish community.

Thank-you to everyone who responded with their input! It is very much appreciated!

Your current age? (select one)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18	1.5%	7
19-21	0.2%	1
22-29	2.6%	12
30-39	21.9%	99
40-59	57.2%	259
60 and over	16.6%	75
<i>answered question</i>		453
<i>skipped question</i>		3

Please check each of the following that would best describe your primary ethnicity: (please check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
African American/Black	0.9%	4
Asian	1.5%	7
Asian Indian	1.3%	6
Caucasian/White	89.4%	405
Filipino	1.5%	7
Hispanic	6.4%	29
Other	1.3%	6
<i>answered question</i>		453
<i>skipped question</i>		3

Please check each of the following that would best describe your household: (please check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Married	80.1%	362
Single	9.7%	44
Divorced	7.5%	34
Separated	0.7%	3
No Children	6.4%	29
Children (Infant - Preschool)	13.1%	59
Children (K - 5)	25.2%	114
Children (Middle School)	17.5%	79
Children (High School)	21.5%	97
Children (College)	13.7%	62
Adult Children	20.1%	91
<i>answered question</i>		452
<i>skipped question</i>		4

How often do you attend Mass? (select one)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	5.3%	24
Weekly	68.0%	308
A couple of times a month	15.9%	72
Monthly	4.4%	20
A few times a year	5.5%	25
Only on major religious holidays	0.9%	4
<i>answered question</i>		453
<i>skipped question</i>		3

For each of the following programs, in which you have participated in the last five years, please rate your experience from Excellent to Poor:								
Answer Options	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor	Didn't Participate	Rating Average	Response Count
Religious Ed (K-5)	62	80	24	11	3	180	1.96	360
Religious Ed (Middle School)	26	40	24	22	8	220	2.55	340
Religious Ed (High School)	22	47	27	11	4	229	2.35	340
Adult Faith Formation (e.g. Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Small Faith Groups, Bible Study)	39	38	15	8	5	235	2.07	340
Young Adult Ministry (e.g. Theology on Tap)	8	5	2	0	0	283	1.60	298
Senior Gems (over 50 group)	4	6	1	0	0	280	1.73	291
Service Ministry (e.g. Hesus House, Bridge Communities)	27	35	5	1	0	242	1.71	310
Pro Life Ministry	10	13	10	5	2	264	2.40	304
Pastoral Care	8	10	2	2	1	270	2.04	293
Mercy Fest	100	129	25	9	3	118	1.82	384
Friday Night Feast	42	56	7	4	1	213	1.78	323
Hospitality Sundays	73	91	26	6	2	151	1.85	349
New Parishioner Welcoming	40	38	5	4	2	224	1.76	313
<i>answered question</i>								444
<i>skipped question</i>								12

For each of these statements, regarding Sunday Liturgy, please indicate whether you agree, somewhat agree, are neutral, somewhat disagree or disagree with each statement:

Answer Options	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neutral	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
The Liturgy at OLM is reverent	262	104	44	27	10	1.70	447
The quality of the homilies at OLM are excellent	101	190	64	58	37	2.42	450
The quality of the music and choir at Mass is excellent	277	106	33	28	6	1.62	450
I tend to prefer Masses that are more traditional in music and style	151	91	103	59	36	2.40	440
I tend to prefer Masses that are more contemporary in music and style	84	109	124	66	54	2.76	437
The cantors' singing enhance the liturgical experience	249	126	53	12	8	1.67	448
The lectors' reading enhance the liturgical experience	236	142	52	10	4	1.66	444
The Liturgy of the Word for Children is valuable for my child's faith formation	160	45	168	2	14	2.14	389
Attending Mass changes me in a positive way	285	109	37	9	7	1.53	447
<i>answered question</i>							452
<i>skipped question</i>							4

For each of these statements, regarding COMMUNITY, please indicate whether you agree, somewhat agree, are neutral, somewhat disagree or disagree with each statement:

Answer Options	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
I feel a sense of being welcomed at OLM	230	130	54	26	11	1.80	451
I want to meet other parishioners at OLM	199	135	102	8	2	1.83	446
I make an effort to meet other parishioners at OLM	112	139	116	58	20	2.40	445
I meet other parishioners at OLM on a regular basis	74	104	114	59	89	2.97	440
<i>answered question</i>							451
<i>skipped question</i>							5

For each of these statements, regarding the use of the Parish Life Center, please indicate whether you agree, somewhat agree, are neutral, somewhat disagree or disagree with each statement:

Answer Options	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
I feel the Parish Life Center offers a welcoming space for the middle school and high school age students.	200	78	133	15	6	1.96	432
I feel the Parish Life Center offers a welcoming and safe atmosphere to anyone who enters.	257	98	71	12	6	1.68	444
I feel the Parish Life Center is used efficiently and effectively.	189	110	107	30	8	2.00	444
Please comment below on how you would like to see the Parish Life Center used.							111
<i>answered question</i>							447
<i>skipped question</i>							9

For each of these statements, please indicate whether you agree, somewhat agree, are neutral, somewhat disagree or disagree with each statement. My participation as a OLM parishioner:							
Answer Options	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
Increases my awareness of social justice issues in our community	101	173	113	32	29	2.36	448
Has increased my awareness that to follow Jesus means to have a relationship with the least of my brothers and sisters	191	152	75	18	11	1.89	447
Motivates/inspires me to get involved with those in need	153	177	86	15	16	2.02	447
<i>answered question</i>							449
<i>skipped question</i>							7

For each of these statements, regarding COMMUNICATION, please indicate whether you agree, somewhat agree, are neutral, somewhat disagree or disagree with each statement:							
Answer Options	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
OLM effectively informs me of Parish activities and matters	273	133	24	16	4	1.54	450
I regularly visit the parish website www.olmercy.com for information	72	118	98	66	92	2.97	446
I regularly read the weekly bulletin	311	88	26	15	13	1.52	453
I currently receive email communication from OLM	178	53	47	22	140	2.76	440
I would like to receive email communication from OLM	184	53	98	14	60	2.30	409
I know who to contact if I have a question about the Parish	271	104	29	19	27	1.73	450
<i>answered question</i>							453
<i>skipped question</i>							3

For each of these statements, regarding FINANCES and STEWARDSHIP, please indicate whether you agree, somewhat agree, are neutral, somewhat disagree or disagree with each statement:							
Answer Options	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
OLM adequately shares parish financial information	244	107	60	20	10	1.74	441
I contributed to the Parish Life Center capital campaign	208	47	66	13	98	2.41	432
I contribute at least 2.5% of my income to the Church	98	69	92	53	124	3.08	436
I would give more to OLM if I had less financial stress	211	95	82	24	30	2.02	442
I have no interest in giving more to OLM	25	22	132	73	180	3.84	432
I feel like my financial contributions are put to good use	198	129	87	16	14	1.92	444
I feel like my time and talent are put to good use	153	79	157	26	25	2.30	440
<i>answered question</i>							451
<i>skipped question</i>							5

For each of these GENERAL statements, please indicate whether you agree, somewhat agree, are neutral, somewhat disagree or disagree with each statement:

Answer Options	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Rating Average	Response Count
OLM Parish is resourced with a core group of committed volunteers	286	105	47	5	1	1.49	444
OLM Parish Leadership is open and collaborative	158	122	109	38	13	2.15	440
OLM Parish has helpful and supportive clergy and staff	243	137	46	17	5	1.67	448
The demands of work and family keep me from being more involved at OLM	141	144	71	43	42	2.32	441
I would like to be more involved than I currently am at OLM	107	156	114	32	30	2.37	439
OLM provides an adequate number of devotions, such as adoration, rosary, etc.	205	106	98	19	14	1.94	442
<i>answered question</i>							449
<i>skipped question</i>							7

For the topics below, please tell us HOW IMPORTANT each of these are to you as member of OLM Parish. Please rank them from EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to NOT IMPORTANT

Answer Options	Extremely Important	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Rating Average	Response Count
Enriching and expanding my understanding of the scriptures and the sacred tradition	170	110	118	30	12	2.10	440
Participating in inspiring liturgies	153	109	102	39	15	2.17	418
Getting to know other parishioners and their families	57	117	129	94	23	2.78	420
Supporting families in our parish who are going through difficult times or find themselves in crisis	123	141	117	36	3	2.18	420
Serving those in need beyond the parish community	98	135	121	56	10	2.39	420
Educating our young in the doctrines and practices of the Catholic faith	236	106	62	13	2	1.66	419
Advocating for social justice	80	125	127	63	24	2.58	419
Participating in devotions such as the Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	80	94	130	86	33	2.76	423
Sharing my time, talent and treasure to make Our Lady of Mercy a more vibrant and vital parish	108	125	124	51	12	2.37	420
<i>answered question</i>							447
<i>skipped question</i>							9