

St. Margaret Mary R.C. Church
Faith Formation Survey Overview

The Faith Formation Council was formed on February 13th, 2012. Its objectives are:

- Create a home for practicing Catholics to hear, feel and live the spirit of Jesus.
- Develop an environment to have our non-practicing Catholic family members, friends and neighbors return to the Word of God.
- Spread the Words of Jesus to our non-Catholic friends and neighbors and warmly invite them into our family.

The Council started with 25 curious parishioners. It now has the following dedicated membership:

Father Erno Diaz	Ryan Lee	Barbara Regan
Sister Amelia Cueva	Jerry LePre	Jim Regan
Marie Illuzzi	Debbie Loughran	Frank Saulle
Cheryl Anne Lee	Joe Loughran	

To address the first objective, it was critical to get input from all the parishioners. The March 24th, 2012 Survey was designed for that purpose.

It was organized to obtain opinions ranging on the following topics:

- Social; Family, Children & Young Adults, Adults and Seniors,
- Spiritual.
- Communications.
- Current Topic of Interest.
- Suggestions & Comments.

In addition, there was a need to:

- Collect demographic information to insure we address the appropriate age ranges within the parish.
- Collect means of communications to insure parishioners are informed of all important events and issues.
- Verify the accuracy and completeness of our Roster of Registered Parishioners.

There were 63 questions in total, of which:

- 44 were Good Idea? / Attend? / Volunteer? based.
- 12 were Yes/No oriented.
- 7 were Commentary; i.e. Comments & Suggestions.

From the **289** Surveys distributed at the 4 Masses of March 23rd and 24th.

146 (51%) Surveys were returned, representing 131 Households.

Only 19 (13%) were submitted as Anonymous.

THE SURVEY HAS BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS.

IT HAS PROVIDED VITAL INFORMATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE PLANS AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF PEOPLE WILLING TO HELP IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

What did we immediately learn?

- (1) **There is a high level of volunteerism**; see page 2, *Volunteers Is High*.
- (2) **There is a relatively high percentage of unregistered church goers.**
35 (24%) were from households that aren't registered with the parish.
- (3) So many of the items were rated "Good Idea", that we must be careful in selecting the priority of implementation. At the same time, we need to be responsive to the parishioners needs and desires. In others words, we must be "**Cautiously Aggressive**".
- (4) To be successful, we need an organization that will insure an effective, coordinated, timely and financially responsible roll-out. To this end, we recommend the formation of a **Parish Council**. See page 2 for the *Parish Council - Proposed Initial Organization*.

IF YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED A SURVEY, WE INVITE YOU TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS AND COMPLETE ONE THIS WEEK. THERE ARE SURVEYS IN THE BACK. WHEN COMPLETED, YOU CAN DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OR IN THE BOX IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND.

