

Communication to Parishioners Regarding November/December 2022 Survey

Dear Parishioners:

In preparation for the development of a 3-year strategic plan for the Parish, Parishioners were asked in November/December of 2022 to provide input regarding Parish Life at SFdA. Four questions were asked: *What do you (your family) love/like most about SFdA Parish?, What do you (your family) feel is missing or "less than" at SFdA Parish?, What helps you (your family) most to live your faith life?, Please provide other thoughts, ideas, and concerns you (your family) may have.*

124 surveys were returned with the highest response categories being:

1. Desire for increased Parish Life activities for all members of the parish outside of the Mass itself
2. Divide between theological beliefs when interpreting church teaching
3. Desire for Increased access to Confessions
4. Desire for Increased groups and organizations
5. Increased Engagement of school-aged parishioners
6. The need for outreach into the greater Flagstaff Community
7. Issues around the Church owned facilities

There was also a broad variety of responses to the request for additional thoughts, ideas, and concerns.

Initial Response:

Given the eminent transition of Pastor for San Francisco de Asis Parish, Fr. Will, along with the Parish Advisory Council (PAC), has decided to respond to the information gathered by dividing the key areas into two primary categories: 1) Current or Actionable and 2) Subjective and/or long-term needing discernment from our new Pastor.

After discussing with Fr. Dan Connealy our new Pastor beginning July 1, Fr. Will has implemented the following:

- **Created a subgroup of the PAC to develop a Community Life Plan. Prospective members comprised of a variety of parishioners and ministry groups will be invited to participate and begin brainstorming ideas for strengthening and increasing parish life activities.**
- **Requested Michael Vollmer, Director of Adult Formation & Rite of Christian Initiation, and Dcn. Jim Myers to review responses regarding areas of general education and information to help provide consistent and current church teachings and resources.**
- **Begin information gathering for those areas which will require more discernment after the arrival of our new Pastor.**

We will continue to keep our Parishioners apprised of any activity we are undertaking and welcome your engagement as we move through the process. Should you have any questions regarding the response to the survey results, please contact Jennifer Runge at jenrunge5@gmail.com or Fred Stone at starprty1@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Will Schmid and the SFdA Parish Advisory Council