



Dear Holy Martyrs' Parishioner:

As Pastor, I have been working with the Parish Pastoral Council to plan for the future of our parish. We have identified a list of items that need to be addressed:

- How can Holy Martyrs better share and spread the message of the Gospel? How can we make our Mass more relevant to God's presence in our lives, and our everyday trials and needs?
- How can Holy Martyrs better address the needs of those Catholics who are not active/present in our parish life and welcome them back to our faith community?
- How can Holy Martyrs strengthen our parish school and catholic education in order to grow and flourish?
- How can Holy Martyrs sustain and increase our financial, personal and spiritual resources for a healthy future?

As we wrestle with these issues, we have few immediate answers; and so, I turn to you for your help. Attached is a survey which I need you to complete so as to help us all. I realize your time is scarce and valuable; however, I need you to take a few minutes to prayerfully complete this survey for the good of our parish and our future. You are Holy Martyrs parish and your "ownership" of the parish is essential for our survival and growth as a catholic community.

I ask you to complete this survey by **June 10th** and return it by placing it in the collection basket, mailing it to/dropping it off at the rectory, or by placing it in one of the survey boxes in the Church lobbies.

Once the surveys are received, results will be tallied and then shared with the parish community. I hope this survey will begin a process of communication, growth and spiritual insight for our parish and community. That can only happen with your active participation.

Thank you, as always, for your continued help and support. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Yours in Christ,

Father Mike Ryan

Holy Martyrs Parish Self Study Questionnaire

The purpose of this study is to provide Father Ryan and the Parish Pastoral Council with information which will help them to learn more about Holy Martyrs Parishioners' needs and how Holy Martyrs Parish is viewed by its parishioners.

Worship

The celebration of the Sunday Mass at Holy Martyrs fosters a sense of community among parishioners.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly
Disagree Agree

There are many worship opportunities at Holy Martyrs to assist me in living out my faith.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly
Disagree Agree

Please include any comments you wish to make concerning aspects of **Worship** at Holy Martyrs Parish.

Christian Community

The Holy Martyrs Parish Family makes me feel welcome and creates a sense of belonging.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly
Disagree Agree

Holy Martyrs fosters an ongoing commitment to community and deeper relationships among parishioners by many active ministries available to all.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly
Disagree Agree

The parishioners at Holy Martyrs welcome and support other parishioners who are separated, divorced, or single parents.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly
Disagree Agree

Please include any comments you wish to make concerning aspects of **Christian Community** at Holy Martyrs Parish.

Evangelization

Active Holy Martyrs parishioners engage in activities to encourage reuniting inactive members.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Advertising is an appropriate means to spread our message to the community.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Please include any comments you wish to make concerning aspects of **Evangelization** at Holy Martyrs Parish.

Teaching

Holy Martyrs Parish is dedicated to the development of religious education programs for all of its members. It has committed the financial and physical resources of the parish to the success of this effort.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Holy Martyrs Parish fulfills its responsibility for the continuing formation of all its members.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Please include any comments you wish to make concerning aspects of **Teaching** at Holy Martyrs Parish.

Service

Holy Martyrs Parishioners respond to the Gospel message to serve the poor through parish programs

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Parishioners are adequately informed of community and parish sponsored service ministries, activities, and events.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Please include any comments you wish to make concerning aspects of **Service** at Holy Martyrs Parish.

Leadership

The purpose and goals of Holy Martyrs Parish are communicated effectively to the parishioners by the pastor and others who work at the parish.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Holy Martyrs parishioners and Holy Martyrs priests work together to accomplish the purpose and goals of the parish.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

I am able to contact clergy and parish staff without difficulty.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

The parish telephone and electronic mail system provides me adequate communication with the Pastor and staff of Holy Martyrs.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Holy Martyrs weekly bulletin, website, and bulletin boards provide me with adequate information regarding parish activities.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Please include any comments you wish to make concerning aspects of **Leadership** at Holy Martyrs Parish.

Stewardship

Holy Martyrs Parish operating budget provides money to support the activities I believe the parish should be doing.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Holy Martyrs communicates its financial condition to parishioners through the annual report, the parish bulletin, and announcements.

1.....2.....3.....4.....5
Strongly Disagree Disagree Undecided Agree Strongly Agree

Please include any comments you wish to make concerning aspects of **Stewardship** at Holy Martyrs Parish.

Because this survey will be used to compare data from different groups, it would be helpful if you would complete the following section:

Demographics:

What is your status at the parish?

- Registered parishioner and regular attendee
- Not registered parishioner but regular attendee
- Registered parishioner but not regular attendee

Beyond attending Mass, how active are you in the parish?

- Not Active (no involvement beyond attending Mass)
- Somewhat active (attends some parish events in addition to Mass, but usually does not volunteer)
- Highly active (Parish Council, Member of one or several Parish Ministries or Regular Volunteer at an event.)

How attached do you feel to the parish?

- Not at all attached
- Somewhat attached
- Very attached

How often do you usually attend Mass?

- Only for special occasions
- Once a month
- About 2-3 times a month
- Once a week
- More than once a week

Race / Ethnicity: (select one)

- African American/Black
- Anglo/White/European
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino

Gender:

- Female
- Male

Current Marital Status: (select one)

- Single & never married
- Married
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

Age Category:

- 18-25
- 26-39
- 40-55
- 56-69
- 70 or older

Additional Assessment:

Do you have Elementary School-Aged Children living in your home?

Yes No

Do you send your Elementary School-Aged Children to Holy Martyrs School?

Yes No

If Not, Why Not?

Please denote three strengths of Holy Martyrs Parish

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In looking towards the future what are three recommendations/ministries/priorities that you would like see acted on?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Finally, what would you like Father Ryan and the Pastoral Council to know that we have not asked you in this survey?
