

Report on the Pastoral Care of Souls Section of the HF Parish Survey
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Questions: The questions asked for an assessment of how our parish is doing in the following areas of ministry:

- 1. Outreach to the elderly, sick or homebound**
- 2. Justice Ministries**
- 3. Mercy Ministries**
- 4. Stages-of-Life Ministries**

The attached pages provide a table of the percent of responses for each of the 26 questions in this section of the survey.

Comments: Please comment on any other area of justice ministries, mercy ministries or stage-of-life ministries that you think we could improve upon in our parish:

There were 45 write-in comments. They were quite varied in the topics they addressed.

Positive Comments (5)

Negative Comments (11)

Suggestions (20)

I-don't-know-what's-going-on-comments (9)

Some of the suggestions included:

- Increasing Child Care to cover the 5:00 PM and 11:00 AM Masses as well as Adult Faith Formation activities.
- More information should be made available about what the various ministries entail.
- Needed is a pro-life group (anti-abortion and anti-culture of death) that is on-going and actively involved – not a discussion group.
- Holy Water should be more easily available for the infirm.

Summary/Conclusions

With the exception of our Mercy Ministries, the majority of respondents do not know much, if anything, about our Pastoral Care of Souls ministries. Do we even have a Jail ministry? 19 of the 26 ministries had a combined percentage of 50 % or more responses of “Don't Know” or who did not answer the question.

RESPONSES TO PASTORAL CARE OF SOULS QUESTIONS

How do you think our parish is doing in the following areas:

1. Elderly, Sick and Homebound	We provide Excellent Services	We serve this area adequately	This area is under-served	Of those who <i>knew</i> the ministry, % satisfied*	Don't Know or did not answer
Eucharist to the Homebound	36%	19%	2%	97%	43%
Eucharist to nursing homes	24%	16%	0%	100%	60%
Meals on Wheels	22%	18%	4%	92%	56%
Transportation Services	23%	17%	2%	96%	58%
Visitation to the homebound, sick or elderly	19%	18%	4%	91%	59%
Social activities for the elderly	13%	24%	5%	88%	58%
Services for people with special needs, hearing impaired, otherwise disabled	17%	18%	7%	82%	58%

* This is **NOT** the sum of the previous three columns

2. Justice Ministries	We provide Excellent Services	We serve this area adequately	This area is under-served	Of those who <i>knew</i> the ministry, % satisfied*	Don't Know or did not answer
FAST	44%	19%	1%	98%	36%
40 Days for Life	17%	16%	5%	87%	62%

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3. Mercy Ministries	We provide Excellent Services	We serve this area adequately	This area is under-served	Of those who <i>knew</i> the ministry, % satisfied*	Don't Know or did not answer
St. Vincent de Paul	43%	24%	1%	98%	32%
Thanksgiving baskets	52%	26%	0%	100%	22%
Christmas Baskets	52%	24%	0%	100%	24%
Food Pantry	43%	29%	0%	99%	28%
Jail ministry	12%	10%	3%	89%	75%
Twinning – outreach to San Gabriel parish in Haiti	53%	25%	1%	99%	21%

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4. Stages-of-Life Ministries	We provide Excellent Services	We serve this area adequately	This area is under-served	Of those who <i>knew</i> the ministry, % satisfied*	Don't Know or did not answer
Child Care Services	14%	26%	6%	88%	54%
Youth – junior high/middle school	11%	24%	8%	81%	57%
Youth – senior high	8%	18%	14%	65%	60%
Young adult activities	8%	14%	17%	56%	61%
Services to engaged couples	5%	11%	6%	74%	78%
Outreach to families	8%	19%	6%	81%	67%
Outreach to single adults	7%	12%	14%	57%	67%
Outreach to married couples	7%	15%	11%	67%	67%
Outreach to inactive Catholics	10%	19%	10%	75%	61%
Outreach to the bereaved (death of a loved one)	12%	22%	5%	88%	61%
Outreach to divorced	6%	8%	11%	56%	75%

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