

CORE TEAM & PARISH OVERVIEW

This weekend the Core Team for our parish merger will be looking at the responses to the following questions given by St. Cecilia's and St. Veronica's Pastoral and Finance Councils. The questions were composed after careful research by the National Pastoral Life Center and adapted for our Diocese from the "Profile of a Vibrant Parish": How would you answer these?

1. Does the parish have a clear Catholic vision and mission? How enthusiastic are the parishioners about being Catholic in today's world?
2. Do new and returning members feel at home? How do they experience the community?
3. Does the assembly engage "fully, actively, and consciously" in worship? Do they experience good music and preaching regularly?
4. Describe the variety of prayer opportunities offered. What evidence is there of Catholic spirituality in the parish?
5. How does the parish share the gospel with others, especially with newcomers and alienated Catholics?
6. How does the parish foster a loving and caring community wherein people can group spiritually?
7. What types of outreach ministries are available for the poor, the confined, the bereaved, the troubled, and those separated or divorced?
8. Is the parish fiscally sound? How does it reach out generously to needs beyond the parish?
9. What opportunities are open for people to get involved and serve in the parish? Are there ministries organized for young adults to actively participate in parish life? What programs are well attended?
10. Has the parish added any new paid professional ministers to the staff? Are there plans to add any others?
11. Is the concept of lifelong faith formation supported by the parish? What organized programs or opportunities presently are available for different age groups? Is regular Bible study happening in the parish?
12. How does the parish actively promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life? Does the parish also promote lay ministries?