

PARISH SURVEY – JULY 2013

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION CHURCH

Direction: This survey is being conducted for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of this parish in providing for the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our parishioners. **Please circle the letter that corresponds to your choice**, unless you are otherwise directed.

DEMOGRAPHICS

1. I am:
 - a. a single man
 - b. a married man
 - c. a single woman
 - d. a married woman
 - e. a divorced man
 - f. a divorced woman
 - g. a widower
 - h. a widow

2. My age bracket is:
 - a. Ages 18 to 25
 - b. Ages 26 to 39
 - c. Ages 40 to 59
 - d. Ages 60 and Over

3. Are you registered in the parish?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

4. If Yes to #3, how long have you been a member at OLC?
 - a. 0 to 2 years
 - b. 3 to 5 years
 - c. 6 to 10 years
 - d. 11 to 20 years
 - e. over 20 years

5. Do you have school-age children?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

6. If yes to #5, which of the following do your children attend?

	# of Children
Catholic Elementary School	
Public Elementary School	
Catholic High School	
Public High School	
Home Schooled	
College	
Religion Education (CCD)	
Parish Youth Group	
Other (Name):	

COMMUNICATION

7. How often do you read the bulletin?
- a. Always (every week)
 - b. Sometimes (about twice a month)
 - c. Seldom (several times a year)
 - d. Never
8. How do you receive most of your information about parish life (Circle all that apply)?
- a. Bulletin
 - b. Pulpit Announcements
 - c. Parish Magazine
 - d. Parish Web Site
 - e. Discussions with other parishioners
 - f. Facebook, Twitter, E-mail
 - g. Notes from Religious Education Program – CCD Program
9. I'd like to know more about (example parish activities, finances, ministries, etc.)
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10. What suggestions do you have to improve communications within our parish community?
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STEWARDSHIP

11. How would you rate our parish growth in Stewardship as compared to five years ago?
- Little Change Some Change Significant Change
12. How involved are you in parish life?
- a. Involved in several parish organizations and/or ministries
 - b. Active in one organization or ministry
 - c. Do not actively participate in any parish organization or ministry but attend Mass regularly.
 - d. Do not attend Mass regularly or participate in any organization.
13. If you are not actively involved in parish life, why not?
- a. I'd like to be, but I've never been asked
 - b. I don't have time
 - c. I don't know anyone well enough to get involved
 - d. None of the current organizations or ministries interest me. I am interested in (Please specify) _____
 - e. Comment _____

14. Which of the following best describes how you feel about the concept of stewardship (Time, Talent and Treasure)?
- a. Stewardship is very important and necessary to carry on the Church's mission and in my life and personal growth.
 - b. I recognize its importance, but struggle with it
 - c. I believe it is not applicable in my life because
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15. After you completed and handed in your stewardship forms during the annual renewal (Time, Talent and Treasure) how effective do you feel the parish was at contacting you?
- a. Very effective (I was contacted soon after the stewardship renewal.)
 - b. Somewhat effective (I was eventually contacted.)
 - c. Not effective, I have not been contacted.
 - d. I did not complete the annual stewardship forms because (please specify):
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16. What is your perception of our current parish financial situation?
- a. We are able to pay our operating bills, reduce our outstanding debt, and put money aside to maintain the church building and grounds.
 - b. We have sufficient funds to pay operating bills and the minimum required payments on our outstanding debt.
 - c. We barely have enough to pay our operating bills.
 - d. We are having difficulty paying our operating bills.
 - e. Comments _____
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17. How do you feel about the number of fundraising activities in the parish?
- a. Youth Program...

<input type="checkbox"/> About right	<input type="checkbox"/> Could do more	<input type="checkbox"/> Too many
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 - b. Parish Events...

<input type="checkbox"/> About right	<input type="checkbox"/> Could do more	<input type="checkbox"/> Too many
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 - c. Special Events...

<input type="checkbox"/> About right	<input type="checkbox"/> Could do more	<input type="checkbox"/> Too many
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18. What is your opinion of the condition of the parish facilities?

	Excellent			Poor
a. Church Building:	4	3	2	1
Comments:	_____			
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b. School Building:	4	3	2	1
Comments:	_____			
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c. Parish Center Building:	4	3	2	1
Comments:	_____			
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d. Parish Grounds:	4	3	2	1
Comments:	_____			
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PARISH SERVICE

19. Please rate how well you believe our parish is serving the needs of the following groups of parishioners:

	Excellent			Poor
a. Youth:	4	3	2	1
Comments:	_____			
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b. Single Adults: (Widowed, divorced, never married)	4	3	2	1
Comments:	_____			
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c. Families:	4	3	2	1
Comments:	_____			
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d.	Couples:	4	3	2	1
Comments: _____					

e.	Senior Citizens	4	3	2	1
Comments: _____					

f.	Persons with disabilities	4	3	2	1
Comments: _____					

g.	Parishioners who are of other faith traditions (Example: Spouses of Catholics)	4	3	2	1
Comments: _____					

PRAYER LIFE

20. Which of the following is/would be most helpful to your prayer life? (circle all that apply)

- a. Retreats for Adults
- b. Retreats for Youth
- c. Parish Mission (a week long parish renewal)
- d. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- e. Adult education/spiritual formation
- f. Other (please specify) _____

21. Which Mass do you regularly attend (Circle one)?

a. Saturday 5:00 p.m.	c. Sunday 10:00 a.m.
b. Sunday 8:00 a.m.	d. Sunday 12:00 noon.

22. Please rate each of the following aspects of the way Mass is celebrated at our parish.

	Excellent			Poor
a. Atmosphere for Prayer (before & during Mass):	4	3	2	1
Comments:	_____			
b. Ushers/Greeters:	4	3	2	1
Comments:	_____			

c.	Appearance of Church: Comments:	4	3	2	1
d.	Sound System: Comments:	4	3	2	1
e.	Lectors: Comments:	4	3	2	1
f.	Homilies: Comments:	4	3	2	1
g.	Offertory (Procession of Gifts): Comments:	4	3	2	1
h.	Music: Comments:	4	3	2	1
i.	Children's Liturgy of the Word Comments:	4	3	2	1
j.	Hospitality After Mass: Comments:	4	3	2	1

23. Do you attend weekday Mass? Yes _____ No _____

24. Indicate Christmas Mass preferred:
 Christmas Eve 4 p.m. _____ 6 p.m. _____ 11 p.m. _____
 Christmas Day 8 a.m. _____ 10 a.m. _____ 12 Noon _____
 Christmas Day x x x 10 a.m. _____ 12 Noon _____

ADULT EDUCATION

25 Do you feel knowledgeable enough to discuss your catholic faith with others (to evangelize)?

26. As an adult catholic what do you desire to know about your faith?

27. Would you attend adult education sessions or scripture study sessions at our parish?

a. Yes Morning Afternoon Evening

If Yes, please list topics of interest: _____

b. No

PASTORAL MINISTRY

28. In your opinion, how accessible is the pastor/pastoral associate at our parish?

- a. Always accessible
- b. Very accessible
- c. Somewhat accessible
- d. Not very accessible
- e. Not at all accessible

29. Please rate the effectiveness of the pastor/pastoral associate in each of the following areas:

		Very Effective		Not at all Effective	
a.	Visiting parishioners in hospitals	4	3	2	1
b.	Comforting parishioners who have health crisis or death in the family	4	3	2	1
c.	Welcoming new parishioners	4	3	2	1
d.	Helping parishioners who struggle in their lives	4	3	2	1

30. Please rate the effectiveness of the parish office staff in each of the following areas:

		Very Effective		Not at all Effective	
a.	Courteous	4	3	2	1
b.	Available	4	3	2	1
c.	Knowledgeable	4	3	2	1
d.	Helpful	4	3	2	1
e.	Compassionate	4	3	2	1
f.	Other	4	3	2	1

31. What support do you need when you contact the parish staff? _____

GENERAL COMMENTS

Thank you for completing this survey. You have helped identify the needs of our parish, and your information will help the parish set priorities and goals for the future. Results of this survey will be provided to our parishioners as soon as possible.

Name (Optional) _____