

We Walk By Faith Survey Results

We Walk By Faith (WWBF) is an on-going diocesan program designed to strengthen our St. Thérèse community by facilitating parishioner assessment of four essential parish Christian ideals: Word, Worship, Service and Community. Bishop DiLorenzo tells us, “WWBF has the goal of guiding the spiritual growth of each parish in the diocese, by having each faith community reflect on how well it meets the needs of its parishioners, and how it can serve each believer on his or her personal journey of faith”.

In July, all adults and confirmed teenage parishioners were asked to complete a diocesan developed survey providing a major feedback opportunity for the St. Thérèse parish leadership. We’d like to thank the nearly 600 parishioners who sincerely and honestly completed this survey. The Diocesan Office of Information Technology tabulated the surveys with the results recently sent back to us. Our parish survey results follow this introduction. These survey results, coupled with the WWBF Reflection Sessions feedback gleaned at the end of June, will provide the nucleus for the WWBF Parish Self-Assessment Report that is being developed by the St. Thérèse Pastoral Council. Later, in October, we will make this report available to all parishioners.

As part of the process of parish renewal, Bishop DiLorenzo will be visiting our St. Thérèse parish on Saturday, November 20th. We will provide more details of Bishop DiLorenzo’s visit in the weeks to come.

Very Respectfully,
Your St. Thérèse Pastoral Council

Survey Results

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Parish: #0533 Church of St Thérèse, Chesapeake

1. The Word of God is proclaimed in this parish in a way that helps me to know and love Jesus.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	344	224	14	2	0	5	589
Percentages	58.40	38.03	2.38%	0.34%	0.00%	0.85%	

2. The parish’s adult Christian formation programs effectively teach Catholic values, beliefs and traditions (including knowledge of the faith, moral formation, and prayer).

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	167	237	57	14	1	113	589
Percentages	28.35	40.24	9.68%	2.38%	0.17%	19.19	

3. The parish’s youth (grade 7 and higher) Christian formation programs effectively teach Catholic values, beliefs and traditions (including knowledge of the faith, moral formation, and

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	116	138	70	23	4	238	589
Percentages	19.69	23.43	11.88	3.90%	0.68%	40.41	

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4. The parish's children (grade 6 and lower) Christian formation programs effectively teach Catholic values, beliefs and traditions (including knowledge of the faith, moral formation, and prayer).

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	134	147	56	20	2	230	589
Percentages	22.75	24.96	9.51%	3.40%	0.34%	39.05	

5. The parish supports parents in their responsibility to be "teachers" of the faith to their children.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	181	238	56	8	1	101	585
Percentages	30.94	40.68	9.57%	1.37%	0.17%	17.26	

6. The liturgies at the parish enhance my worship of God.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	332	228	20	3	2	3	588
Percentages	56.46	38.78	3.40%	0.51%	0.34%	0.51%	

7. The parishioners of the parish as a community actively participate in the celebration of liturgies

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	268	291	14	6	1	7	587
Percentages	45.66	49.57	2.39%	1.02%	0.17%	1.19%	

8. The music that is selected and performed at the liturgies enhances my worship of God.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	282	220	60	21	4	2	589
Percentages	47.88	37.35	10.19	3.57%	0.68%	0.34%	

9. The homilies are meaningful and effectively delivered.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	400	162	17	3	1	6	589
Percentages	67.91	27.50	2.89%	0.51%	0.17%	1.02%	

10. The parish supports individual daily prayer and other devotions.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	200	276	64	10	0	34	584
Percentages	34.25	47.26	10.96	1.71%	0.00%	5.82%	

11. The parish's liturgical celebrations take into account the culture of the various ethnic groups represented in the parish community.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	179	216	120	23	4	45	587
Percentages	30.49	36.80	20.44	3.92%	0.68%	7.67%	

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12. The parish's worship space is easily accessible for people with disabilities.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	290	226	24	14	3	29	586
Percentages	49.49	38.57	4.10%	2.39%	0.51%	4.95%	

13. In addition to liturgies, the parish sponsors programs and activities for the purpose of building fellowship among parishioners.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	235	275	47	14	0	14	585
Percentages	40.17	47.01	8.03%	2.39%	0.00%	2.39%	

14. The parish has an emphasis on welcoming "newcomers" of all ages.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	235	252	65	14	3	19	588
Percentages	39.97	42.86	11.05	2.38%	0.51%	3.23%	

15. The parish participates in inter-faith programs.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	110	239	81	15	3	133	581
Percentages	18.93	41.14	13.94	2.58%	0.52%	22.89	

16. The parish actively cooperates with neighboring Catholic parishes in areas of ministry.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	148	240	74	17	0	104	583
Percentages	25.39	41.17	12.69	2.92%	0.00%	17.84	

17. The parish has an emphasis on assisting the poor, the homebound, elderly, those who are sick.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	335	202	21	6	0	23	587
Percentages	57.07	34.41	3.58%	1.02%	0.00%	3.92%	

18. The parish has an emphasis on welcoming ethnic minorities into the parish community.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	155	228	95	20	2	83	583
Percentages	26.59	39.11	16.30	3.43%	0.34%	14.24	

19. The parish bulletins and announcements at liturgies are sufficient in providing information about parish activities.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	264	279	22	14	3	5	587
Percentages	44.97	47.53	3.75%	2.39%	0.51%	0.85%	

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20. The parish encourages parishioners to be advocates for human life and to reject the culture of death (e.g., euthanasia, capital punishment, abortion).

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	195	260	66	9	4	51	585
Percentages	33.33	44.44	11.28	1.54%	0.68%	8.72%	

21. The parish encourages parishioners to live their faith in the secular community.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	246	268	32	4	0	37	587
Percentages	41.91	45.66	5.45%	0.68%	0.00%	6.30%	

22. The parish supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

	SA	A	N	D	SD	DK	Total
Raw Score	140	240	102	11	2	90	585
Percentages	23.93	41.03	17.44	1.88%	0.34%	15.38	

23. What is your primary ethnic identity?

	Black	Filipino	Hispanic	Korean	Vietnamese	White	Other	Total
Raw Score	36	69	19	0	10	433	17	584
Percentages	6.16%	11.82	3.25%	0.00%	1.71%	74.14	2.91%	

24. What is your age?

	< 18	18-35	36-59	>=60	Total
Raw Score	18	68	277	224	587
Percentages	3.07%	11.58	47.19	38.16	

25. What is your gender?

	Male	Female	Total
Raw Score	233	353	586
Percentages	39.76	60.24	

26. Are you registered at this parish?

	Yes	No	Total
Raw Score	487	96	583
Percentages	83.53	16.47	