



Parish Family Input Review

“What are our gifts?”

Synthesis Sheet for PFAC Members

Parish Family: Skagit Valley Catholic Churches

Parishes Represented in Reports: Immaculate Conception

1. Question:

“How have your experiences in our parish (and your experience of the parish’s gifts and charisms) brought you closer to God? What has been the spiritual impact of your participation in our parish?”

Themes from Responses:

1. **Welcoming and Community** – Feeling embraced by greeters, ushers, and parishioners; a sense of belonging.
 2. **Sacramental Life** – Participation in Baptisms, Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Funerals; experiencing God through the sacraments.
 3. **Prayer and Devotion** – Eucharistic Adoration, Taizé prayer; opportunities for personal and communal prayer.
 4. **Pastoral Leadership** – Impact of the pastor and priests who share faith, hope, and love.
 5. **Lay Participation / Ministry** – Contributions of volunteers in liturgical and behind-the-scenes roles; fostering a sense of shared responsibility.
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2. Question:

“If you had to describe the main gifts and charisms of our parish to a newcomer in one sentence, what would you say? What is your favorite part of being a parishioner? What stands out to you as something to be proud of?”

Themes from Responses:

1. **Cultural Diversity and Inclusion** – Recognition of the parish’s multicultural makeup (Spanish, English, Filipino); desire for more unifying opportunities.
2. **Welcoming Environment** – Friendliness and openness of parishioners; first impressions matter.
3. **Shared Gifts and Service** – Parishioners using their gifts to strengthen the community; participation as a way to contribute and belong.
4. **Faith Identity and Pride** – Pride in being Catholic and part of this parish; personal faith strengthened through community involvement.
5. **Family and Future Generations** – Observing parents and children participating; hope in the younger generation and continuity of faith.