



Parish Family Input Review

“What are our gifts?”

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Parishes Represented in Reports: Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart parishioners consistently describe their community as welcoming and spiritually enriching. Many highlight the “caring and love of my parish” and the “joy on Sunday morning before Mass begins,” emphasizing a strong sense of belonging. Newcomers feel embraced: “From day one, I felt the welcoming presence... the entire congregation was welcoming! It moved me to become more involved and to volunteer.”

Spiritual growth is a central theme, with respondents noting, “Men’s Bible Study and the Chosen meeting have made me search the Bible and church doctrine,” and “There emanates from this congregation a sense that the Holy Spirit has a significant presence here from the sincere prayer and worship.” Participation in liturgies, group prayer, and outreach leads to “amazing spiritual growth” and a “regular and stable” prayer life.

Active service and generosity are deeply valued: “The majority of the people here volunteer and donate time and resources over-and-over again. They are a righteous people, a people of light to those around them.” Parishioners are proud of the parish’s outreach, describing it as “Small parish, Big hearts!” and noting involvement in “Food Banks, FWC, Catholic School Education.”

Leadership and pastoral care are frequently praised: “Fr. Tom and the ministers are extraordinary... They give wonderful homilies.” The parish’s unity and support are summed up as “a family of loving people praising God together. That all are welcome at the table.”