

Notes from the Pastor

November 6, 2022



Taking Stock: The Parishioners Have Spoken

Dear Saint Lawrence Parish Family,

After 22 small group gatherings and the joyful participation of over 250 parishioners, the listening sessions have recently concluded. I want to thank every one of you who took the time to be present at one or more of these. Thanks especially to you who opened your homes and/or prepared food and thanks to you who volunteered as a scribe or otherwise helped out. And thanks, of course, to God Almighty for guiding whole thing!

As I mentioned throughout this process, I am still aiming to think broadly about the biggest themes I heard throughout the sessions. These are top three themes of what we love here:

1. Our diversity and unity.
2. The welcoming and hospitality – it feels like family/home here.
3. Lifelong friendships and service opportunities.

Meanwhile, parishioners are hoping for:

1. More integration of our diverse cultures and languages.
2. More involvement and engagement of the youngest generations in every aspect of parish life.
3. More integration of the school and parish and deepening of our faith together.

Finally, given how helpful these sessions have been for parish life and fellowship, I plan to continue offering these once or twice a month as we reap the fruits that have come so far.

Blessings in Christ,

