

The Parishioners have spoken. Here is what I am hearing...



Dear Saint Lawrence Family,

It has been great to get to know many of you already and I am looking forward to more! I just want to give you an update about the input I have received from the small group gatherings. These have been a great time, thanks to our wonderful hosts who have stepped up and to those of you who have come already.

So far, I see a few themes emerging. In particular, parishioners like yourselves are grateful for:

1. The wonderful diversity and unity of this community for so many years.
2. The welcoming, inclusive, family feel of Saint Lawrence Parish and School.
3. Lifelong friendships through ministry and involvement at Saint Lawrence.

Meanwhile, parishioners are hoping for:

1. More involvement and engagement of the youngest generations in every aspect of parish life: volunteering, worship attendance, vocations, etc. and more new volunteers across the board.
2. Deepening the Catholic identity and practice of the school AND communicating that to the Parish.
3. More re-opening from COVID across the board, especially toward greater connectedness among Latinos, English-speakers, and people of other cultures.

Again, thank you all for your willingness to share and to help the Parish forward. Next week, I will make available some of the detailed notes from each of the meetings. Please let me know what I can do to improve the process going forward.

Blessings in Christ,

Fr. Vinny

P.S.: I'm looking forward to meeting and seeing more of you at the reception gatherings following each Mass next weekend July 23-24 and thank you for those too!