

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN****Parish Self-Study**

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**SECTION 1****Total Responses = 4043**

Below are statements about elements of parish life, which might be found in any parish. Next to each, please circle YES if you believe the statement is true about your parish, NO if you believe it is not true about your parish, or NOT SURE if you are not sure if the statement is true your parish.

**1. My parish is able to provide Mass on some or all weekdays.**

Responses	%	
3746	93%	Yes
141	3%	No
139	3%	Not Sure
17	0%	No Response

**2. My parish provides the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation weekly at regularly scheduled times.**

Responses	%	
3771	93%	Yes
60	1%	No
194	5%	Not Sure
18	0%	No Response

**3. My parish provides for the spiritual and sacramental needs of the sick and shut-ins.**

Responses	%	
3578	88%	Yes
45	1%	No
399	10%	Not Sure
21	1%	No Response

**4. My parish encourages personal holiness and religious growth by providing days of recollection and spiritual opportunities, such as 40 Hours, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, and other worship services (e.g. penance services, novenas, etc.)**

Responses	%	
3864	96%	Yes
46	1%	No
103	3%	Not Sure
30	1%	No Response

**5. My parish has adequate facilities for worship.**

Responses	%	
3917	97%	Yes
54	1%	No
52	1%	Not Sure
20	0%	No Response

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**6. My parish has a music ministry (organist, cantor, choir, etc.).**

Responses	%	
3930	97%	Yes
39	1%	No
49	1%	Not Sure
25	1%	No Response

**7. My parish has lectors at all Sunday and Holyday Masses.**

Responses	%	
3925	97%	Yes
34	1%	No
65	2%	Not Sure
19	0%	No Response

**8. My parish has altar servers at all Sunday and Holyday Masses.**

Responses	%	
3572	88%	Yes
302	7%	No
143	4%	Not Sure
26	1%	No Response

**9. My parish has cantors at all Sunday and Holyday Masses.**

Responses	%	
2536	63%	Yes
773	19%	No
649	16%	Not Sure
85	2%	No Response

**10. My parish has an organist and music at all Sunday and Holyday Masses.**

Responses	%	
3713	92%	Yes
181	4%	No
122	3%	Not Sure
27	1%	No Response

**11. My parish invites parishioners to serve as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, cantors, ushers, altar servers, etc.**

Responses	%	
3812	94%	Yes
33	1%	No
170	4%	Not Sure
28	1%	No Response

**12. My parish has a functioning Pastoral Council.**

Responses	%	
2126	53%	Yes
390	10%	No
1446	36%	Not Sure
81	2%	No Response

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**13. My parish has a functioning Financial Council.**

Responses	%	
2200	54%	Yes
457	11%	No
1314	33%	Not Sure
72	2%	No Response

**14. My parish supports its clergy by volunteering to help where help is needed so that the needs of the parish are met.**

Responses	%	
3506	87%	Yes
43	1%	No
421	10%	Not Sure
73	2%	No Response

**15. My parish reaches out to the youth of the parish, through CYO, Youth Group, youth activities, etc.**

Responses	%	
3073	76%	Yes
324	8%	No
576	14%	Not Sure
70	2%	No Response

**16. My parish provides continuing faith formation for high school students.**

Responses	%	
2253	56%	Yes
421	10%	No
1302	32%	Not Sure
67	2%	No Response

**17. My parish provides continuing faith formation for adults (Bible study, faith sharing, prayer groups, etc.).**

Responses	%	
2949	73%	Yes
296	7%	No
731	18%	Not Sure
67	2%	No Response

**18. My parish reaches out to parishioners with special needs (e.g. divorced/separated, single parents, elderly, handicapped, etc.).**

Responses	%	
2397	59%	Yes
313	8%	No
1257	31%	Not Sure
76	2%	No Response

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**19. My parish prepares people to receive the Sacraments, through Baptismal preparation, First Communion, Penance, Confirmation and Marriage Preparation programs.**

Responses	%	
3865	96%	Yes
19	0%	No
115	3%	Not Sure
44	1%	No Response

**20. My parish makes available CCD/PREP for grade school students.**

Responses	%	
3717	92%	Yes
49	1%	No
225	6%	Not Sure
52	1%	No Response

**21. My parish makes available CCD/PREP for high school students.**

Responses	%	
2132	53%	Yes
513	13%	No
1319	33%	Not Sure
79	2%	No Response

**22. My parish makes available adult religious education.**

Responses	%	
2514	62%	Yes
336	8%	No
1111	27%	Not Sure
82	2%	No Response

**23. My parish has a Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process.**

Responses	%	
2599	64%	Yes
128	3%	No
1206	30%	Not Sure
110	3%	No Response

**24. My parish supports the local Catholic grade school.**

Responses	%	
3816	94%	Yes
34	1%	No
143	4%	Not Sure
50	1%	No Response

**25. My parish supports the local Catholic high school.**

Responses	%	
3332	82%	Yes
72	2%	No
569	14%	Not Sure
70	2%	No Response

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**26. My parish warmly welcomes new people and those from other cultures into the parish.**

Responses	%	
3683	91%	Yes
81	2%	No
227	6%	Not Sure
52	1%	No Response

**27. My parish invites fallen-away Catholics back to the Church.**

Responses	%	
3214	79%	Yes
87	2%	No
672	17%	Not Sure
70	2%	No Response

**28. My parish reaches out to people not participating in any church.**

Responses	%	
2371	59%	Yes
173	4%	No
1405	35%	Not Sure
94	2%	No Response

**29. My parish participates in local ecumenical activities.**

Responses	%	
3116	77%	Yes
78	2%	No
756	19%	Not Sure
93	2%	No Response

**30. My parish supports community efforts such as food banks, blood drives, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.**

Responses	%	
3352	83%	Yes
82	2%	No
523	13%	Not Sure
86	2%	No Response

**31. My parish provides help for those in need, when it can.**

Responses	%	
3428	85%	Yes
47	1%	No
495	12%	Not Sure
73	2%	No Response

**32. My parish assists in obtaining help for those in need when the parish itself cannot provide the help.**

Responses	%	
2518	62%	Yes
65	2%	No
1350	33%	Not Sure
110	3%	No Response

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**33. My parish maintains its property and buildings.**

Responses	%	
3706	92%	Yes
149	4%	No
111	3%	Not Sure
77	2%	No Response

**34. My parish provides periodic financial reports for the parish to parishioners.**

Responses	%	
3230	80%	Yes
308	8%	No
402	10%	Not Sure
103	3%	No Response

**35. My parish is financially supported primarily by the Sunday collection.**

Responses	%	
2967	73%	Yes
166	4%	No
826	20%	Not Sure
84	2%	No Response

**36. My parish uses additional fundraisers for normal operating expenses.**

Responses	%	
3242	80%	Yes
145	4%	No
565	14%	Not Sure
91	2%	No Response

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### SECTION II

Please answer the following questions about yourself:

**1. I am a:**

Responses	%	
1586	39%	Male
2410	60%	Female
47	1%	No Response

**2. I am a:**

Responses	%	
3330	82%	layperson
11	0%	diocesan priest or deacon
2	0%	religious priest or deacon
103	3%	religious sister or brother
597	15%	No Response

**3. I am a:**

Responses	%	
9	0%	pastor
6	0%	parochial vicar
4	0%	permanent deacon
41	1%	member of a parish staff
46	1%	member of parish council
3598	89%	parishioner
339	8%	No Response

**4. I am:**

Responses	%	
689	17%	single
2508	62%	married
574	14%	widowed
46	1%	separated
164	4%	divorced
62	2%	No Response

**5. I am:**

Responses	%	
270	7%	16-25 years old
481	12%	26-40 years old
1032	26%	41-55 years old
1137	28%	56-70 years old
1020	25%	71+ years old
103	3%	No Response

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**6. I am:**

Responses	%	
3673	91%	Caucasian
27	1%	Hispanic
13	0%	African-American
22	1%	Asian
75	2%	Other
233	6%	No Response

**7. I am involved in the following elements of parish life: (Please check all that apply.)**

Responses	%	
198	5%	Lector
288	7%	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
264	7%	Music Ministry (musician, cantor, choir)
53	1%	Financial Council member
34	1%	Pastoral Council member
17	0%	Liturgy Committee member
100	2%	Catechist
29	1%	Youth group moderator
31	1%	RCIA team member
16	0%	Adult education teacher
10	0%	Faith Formation moderator
161	4%	Bible study or prayer group participant
360	9%	Church organization member (i.e., Rosary Altar Society, Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary, etc.)
2493	62%	Financial support through weekly offering
1107	27%	Send children to the local Catholic school (past or present)
765	19%	Send children to my parish religious education program (CCD/PREP) (past or present).
601	15%	Other
908	22%	No Response

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**8. I have been a member of my parish for:**

Responses	%	
450	11%	1-5 years
583	14%	6-15 years
624	15%	16-30 years
816	20%	30+ years
1399	35%	my lifetime
171	4%	No Response

**9. I am:**

Responses	%	
2644	65%	very attached to my parish
1049	26%	somewhat attached to my parish
68	2%	not at all attached to my parish
141	3%	not sure how I feel about my parish
141	3%	No Response