

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Parish Self-Study

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SECTION 1

Total Responses = 59890

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	%	
56338	94%	Yes
1389	2%	No
1850	3%	Not Sure
313	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
55596	93%	Yes
936	2%	No
3004	5%	Not Sure
350	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
53665	90%	Yes
566	1%	No
5288	9%	Not Sure
369	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	%	
56439	94%	Yes
749	1%	No
2169	4%	Not Sure
533	1%	No Response

5. My parish has adequate facilities for worship.

Responses	%	
57896	97%	Yes
744	1%	No
873	1%	Not Sure
377	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
58094	97%	Yes
686	1%	No
708	1%	Not Sure
402	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
57893	97%	Yes
538	1%	No
1057	2%	Not Sure
402	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
55458	93%	Yes
2331	4%	No
1613	3%	Not Sure
488	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
44886	75%	Yes
7027	12%	No
6983	12%	Not Sure
994	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
52955	88%	Yes
3834	6%	No
2565	4%	Not Sure
535	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
55292	92%	Yes
700	1%	No
3398	6%	Not Sure
498	1%	No Response

12. My parish has a functioning Pastoral Council.

Responses	%	
33198	55%	Yes
2826	5%	No
22413	37%	Not Sure
1453	2%	No Response

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13. My parish has a functioning Financial Council.

Responses	%	
35482	59%	Yes
2413	4%	No
20604	34%	Not Sure
1391	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	%	
50811	85%	Yes
552	1%	No
7124	12%	Not Sure
1403	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
49003	82%	Yes
3123	5%	No
6652	11%	Not Sure
1112	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
37208	62%	Yes
4110	7%	No
17301	29%	Not Sure
1271	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
45704	76%	Yes
3177	5%	No
9793	16%	Not Sure
1216	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
38679	65%	Yes
3093	5%	No
16820	28%	Not Sure
1298	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	%	
57716	96%	Yes
265	0%	No
1059	2%	Not Sure
850	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
54153	90%	Yes
599	1%	No
4113	7%	Not Sure
1025	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
34990	58%	Yes
5519	9%	No
18069	30%	Not Sure
1312	2%	No Response

22. My parish makes available adult religious education.

Responses	%	
41753	70%	Yes
3170	5%	No
13626	23%	Not Sure
1341	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
44723	75%	Yes
1624	3%	No
11977	20%	Not Sure
1566	3%	No Response

24. My parish supports the local Catholic grade school.

Responses	%	
55071	92%	Yes
572	1%	No
3184	5%	Not Sure
1063	2%	No Response

25. My parish supports the local Catholic high school.

Responses	%	
47904	80%	Yes
1155	2%	No
9492	16%	Not Sure
1339	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
54100	90%	Yes
1224	2%	No
3531	6%	Not Sure
1031	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
45208	75%	Yes
1314	2%	No
11912	20%	Not Sure
1456	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
31794	53%	Yes
2468	4%	No
23848	40%	Not Sure
1780	3%	No Response

29. My parish participates in local ecumenical activities.

Responses	%	
40457	68%	Yes
1481	2%	No
16047	27%	Not Sure
1902	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
47143	79%	Yes
1366	2%	No
9737	16%	Not Sure
1644	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
50332	84%	Yes
597	1%	No
7477	12%	Not Sure
1484	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
35570	59%	Yes
793	1%	No
21511	36%	Not Sure
2015	3%	No Response

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33. My parish maintains its property and buildings.

Responses	%	
56700	95%	Yes
671	1%	No
1164	2%	Not Sure
1355	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
45829	77%	Yes
3868	6%	No
8468	14%	Not Sure
1723	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
40847	68%	Yes
2438	4%	No
14997	25%	Not Sure
1603	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
44395	74%	Yes
2344	4%	No
11501	19%	Not Sure
1647	3%	No Response

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SECTION II

Please answer the following questions about yourself:

1. I am a:

Responses	%	
23453	39%	Male
35386	59%	Female
1050	2%	No Response

2. I am a:

Responses	%	
49200	82%	layperson
181	0%	diocesan priest or deacon
38	0%	religious priest or deacon
1922	3%	religious sister or brother
8549	14%	No Response

3. I am a:

Responses	%	
122	0%	pastor
104	0%	parochial vicar
116	0%	permanent deacon
783	1%	member of a parish staff
464	1%	member of parish council
52050	87%	parishioner
6251	10%	No Response

4. I am:

Responses	%	
8362	14%	single
40633	68%	married
6436	11%	widowed
543	1%	separated
2588	4%	divorced
1328	2%	No Response

5. I am:

Responses	%	
3501	6%	16-25 years old
7600	13%	26-40 years old
17725	30%	41-55 years old
15681	26%	56-70 years old
13558	23%	71+ years old
1825	3%	No Response

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6. I am:

Responses	%	
51691	86%	Caucasian
2855	5%	Hispanic
264	0%	African-American
873	1%	Asian
1015	2%	Other
3192	5%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
2742	5%	Lector
3544	6%	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
2908	5%	Music Ministry (musician, cantor, choir)
734	1%	Financial Council member
530	1%	Pastoral Council member
370	1%	Liturgy Committee member
1825	3%	Catechist
526	1%	Youth group moderator
662	1%	RCIA team member
243	0%	Adult education teacher
181	0%	Faith Formation moderator
2596	4%	Bible study or prayer group participant
5078	8%	Church organization member (i.e., Rosary Altar Society, Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary, etc.)
32385	54%	Financial support through weekly offering
17449	29%	Send children to the local Catholic school (past or present)
13019	22%	Send children to my parish religious education program (CCD/PREP) (past or present).
9420	16%	Other
14732	25%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
9380	16%	1-5 years
11622	19%	6-15 years
11138	19%	16-30 years
11639	19%	30+ years
13017	22%	my lifetime
3094	5%	No Response

9. I am:

Responses	%	
37256	62%	very attached to my parish
16541	28%	somewhat attached to my parish
1157	2%	not at all attached to my parish
2162	4%	not sure how I feel about my parish
2774	5%	No Response