

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

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**SECTION 1****Total Responses = 15188**

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	%	
14599	96%	Yes
99	1%	No
427	3%	Not Sure
63	0%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
14342	94%	Yes
58	0%	No
718	5%	Not Sure
67	0%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
13842	91%	Yes
70	0%	No
1214	8%	Not Sure
62	0%	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	%	
14453	95%	Yes
91	1%	No
545	4%	Not Sure
99	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
14750	97%	Yes
156	1%	No
221	1%	Not Sure
61	0%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
14814	98%	Yes
119	1%	No
180	1%	Not Sure
75	0%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
14726	97%	Yes
121	1%	No
260	2%	Not Sure
81	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
14266	94%	Yes
449	3%	No
372	2%	Not Sure
101	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
11652	77%	Yes
1647	11%	No
1695	11%	Not Sure
194	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
13054	86%	Yes
1325	9%	No
686	5%	Not Sure
123	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
13972	92%	Yes
156	1%	No
969	6%	Not Sure
90	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
8373	55%	Yes
468	3%	No
6037	40%	Not Sure
310	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
9244	61%	Yes
399	3%	No
5247	35%	Not Sure
298	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	%	
12881	85%	Yes
125	1%	No
1875	12%	Not Sure
307	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
12961	85%	Yes
545	4%	No
1450	10%	Not Sure
232	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
9870	65%	Yes
777	5%	No
4276	28%	Not Sure
265	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
11980	79%	Yes
533	4%	No
2419	16%	Not Sure
256	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
10076	66%	Yes
608	4%	No
4246	28%	Not Sure
258	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	%	
14733	97%	Yes
49	0%	No
234	2%	Not Sure
172	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
13783	91%	Yes
121	1%	No
1064	7%	Not Sure
220	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
9053	60%	Yes
1208	8%	No
4649	31%	Not Sure
278	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
11157	73%	Yes
524	3%	No
3225	21%	Not Sure
282	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
12313	81%	Yes
172	1%	No
2395	16%	Not Sure
308	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
14247	94%	Yes
92	1%	No
647	4%	Not Sure
202	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
12117	80%	Yes
191	1%	No
2621	17%	Not Sure
259	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
13565	89%	Yes
366	2%	No
1057	7%	Not Sure
199	1%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
11078	73%	Yes
330	2%	No
3485	23%	Not Sure
295	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
7462	49%	Yes
590	4%	No
6743	44%	Not Sure
393	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
10957	72%	Yes
209	1%	No
3619	24%	Not Sure
403	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
12601	83%	Yes
219	1%	No
2041	13%	Not Sure
327	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
12911	85%	Yes
96	1%	No
1868	12%	Not Sure
313	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
8915	59%	Yes
127	1%	No
5698	38%	Not Sure
448	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
14529	96%	Yes
90	1%	No
285	2%	Not Sure
284	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
11323	75%	Yes
966	6%	No
2514	17%	Not Sure
384	3%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
10076	66%	Yes
454	3%	No
4295	28%	Not Sure
360	2%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
11479	76%	Yes
496	3%	No
2866	19%	Not Sure
344	2%	No Response

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### SECTION II

Please answer the following questions about yourself:

**1. I am a:**

Responses	%	
6064	40%	Male
8897	59%	Female
227	1%	No Response

**2. I am a:**

Responses	%	
12491	82%	layperson
51	0%	diocesan priest or deacon
9	0%	religious priest or deacon
518	3%	religious sister or brother
2119	14%	No Response

**3. I am a:**

Responses	%	
29	0%	pastor
30	0%	parochial vicar
30	0%	permanent deacon
199	1%	member of a parish staff
84	1%	member of parish council
13278	87%	parishioner
1538	10%	No Response

**4. I am:**

Responses	%	
2052	14%	single
10526	69%	married
1517	10%	widowed
126	1%	separated
675	4%	divorced
292	2%	No Response

**5. I am:**

Responses	%	
927	6%	16-25 years old
1993	13%	26-40 years old
4705	31%	41-55 years old
3912	26%	56-70 years old
3274	22%	71+ years old
377	2%	No Response

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**6. I am:**

Responses	%	
13116	86%	Caucasian
827	5%	Hispanic
68	0%	African-American
262	2%	Asian
238	2%	Other
677	4%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
576	4%	Lector
834	5%	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
691	5%	Music Ministry (musician, cantor, choir)
140	1%	Financial Council member
106	1%	Pastoral Council member
96	1%	Liturgy Committee member
439	3%	Catechist
117	1%	Youth group moderator
209	1%	RCIA team member
52	0%	Adult education teacher
41	0%	Faith Formation moderator
640	4%	Bible study or prayer group participant
1275	8%	Church organization member (i.e., Rosary Altar Society, Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary, etc.)
8147	54%	Financial support through weekly offering
4717	31%	Send children to the local Catholic school (past or present)
3340	22%	Send children to my parish religious education program (CCD/PREP) (past or present).
2595	17%	Other
3703	24%	No Response

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

Responses	%	
2550	17%	1-5 years
3142	21%	6-15 years
3327	22%	16-30 years
3098	20%	30+ years
2339	15%	my lifetime
732	5%	No Response

**9. I am:**

Responses	%	
8970	59%	very attached to my parish
4617	30%	somewhat attached to my parish
325	2%	not at all attached to my parish
602	4%	not sure how I feel about my parish
674	4%	No Response