

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN**Parish Self-Study**

Deanery | Northampton

SECTION 1**Total Responses = 16876**

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 | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 16175 | 96% | Yes |
| 157 | 1% | No |
| 474 | 3% | Not Sure |
| 70 | 0% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 15725 | 93% | Yes |
| 104 | 1% | No |
| 964 | 6% | Not Sure |
| 83 | 0% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 15086 | 89% | Yes |
| 114 | 1% | No |
| 1578 | 9% | Not Sure |
| 98 | 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 | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 15926 | 94% | Yes |
| 154 | 1% | No |
| 659 | 4% | Not Sure |
| 137 | 1% | No Response |

5. My parish has adequate facilities for worship.

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 16216 | 96% | Yes |
| 296 | 2% | No |
| 260 | 2% | Not Sure |
| 104 | 1% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 16475 | 98% | Yes |
| 120 | 1% | No |
| 186 | 1% | Not Sure |
| 95 | 1% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 16356 | 97% | Yes |
| 121 | 1% | No |
| 303 | 2% | Not Sure |
| 96 | 1% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 15676 | 93% | Yes |
| 596 | 4% | No |
| 480 | 3% | Not Sure |
| 124 | 1% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 13189 | 78% | Yes |
| 1579 | 9% | No |
| 1858 | 11% | Not Sure |
| 250 | 1% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 15085 | 89% | Yes |
| 898 | 5% | No |
| 756 | 4% | Not Sure |
| 137 | 1% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 15519 | 92% | Yes |
| 189 | 1% | No |
| 1053 | 6% | Not Sure |
| 115 | 1% | No Response |

12. My parish has a functioning Pastoral Council.

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 9427 | 56% | Yes |
| 543 | 3% | No |
| 6487 | 38% | Not Sure |
| 419 | 2% | No Response |

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13. My parish has a functioning Financial Council.

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 9819 | 58% | Yes |
| 428 | 3% | No |
| 6241 | 37% | Not Sure |
| 388 | 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 | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 14215 | 84% | Yes |
| 108 | 1% | No |
| 2135 | 13% | Not Sure |
| 418 | 2% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 13990 | 83% | Yes |
| 792 | 5% | No |
| 1789 | 11% | Not Sure |
| 305 | 2% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 10692 | 63% | Yes |
| 965 | 6% | No |
| 4855 | 29% | Not Sure |
| 364 | 2% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 13627 | 81% | Yes |
| 593 | 4% | No |
| 2337 | 14% | Not Sure |
| 319 | 2% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 11162 | 66% | Yes |
| 714 | 4% | No |
| 4621 | 27% | Not Sure |
| 379 | 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 | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 16326 | 97% | Yes |
| 58 | 0% | No |
| 263 | 2% | Not Sure |
| 229 | 1% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 15181 | 90% | Yes |
| 157 | 1% | No |
| 1256 | 7% | Not Sure |
| 282 | 2% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 9600 | 57% | Yes |
| 1450 | 9% | No |
| 5460 | 32% | Not Sure |
| 366 | 2% | No Response |

22. My parish makes available adult religious education.

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 12448 | 74% | Yes |
| 594 | 4% | No |
| 3467 | 21% | Not Sure |
| 367 | 2% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 13358 | 79% | Yes |
| 205 | 1% | No |
| 2885 | 17% | Not Sure |
| 428 | 3% | No Response |

24. My parish supports the local Catholic grade school.

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 15744 | 93% | Yes |
| 89 | 1% | No |
| 755 | 4% | Not Sure |
| 288 | 2% | No Response |

25. My parish supports the local Catholic high school.

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 13091 | 78% | Yes |
| 248 | 1% | No |
| 3200 | 19% | Not Sure |
| 337 | 2% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 15370 | 91% | Yes |
| 304 | 2% | No |
| 912 | 5% | Not Sure |
| 288 | 2% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 12297 | 73% | Yes |
| 365 | 2% | No |
| 3781 | 22% | Not Sure |
| 433 | 3% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 8384 | 50% | Yes |
| 679 | 4% | No |
| 7322 | 43% | Not Sure |
| 491 | 3% | No Response |

29. My parish participates in local ecumenical activities.

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 10270 | 61% | Yes |
| 443 | 3% | No |
| 5626 | 33% | Not Sure |
| 535 | 3% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 12929 | 77% | Yes |
| 369 | 2% | No |
| 3105 | 18% | Not Sure |
| 473 | 3% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 14317 | 85% | Yes |
| 129 | 1% | No |
| 2026 | 12% | Not Sure |
| 404 | 2% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 9790 | 58% | Yes |
| 181 | 1% | No |
| 6343 | 38% | Not Sure |
| 562 | 3% | No Response |

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33. My parish maintains its property and buildings.

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 16060 | 95% | Yes |
| 150 | 1% | No |
| 309 | 2% | Not Sure |
| 357 | 2% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 13175 | 78% | Yes |
| 897 | 5% | No |
| 2347 | 14% | Not Sure |
| 456 | 3% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 11726 | 69% | Yes |
| 484 | 3% | No |
| 4237 | 25% | Not Sure |
| 427 | 3% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 12389 | 73% | Yes |
| 602 | 4% | No |
| 3424 | 20% | Not Sure |
| 461 | 3% | No Response |

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SECTION II

Please answer the following questions about yourself:

1. I am a:

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 6638 | 39% | Male |
| 9956 | 59% | Female |
| 282 | 2% | No Response |

2. I am a:

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 13955 | 83% | layperson |
| 48 | 0% | diocesan priest or deacon |
| 10 | 0% | religious priest or deacon |
| 582 | 3% | religious sister or brother |
| 2281 | 14% | No Response |

3. I am a:

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|--------------------------|
| 30 | 0% | pastor |
| 29 | 0% | parochial vicar |
| 35 | 0% | permanent deacon |
| 195 | 1% | member of a parish staff |
| 127 | 1% | member of parish council |
| 14783 | 88% | parishioner |
| 1677 | 10% | No Response |

4. I am:

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 2089 | 12% | single |
| 11889 | 70% | married |
| 1681 | 10% | widowed |
| 153 | 1% | separated |
| 701 | 4% | divorced |
| 363 | 2% | No Response |

5. I am:

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-----------------|
| 922 | 5% | 16-25 years old |
| 2000 | 12% | 26-40 years old |
| 5284 | 31% | 41-55 years old |
| 4355 | 26% | 56-70 years old |
| 3829 | 23% | 71+ years old |
| 486 | 3% | No Response |

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6. I am:

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|------------------|
| 14609 | 87% | Caucasian |
| 757 | 4% | Hispanic |
| 68 | 0% | African-American |
| 267 | 2% | Asian |
| 313 | 2% | Other |
| 862 | 5% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|---|
| 742 | 4% | Lector |
| 1087 | 6% | Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion |
| 774 | 5% | Music Ministry (musician, cantor, choir) |
| 154 | 1% | Financial Council member |
| 155 | 1% | Pastoral Council member |
| 95 | 1% | Liturgy Committee member |
| 576 | 3% | Catechist |
| 136 | 1% | Youth group moderator |
| 207 | 1% | RCIA team member |
| 74 | 0% | Adult education teacher |
| 55 | 0% | Faith Formation moderator |
| 795 | 5% | Bible study or prayer group participant |
| 1440 | 9% | Church organization member (i.e., Rosary Altar Society, Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Legion of Mary, etc.) |
| 8866 | 53% | Financial support through weekly offering |
| 5062 | 30% | Send children to the local Catholic school (past or present) |
| 3583 | 21% | Send children to my parish religious education program (CCD/PREP) (past or present). |
| 2663 | 16% | Other |
| 4190 | 25% | No Response |

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

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 2990 | 18% | 1-5 years |
| 3608 | 21% | 6-15 years |
| 3023 | 18% | 16-30 years |
| 3262 | 19% | 30+ years |
| 3152 | 19% | my lifetime |
| 841 | 5% | No Response |

9. I am:

| Responses | % | |
|-----------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 10229 | 61% | very attached to my parish |
| 4965 | 29% | somewhat attached to my parish |
| 339 | 2% | not at all attached to my parish |
| 579 | 3% | not sure how I feel about my parish |
| 764 | 5% | No Response |