

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

PARISH PLANNING STUDY NEWSLETTER

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THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Our parish Feasibility Study is complete. Overall, 173 families (16%) participated in the study, either in a personal interview or by returning a completed survey.

THANK YOU, to everyone who participated in the study. By taking part in the study you have done a great service to this faith community, and your candor and insightful opinions have made this study very meaningful. Your input will guide Fr. Casey and the parish leadership in making a well-informed decision that is in accord with parishioners' feelings about the future of Immaculate Conception Church.

Guidance In Giving, the fundraising firm that conducted the study, has written the Feasibility Study Report and presented the study findings to Fr. Casey, Finance Council and Parish Council. This is a lengthy document with a great deal of information for Fr. Casey and the parish leadership to absorb. ***Next weekend after 5 pm Mass and 11 am Mass we will have a presentation concerning the results of the study and as to what direction we will proceed.***

Though the various feelings and opinions expressed throughout the study reflected many different points of view, they all came from a place of deep caring and concern for the well being for the parish. This points to a very bright future for Immaculate Conception Church in whatever manner and pace the parish may grow.

Stewardship Thought...

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock." - Matthew 7:24

Our Lord gives us two distinct commands today. We must listen and we must act. We listen when we participate in Mass. We act when we participate in the ministry of the parish. We need to do both for a strong foundation. Participating more fully in the liturgy and life of the parish may require some changes on our part. We may have to move away from our current lifestyle so that we can move closer to God.