

HOW WELCOMING IS MY PARISH?

1. Take the test!

As part of our 25 Year Pastoral Plan, the Eparchy of Edmonton is working towards transforming our parishes into even more welcoming places, places where we encounter the living Christ.

Help us become more welcoming parishes by filling out the following survey.

Survey open from October 1 to November 30, 2014.

Your assistance is much appreciated!

1. In what town, city or district is the parish you most frequently attend located?

- ☐ Calgary
- ☐ Camrose District
- ☐ Edmonton
- ☐ Grande Prairie District
- ☐ Lethbridge (Saints Peter and Paul Parish)
- ☐ Mundare District
- ☐ Red Deer (Saint Vladimir Parish)
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District
- ☐ Saint Paul District
- ☐ Sherwood Park (Saint Sophia Parish)
- ☐ Smoky Lake District
- ☐ Vermilion and Lloydminster District
- ☐ Other

2. Parish Information - Calgary

2. Which parish do I most frequently attend?

- ☐ Assumption of the Mother of God Parish, Calgary
- ☐ Saint Stephen the Protomartyr Parish, Calgary

3. Parish Information - Camrose District

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3. Which parish do I most frequently attend?

- ☐ Camrose District - Camrose, Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Camrose District - Calmar, Holy Trinity Parish
- ☐ Camrose District - Calmar Farms, Immaculate Conception Parish
- ☐ Camrose District - Daysland, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Camrose District - Hay Lakes, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish
- ☐ Camrose District - Holden, Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish
- ☐ Camrose District - Holden Farms, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Camrose District - Leduc, Holy Trinity Parish
- ☐ Camrose District - Roundhill, Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish
- ☐ Camrose District - Thorsby, Saint John the Baptist Parish

4. Parish Information - Edmonton

4. Which parish do I most frequently attend?

- ☐ Edmonton - Dormition of the Mother of God Parish
- ☐ Edmonton - Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish
- ☐ Edmonton - Holy Eucharist Parish
- ☐ Edmonton - Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Edmonton - Saint Basil Parish
- ☐ Edmonton - Saint George Parish
- ☐ Edmonton - Saint Josaphat Cathedral
- ☐ Edmonton - Saint Nicholas Parish
- ☐ Edmonton - Saint Vladimir Parish

5. Parish Information - Grande Prairie District

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5. Which parish do I most frequently attend?

- ☐ Grande Prairie District - Grande Prairie, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Grande Prairie District - High Prairie, Christ the King Parish
- ☐ Grande Prairie District - Hines Creek, All Saints Parish
- ☐ Grande Prairie District - Manning, Ascension of Our Lord Parish
- ☐ Grande Prairie District - Reno, Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish

6. Parish Information - Mundare District

6. Which parish do I most frequently attend?

- ☐ Mundare District - Borschiw, Saint John the Baptist Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Chipman, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Delph, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Hilliard, Saint Dymytro Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Krakow, Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Lamont, Saint John the Baptist Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Leeshore, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Limestone, Saint Michael the Archangel Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Mundare, Saints Peter and Paul Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Saint Michael, Saint Nicholas Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Skaro, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish
- ☐ Mundare District - Star-Peno, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

7. Parish Information - Redwater and Carvel District

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7. Which parish do I most frequently attend?

- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Athabasca, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Carvel, Saint Nicholas Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Cherhill, Holy Eucharist Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Darling, Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Eldorena, Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Fedorah, Ascension of Our Lord Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Frains, Holy Eucharist Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Manly, Saint George Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - New Pine Ridge, Saint Anthony Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Prosperity, Holy Trinity Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Radway, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Redwater, Saints Borys and Hlib Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Rochfort Bridge, Saint John the Baptist Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Rossington, Saint Michael the Archangel Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Sandhills, Holy Cross Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Thorhild, Holy Eucharist Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Waskatenau, Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Waugh, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Redwater and Carvel District - Wildwood, Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

8. Parish Information - Saint Paul District

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8. Which parish do I most frequently attend?

- ☐ Saint Paul District - Angle Lake, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Saint Paul District - Bonnyville, Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish
- ☐ Saint Paul District - Derwent, Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish
- ☐ Saint Paul District - Derwent Farms, Ascension of Our Lord Parish
- ☐ Saint Paul District - Elk Point, Holy Eucharist Parish
- ☐ Saint Paul District - Glendon, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Saint Paul District - Iron River, Saint John the Baptist Parish
- ☐ Saint Paul District - Northern Valley, Saint John the Baptist Parish
- ☐ Saint Paul District - Saint Paul, Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

9. Parish Information - Smoky Lake District

9. Which parish do I most frequently attend?

- ☐ Smoky Lake District - Buchach, Saint Nicholas Parish
- ☐ Smoky Lake District - Innisfree, Saint Josaphat Parish
- ☐ Smoky Lake District - Lac la Biche (Craigend), Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- ☐ Smoky Lake District - New Kiew, Ascension of Our Lord Parish
- ☐ Smoky Lake District - Plain Lake, Holy Trinity Parish
- ☐ Smoky Lake District - Smoky Lake, Saints Volodymyr and Olga Parish
- ☐ Smoky Lake District - Smoky Lake Farms, Saint Paraskevia
- ☐ Smoky Lake District - Spedden, Holy Trinity Parish
- ☐ Smoky Lake District - Stry, Holy Eucharist Parish
- ☐ Smoky Lake District - Two Hills, Saints Volodymyr and Olga Parish
- ☐ Smoky Lake District - Vilna, Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish

10. Parish Information - Vermilion and Lloydminster District

10. Which parish do I most frequently attend?

- ☐ Vermilion and Lloydminster District - Fidelity, Saint John the Evangelist Parish
- ☐ Vermilion and Lloydminster District - Lloydminster, Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish
- ☐ Vermilion and Lloydminster District - Vermilion, Saint Olha Parish

HOW WELCOMING IS MY PARISH?

11. I. How is information about the parish and its activities shared?

11. Is it easy to find parish contact information and Divine Liturgy times?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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12. If the parish has a bulletin, is it informative?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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13. If the parish has a website, is it informative?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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14. Does the parish make you feel welcome?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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15. Does the parish have a welcome or hospitality committee?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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16. Does the parish have a welcome kit for new parishioners?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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17. Does the parish follow up with a home visit for new parishioners?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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18. Does the parish provide opportunities for parishioners to use their gifts and talents in support of parish ministries?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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12. II. When you arrive at the church for Divine Liturgy what happens?

19. Are the church and grounds well kept?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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20. When you enter the church, does someone greet you at the door?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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21. Does an usher help you find a seat?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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22. Do you greet the people around you?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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23. When guests or strangers sit next to you, do you welcome them?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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24. Does a greeter offer you a parish bulletin as you enter or exit the church?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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13. III. How welcome are infants and children at the parish?

25. Are infants and children welcome in the parish?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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26. Does the priest's homily also have children in mind?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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27. Is Sunday school or catechism available for children?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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28. Are the washrooms child friendly, for example, baby change tables, kids step stools?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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29. If there is a coffee hour at the parish, are there snacks and drinks available for the children?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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14. IV. How welcome are parishioners with special needs?

30. Are there easily accessible parking spaces for seniors and the disabled?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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HOW WELCOMING IS MY PARISH?

31. Are there ramps or elevators for seniors and the disabled for easy access to the church?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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32. Are Divine Liturgy books and parish bulletins available in large print?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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33. Is the church P.A. system adequate, with microphones and speakers working properly?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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34. Are the washrooms senior and disabled friendly?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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35. Is there easy access for seniors and the disabled to the parish hall?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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15. V. How welcoming is the prayer and sacramental life of the parish?

36. Does the pastor or someone else welcome parishioners and guests at the Divine Liturgy?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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37. Is the Divine Liturgy celebrated prayerfully and joyfully?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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38. Does the parish celebrate special welcoming liturgies for newcomers or mark special days, for example, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day, New School Year?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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39. Do the sick, elderly, and disabled receive pastoral care in their homes and hospitals?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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40. Does the parish provide preparation for First Solemn Holy Communion, and catechism for children and their parents?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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41. Does the parish offer adult baptismal classes, adult faith education enrichment, or Bible Study?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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42. Does the parish provide support for newlyweds and young families?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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43. Does the parish provide pastoral care for families whose loved ones have died recently?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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16. VI. How welcoming is the social life of the parish?

44. Does the parish meet often socially?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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45. Does the parish hold annual picnics, barbeques, sports days, or similar events?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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46. Does the parish offer a coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy, including throughout the summer, where parishioners can get to know each other better and guests and strangers can be welcomed?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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47. Does the parish have a parish pictorial book of all its parishioners?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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48. Do parishioners spontaneously approach newcomers and welcome them?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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17. Bonus questions

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49. Do you know that your bishop and pastor love you?

Yes

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No

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Unsure

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50. Do you love your bishop and pastor?

Yes

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No

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Sometimes

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51. If you wish, add any additional comments here:

18. How did you score?

Count how many "YES" answers you have and find out how welcoming is your parish.

91-120 - Great job; you are a welcoming parish!

61-90 - Good, you're on your way to becoming a welcoming parish!

31-60 - Ok, but there's more work to be done.

1-30 - You may need to pray for Divine intervention.

19. Remember, Christ says, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Invite others to take the survey!

Look inside and outside your church at what message your parish gives guests and visitors who don't know much about you.

Talk to others, especially those who don't come to church regularly, about how you can become a more welcoming parish.

Thank you for participating in the survey.

The results will be shared with your parish.

Your input is important to us!

God bless!