

“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I have given you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time”
Matthew 28: 19 – 20

A SELF-STUDY OF PARISH EVANGELIZATION AND VIABILITY

Note to pastor: Please complete a Self-Study for each parish you currently serve.

- **EVANGELIZATION:** How well is our parish proclaiming the Gospel, forming disciples, and reaching beyond our current members to share the Gospel?
- **VIABILITY:** Do we have the people, leadership, and resources to sustain and grow the mission of the Church?

Parish Name: _____

Sister parishes served by the same pastor: _____

Distance from your parish to the next closest Catholic parish: _____ **miles**

Name of the nearest Catholic parish: _____

STATISTICAL DATA

1. Number of households:

2016	2021	2026

2. Number of parishioners:

2016	2021	2026

3. Parish Mass Count:

2016	2021	2025

4. Age of parishioners in 2026:

0-18	19-30	31-50	51-70	70+

5. Number of infant/minor baptisms:

2016	2021	2025

6. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Number received into full communion (Candidates):

2016	2021	2026

Number baptized at Easter Vigil (Catechumens):

2016	2021	2026

7. Number of First Communions:

2016	2021	2026

8. Number of youth Confirmations:

2016	2021	2025

9. Number of marriages:

2016	2021	2025

10. Number of funerals:

2016	2021	2025

11. Ethnic groups identified in parish enrollment and approximate numbers:

Ethnicity / Nationality	Number in parish
African (specify country: _____)	
African American	
Filipino	
Latino	
Myanmar / Burma	
White	
Other: _____	
Other: _____	
Other: _____	
Other: _____	

12. Does your parish offer Mass in languages other than English? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, which languages? _____
How frequently are Masses in other languages celebrated? _____

13. Sunday Mass Schedule:

DAY	TIME
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	
SUNDAY	

14. How many Masses does the Pastor typically celebrate on Saturday night/Sunday? _____

15. Number of daily Masses per week: _____

16. Annual total Sunday collections:

2016	2021	2025

17. Annual parish budget:

2016	2021	2025

COMMUNITY CONTEXT

18. How would you describe the surrounding community using the following criteria?

- Population trends
- Economic conditions
- Ethnic/cultural demographics
- Age distribution
- Growth or decline in the area
- Major employers or institutions

PHYSICAL FACILITIES

19. Church seating capacity: _____

20. Average seating capacity used at principal Mass: _____

21. Buildings *(please check all that apply)*

_____ Church

_____ Parish hall

_____ School

_____ Rectory

_____ Other: _____

22. Does the parish have a cemetery? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, is there a cemetery board? Yes _____ No _____

Is the cemetery fund sufficient to care/upkeep the cemetery in perpetuity? Yes _____ No _____

CLERGY AND STAFFING

23. Pastor (full-time): Yes _____ No _____

24. Number of associates: _____

25. Number of deacons: _____

26. Number full-time paid staff: _____

27. Number part-time paid staff: _____

EDUCATION / FORMATION

28. Our parish sponsors an independent parochial school: Yes _____ No _____

Student enrollment: _____

29. Our parish co-sponsors an interparochial school: Yes _____ No _____

Parish students attending interparochial school: _____

30. Our parish supports a Catholic High School: Yes _____ No _____

Student enrollment: _____

31. Our parish co-sponsors an interparochial Catholic high school: Yes _____ No _____

Parish students attending: _____

32. Our parish provides a religious education program for students: Yes _____ No _____

Number of students who participate: K-8: _____ 9-12: _____

33. Our parish provides regular adult faith formation opportunities: Yes _____ No _____

Number of adults who regularly participate: _____

34. Our parish offers regular youth ministry opportunities: Yes _____ No _____

Number of youth who regularly participate: _____

SOCIAL SERVICE GOSPEL MINISTRIES

35. Please describe parish social outreach; i.e. St. Vincent de Paul, soup kitchen, thrift store, food pantry, etc.:

EVANGELIZATION EFFORTS

36. What would you say are the five major evangelization efforts of the parish? Are these evaluated as successful?

Evangelization Effort	Successful?

37. In what ways are there intentional efforts in your parish toward hospitality?

38. Identify the areas where you believe the Holy Spirit may be calling your parish to grow?

39. Does your parish have a mission statement? Yes _____ No _____ (if yes, please include a copy)