



Education Commission
Faith Formation Needs Assessment Survey Results
 Survey period: Spring 2014

Total respondents: 87

*Demographics**

Gender

Male: 31 Female: 52

Age

14-17: (3) 18-35: (12) 36-50: (30) 51-64: (21) 65+ :(17)

*Some respondents did not provide demographic information

Topics chosen; ordered from most to fewest responses: (number of responses)

What the Catholic teaches and why:

- Heaven, Purgatory and Hell (42)
- Suffering and Evil (38)
- Relationships with Non-Catholics and Non- Christians (38)
- The Ten Commandments in the Modern World (34)
- The Pope and the structure of the Church (25)
- Being Catholic in the Workplace(23)
- End of Life Issues (23)
- Forgiveness (22)
- The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist (21)
- The Blessed Mother and the Saints (20)
- Marriage (14)
- Human Sexuality (12)
- Funerals and Burials (6)
- Participating in Mass (6)
- The Sacraments (6)
- Sunday as Sabbath (1)

Interest in an on-going program:

- Church History (38)
- The Lives of the Saints Book Club (36)
- A weekly Bible Study on the Sunday Mass Readings (25)
- The Alpha Course (14)

Suggestions and comments about the faith formation offerings at Divine Child Parish:

- meanings of words in common prayers we say (recite)
- how to evangelize I have really enjoyed the talks - wonderful
- a study of Matthew Kelly's Rediscovering Catholicism - It was wonderful to give out that book
- more parish dinners for members and to invite guests
- we learn something new about our faith every time we attend a talk
- annulments
- the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- the combination of clergy and lay personnel presenting was inspiring
- thank you and continue the good work
- need speakers like the priest from U of D a few years ago to discuss the saints
- I prefer daytime programs
- I have been watching movies about the saints and there are some very good, well-made films. A movie night with the saints would be fun and inspirational.
- would it be possible to have a program during the day
- need well known outside speakers, like Scott Hahn or Patrick Madrid
- how to be Catholic in today's society
- please have more talks
- clarify the Church's position on modern issues
- there have been topics that I am interested in, but have not been able to attend a session yet
- angels

- Fr. Bilot should meet (separately) with the Eucharistic ministers, nursing home ministers, funeral helpers yearly to get to know them, talk with them, inspirational words.
Thank you
- maybe focus on the words of our prayers and their meaning as the foundation of our beliefs
- how Catholics need to be joyful to evangelize
- I would like to see some outside speakers. As much as I love and appreciate our priests, I would like to hear Teresa Tomeo, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck, Al Kresta, especially during Advent and Lent
- reconciliation
- wedding planning
- anointing of the sick/mass
- choosing songs at mass
- I would like opportunities to see more opportunities for topics concerning marriage and family life, nurturing our kids in faith
- I would like a variety of time offerings - day and evening
- would love to participate but its hard in the evenings with kids
- talks by other orders like Franciscans, Jesuits
- offer on different days other than Monday or some mornings
- I love the drop in, ad hoc formation nights that occur every so often. Can't always commit to a club, 10 week course or weekly study