

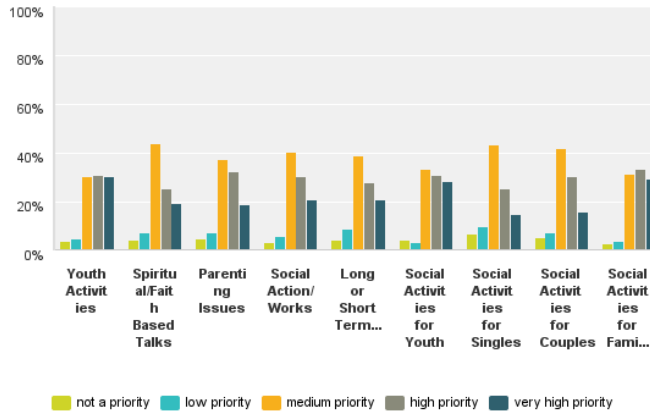
Results of Becket Community Survey

As of December 14, 2013, 638 parishioners answered the survey.

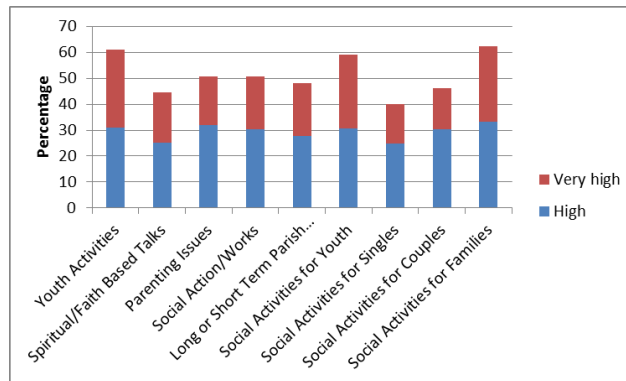
Q1 In which areas do you feel our parish needs more attention/focus?

Answered: 570 Skipped: 68

ALL RESULTS



RESULTS FOR:
HIGH AND VERY
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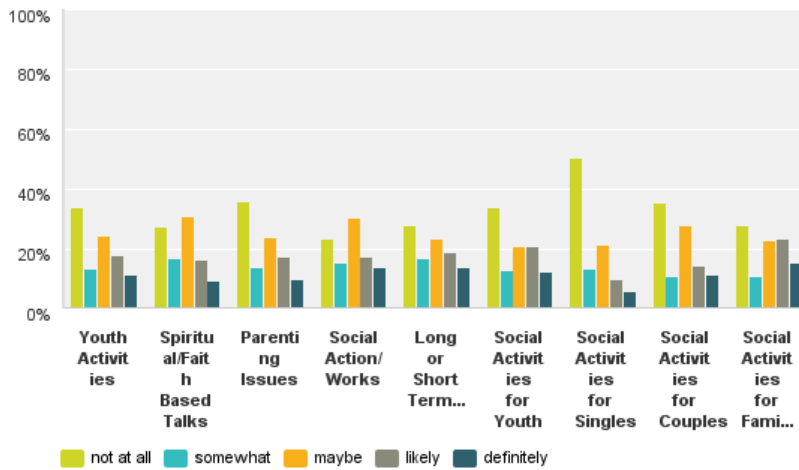
As seen from the graphs above, parishioners ranked Social Activities for Families, Youth Activities and Social Activities for Youth almost equally as the areas that the parish needs to focus more attention on. Parenting Issues and Social Action/Works were equally ranked in second place followed by Long or Short Term Parish Projects, Social Activities for couples and Spiritual/Faith Based Talks. Social Activities for Singles received the lowest scores.

	not a priority	low priority	medium priority	high priority	very high priority	high priority + very high priority	Rating Average	Response Count
Youth Activities	4%	5%	30%	31%	30%	61%	3.78	511
	20	25	154	158	154	312		
Spiritual/Faith Based Talks	4%	7%	44%	25%	19%	45%	3.48	502
	22	37	219	127	97	224		
Parenting Issues	5%	7%	37%	32%	19%	51%	3.52	491
	24	36	182	157	92	249		
Social Action/Works	3%	6%	40%	30%	20%	51%	3.59	493
	16	28	199	149	101	250		
Long or Short Term Parish Project (e.g. Building a School/Well)	4%	9%	39%	28%	21%	48%	3.51	485
	21	43	187	134	100	234		
Social Activities for Youth	4%	3%	33%	31%	28%	59%	3.75	462
	20	16	153	142	131	273		
Social Activities for Singles	7%	10%	43%	25%	15%	40%	3.32	428
	29	42	186	107	64	171		
Social Activities for Couples	5%	7%	42%	30%	16%	46%	3.45	457
	24	32	190	138	73	211		
Social Activities for Families	3%	4%	31%	33%	29%	62%	3.82	476
	14	17	148	158	139	297		

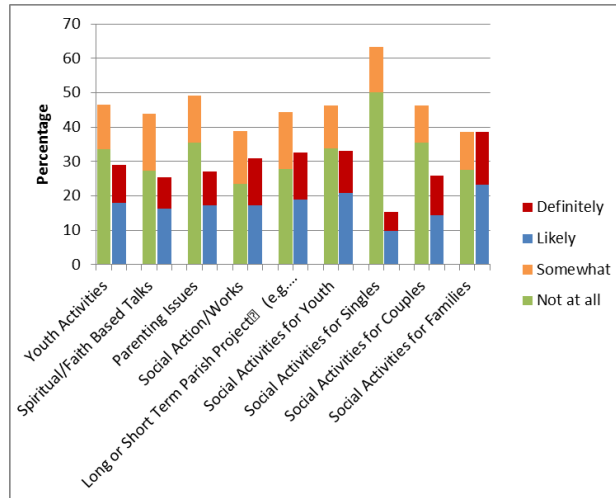
Q2 In which areas would you like to participate in or be more involved?

Answered: 502 Skipped: 136

ALL RESULTS



SOMEWHAT AND NOT AT ALL VS. LIKELY AND DEFINITELY

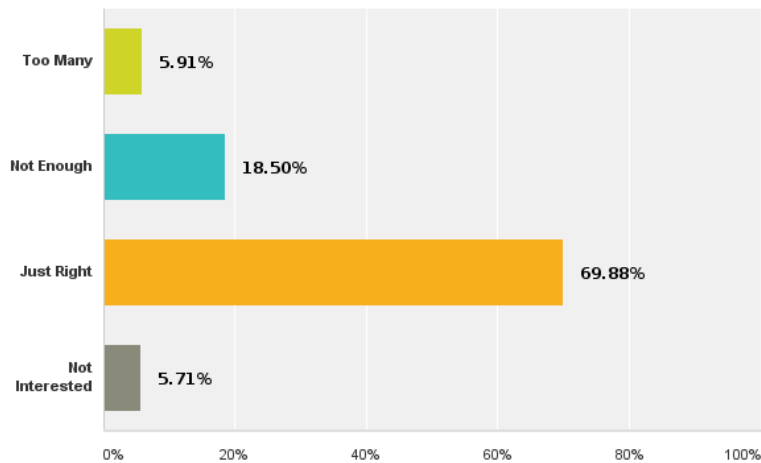


The graphs above show that across all the areas questioned, except for Social activities for families, the number of those who are not at all or somewhat likely to be involved far outweigh the number of those likely or definitely would like to be more involved. For Social activities for families, an equal number of respondents are not at all or somewhat likely to be involved as there are likely or definitely would like to be more involved. This, incidentally, was also the area that received the highest number of support among those likely or definitely would like to be more involved. Long term parish project and Social Activities for Youth were almost equal in second place, while Social Action/Works came in a close third. Youth activities was fourth and, as in question 1, Social Activities for singles received the lowest score. This result could be explained by the fact that a majority (73%) of the respondents were married and only 15% were single (see graphs below). It might be interesting to note though, that in terms of actual numbers, there were still 60 respondents who likely or definitely would like to be more involved in this last area.

	not at all + somewhat	not at all	somewhat	maybe	likely	definitely	likely+ definitely	Rating Average	Response Count
Youth Activities	47% 206	33% 148	13% 58	24% 108	18% 79	11% 49	29% 128	2.6	442
Spiritual/Faith Based Talks	44% 197	27% 123	16% 74	31% 138	16% 73	9% 41	25% 114	2.63	449
Parenting Issues	49% 216	36% 156	14% 60	24% 104	17% 76	10% 43	27% 119	2.52	439
Social Action/Works	39% 171	23% 103	15% 68	30% 133	17% 76	14% 60	31% 136	2.82	440
Long or Short Term Parish Project (e.g. Building a School/Well)	44% 190	28% 119	17% 71	23% 99	19% 81	14% 59	33% 140	2.74	429
Social Activities for Youth	46% 188	34% 137	13% 51	21% 84	21% 85	12% 49	33% 134	2.65	406
Social Activities for Singles	63% 248	50% 196	13% 52	21% 84	10% 38	6% 22	15% 60	2.08	392
Social Activities for Couples	46% 192	35% 147	11% 45	28% 116	14% 60	11% 47	26% 107	2.55	415
Social Activities for Families	39% 163	28% 117	11% 46	23% 97	23% 98	15% 65	39% 163	2.88	423

Q3 Are the number of activities outside of Mass ...

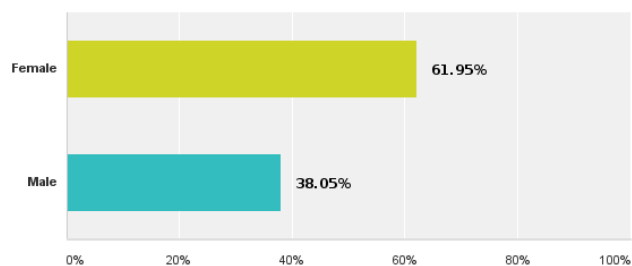
Answered: 508 Skipped: 130



Profile of the respondents:

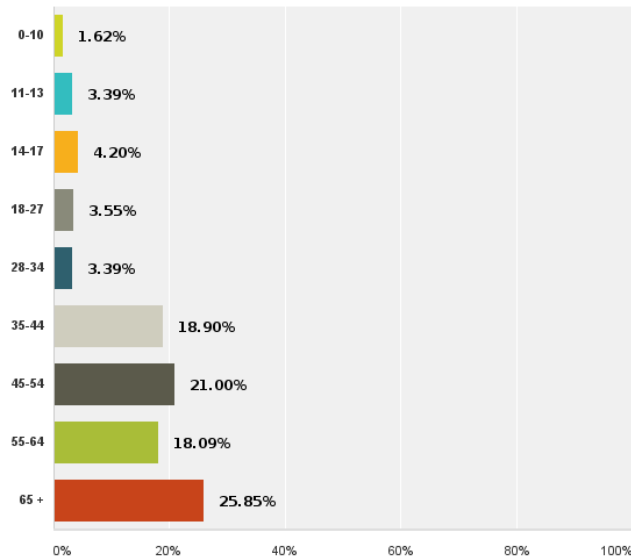
Q5 What is your gender?

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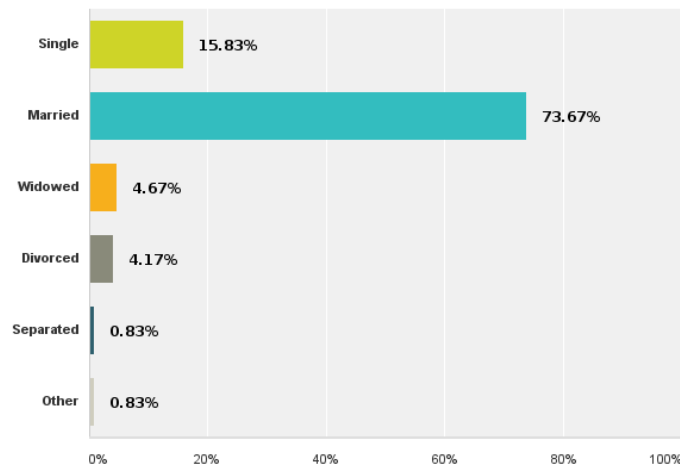
Q6 Which category below includes your age?

Answered: 619 Skipped: 19



Q7 Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?

Answered: 600 Skipped: 38



Q4: Do you have any comments, questions, or concerns?

- 1 I feel that social activities should not be just for youth or couples etc. While it is ok to have these type of activities for a specific group on occasion. There should be more that are inclusive of all groups.
- 2 Provide a place & activities for our youth. Church's future dependant on them. Involved in Church up keep& repair Woodworkers Club
- 3 Everyday situation arisis, work/stress/aging parents
- 4 nothing
- 5 Make Christmas eve Mass more family based like St. David's, where we go for Christmas every year
- 6 Faith First- too much parent requirement at sessions. Hours conflict with work
- 7 I feel many people do not know the redeeming power of the teachings of the Catholic Church. I suggest some specific "rules" of the church are presented DURING MASS so that more people are taught 1-what they are 2-why we do them and 3-how to do them I feel many people are turned off the catholic church because of these "rules" but so many people miss the point that one is not condemned if they do not follow

every rule, only that they (rules) can lead to grace and redemption, something God waits for all of us.

- 8 NO applause for the choir, they are NOT singing for praise, they are singing to God
- 9 Attract/involve participation of youth without imposing but rather free will involvement
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- 11 Too bad many activities follow 11am mass- difficult following 9am
- 12 Would be great to go downtown to serve others as a parish
- 13 Keep striving to get better. Keep up the your overall good work.
- 14 Would like to participate more in the New Year!! Good job & God Bless
- 15 I think there is a need to keep youth in the parish & involved Suggestions: sometimes the best way to get people involved is the one on one interaction. Many of the activities we've gotten involved in were a result of someone approaching us personally & inviting us or explaining the need for volunteers. We often find it hard to just call a phone number in the bulletin
- 16 We are very pleased with the parish
- 17 We happy with the Alpha Course. We have a small group
- 18 Many beautiful and heart filled activities
- 19 In Parish Focus: Youth Activities answer was "Not Sure" and for Social Activities - Singles, answer was "Don't know" I'm a new parishioner so not really aware of what's in place. I'm interested in getting more involved but have seen no invitations to join anything
- 20 Everything is well organized as is. can't think of anything to improve. everyone does an excellent job.
- 21 Appealing Raffles!
- 22 Perhaps targeting special groups for more info- parents, teens, seniors. This is just too general + focus is too wide 1-Consider using bank transfers for donations on a regular basis! 2-Have a category for food bank donations of money on the envelopes (white) 3-Use email for parish announcements & upcoming events
- 23 More visits to the homebound elderly
- 24 Have headsets/system for hard of hearing parishioners
- 25 Better Multi-Media for the Church. Show announcements before masses on screen. Show names of all baptisms for the month at prayers during Mass so we all can pray for them. Statue of St. Thomas. A prayer/serenity garden. Extend building for more meeting rooms. (I know that all my suggestions cost money, but if we are asked maybe we will get the necessary funds)
- 26 Great church, very warm atmosphere!
- 27 Helping Others 5
- 28 Newcomers Activities
- 29 Faith First requirements are too involved/intense. The 5 year commitment both time and money pushes families away, becomes an obligation
- 30 Make appealing raffles!
- 31 I would like to see more interaction with other christian churches in our area. There is a wealth of learning in other churches. Faith sharing is one of the most constructive ways to build a loving christian community. Our youth would benefit from interaction with other youth groups. This has been proven. Our adults would benefit from interaction with other christians as well. Beginning with social activities is a non threatening way of acheiving this goal. Eventually, we could share our faith in mutual services at each others churches. The north shore eccumenical committee already exists but is floundering because of a lack of interest. In John 17: 21-23 states unity very clearly. I am passionate about this and would be interested in working for a better relationship with christians around us.
- 32 Have been parishioner for over 30 years, quite involved in parish ministry around the diocese; Becket is a dynamic, family oriented and community oriented parish needing quite a bit of "tweeking" at an intergenerational faith/spiritual-enrichment.level.
- 33 I filled in the above as per the question, we need "more" of. The ones I gave low priority not because we don't need them, but because we are doing well in those areas already.
- 34 Provide a place & activities for our youth, Church's future dependent on them. Involved in church upkeep, woodworker's club.
- 35 Just first visit
- 36 Just first visit

37 1-Regular Youth Group, volunteer & community service activities for youth. 2-Social activities for youth
38 Coffee after Mass is important as it makes you feel connected with other parishioners. It is a way to
integrate new comers who don't have young children therefore don't have other ways of meeting people.
Please keep it.

39 Enjoy faith first movie selection, perhaps add some more. Miss Fr. Michael
40 Digital Projection Screen

41 This parish is great. Keep it up
42 How to use the talent of the community = for example how retired people could be used in strengthening the
community

43 Focus more on the activities of the youth, for they are the next generation to continue our spiritual legacy.
44 Children doing the liturgy in the back. a suggestion have a section in the front row reserved for them when
they come back. This way parents can sit without interrupting everyone in the pews whenever they go to
pray the Our Father. Sometimes the children leave to go to the back, but when they come back to sit with
the parents, they have lost their spot, other people sit in their spots. We as parents sometimes do not want
to refuse them from sitting there. Sometimes these people need it more than us. I, as a parent stand in the
back rather than sitting in the pews not to interrupt everyone.

45 xmas in July I am a great santa claus
46 very involved with grandchildren. 80+ yrs old
47 More help parish poor
48 We could do more fundraisers and help the Philippines following the typhoon Our church is very well
prepared for youth, singles, couples and especially family.
49 Long & Short term parish projects help build stronger communities. If possible, lower the thermostat setting
to conserve energy

50 I am 80 years old, I only come to Mass
51 Since my personal involvement is limited to attending mass and the odd fundraiser, I am unable to give any
response to the parish focus

52 I am just a visitor so it doesn't really apply to me
53 No Comments, we're satisfied
54 We're satisfied
55 the participation very good as it is
56 I would like to become more involved - like volunteering
57 I think there would be great interest in an international project
58 I love our church leader, priests to their humility and love with parishioners. Thank You
59 Good enough for my satisfaction
60 Everything is good and to my satisfaction!!
61 Have aerobic classes, play hockey inside, gynastics, sports with a paid participation
62 Explain parts of Mass at different times (why priest does certain things) Fr. Marco's homilies are great
(Heartfelt)

63 New to parish. Don't have enough yet!
64 Need room for parent and child (sound proof)
65 Involved in soup kitchen at St. Pat's
66 Everything is ok as it is
67 Bible study groups
68 Get more general activities- physical fitness, dance classes, use the building to be a social life
69 Digital projection screens
70 Arrange a play every year. People should not converse after communion and during communion but keep
quiet to let people pray silently.

71 find the activities to pick people would like and decide. Way off Broadway was a means to raise money to
pay for the mortgage of our church when the debt was paid off people said we need to continue such
activities it is a means of inviting parishioners to participate in a common goal. It involved parents,
teenagers, grandparents, actors, ushers, backstage helpers, costume makers, dancers and it was fun for

everyone to unit for a common endeavor.

72 Connect children's liturgy to the liturgy of the mass instead of just arts & crafts(bible stories for children, action prayers, etc)

73 Teaching on reverence when receiving Holy Communion. Parishioners to be respectful

74 Give Faith First Classes

75 Hard to keep up in communion year with 3 children and all in other activities. Full of guilt to have them well rounded.

76 I would like to see youth stronger, but as I'm older I wouldn't be the person who could help directly.

77 over 70+ still work and often watch grandkids. no time to get involved for now. sorry

78 Please turn down the heat!!

79 Youth mentoring

80 Make more activities featuring teenagers and young adult

81 I think everything is perfect not too much and not too less, continue good work

82 We love Fr. Marco

83 Completely silence during sermon of the priest Parishioner should remind them to turn off their cellphone all though mass

84 Involve the youth to keep the parish alive. Knights of Columbus presently looking to help youth groups

85 many are in financial need. mostly because they aren't managing what they have realistically. Focus groups would not hurt.

86 CWL-Alter Guild

87 We have a beautiful parish

88 Help for people who are alone and depressed, companionship and outings for them A phone call for them each morning to get them out of bed

89 Do we need to sing responsorial psalm at 4:30

90 Being handicapped makes it impossible to participate in Church/Parish activities

91 While the survey mentions Parenting issues, there is no category listed as Marital issues. This should be addressed by the parish as well. Social activities for couples is suggested, but this does not deal with marriage enrichment, marriage mentoring or marriage preparation courses or talks.

92 Wish there were a Sunday eve mass! haven't had time so far as alone and sandwich generation.

93 I belong to 2 wonderful groups here. Great Community!

94 family involvement bring people close

95 I like it just as it is, This is a wonderful parish

96 The parish is doing excellent work already. God Bless you all

97 More verbal feedback during regular masses. The parish is heading in the right direction

98 not sure what the activities outside of mass are? faith first program must be revamped to reflect reality of society, not realistic, parents are not trained to teach children faith first, books are being completed and church slips completed and cafes attended out of obligation instead of actual interest, church is out of touch with today's society and demands of a 2 parent working family with kids in school and activities. Suggestion organize a parents committe to discuss and rework the faith first program! I would join for sure

99 Need to get everyone participating/ Leadership development Need more interfaith/inter nationalities, Visibility, Unity

100 Parenting Workshops, Self Esteem Workshops How to deal with personal frustrations & anger & titles in the world How to be a human in this world

101 There should be more fundraisers EX: Bake Sales, Book Sales etc. Other than that everything else is good!

102 As the Pope says we must not look inward to ourselves but out to the needy, marginalized, oppressed etc.

103 Keep up the good work. You make all parishioners feel very welcome.

104 All the activities in & out of the parish are all well achieved

105 I do not feel qualified to comment as I do not have children and limited parish involvement.

106 The only problem with having such a wonderful active parish is that there are so many good activities, and one can't do it all, so some activities may therefore be under attended. Not because they are no good, but because there are so many things to choose from. It is also important in our busy days to stay home and

- have family time.
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- 108 More activities for singles(lonely single adults & seniors) More communication among parish groups & parishioners
- 109 Very pleased
- 110 Very pleased coming for the last 43 years
- 111 Church organizations should be more inclusive- work together and help each other
- 112 We love Fr. Marco
- 113 Things are running good! We are very fortunate to have Fr. Marco.
- 114 The Holy Water should be kept clean for health reasons because of age- no involvements
- 115 everything is fine. I'm very happy
- 116 I should get more involved. Will try from the new year, feel guilty
- 117 The individuals who lead the faith sessions should have some background in theology (BA or a minor in theology or religion).
- 118 Wish there were a Sunday eve mass!
- 119 Please make the sermons interesting and shorter, in order not to loose focus!
- 120 It would be good to get our youth to work for others in a more systematic way. They all have volunteer objectives for school that could put them to good works and tap into their gifts.
- 121 Long/Short term project should be local or Canadian
- 122 part of choir. Miss the annual passion play
- 123 Required activities (Faith First Cafes) are not the best choice. People should want to attend.
- 124 Make people aware of the presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament. Silence is required at all times, too much talking. Let people learn to respect those who are praying and above all that Jesus is awaiting for us to talk to Him. Our church before the mass begins is like a market place.
- 125 Unite under one main theme for the year. All groups should help each other before they help outside
- 126 Would like it quieter in the Church to allow for prayer
- 127 Folk Choir #5 in Personal Involvement/Paticipation
- 128 Perfect. Keep the good work.
- 129 A Bible Study - Well organised and Advertised. Congratulations to Fr. Guzman
- 130 Ongoing Adoration - Open Church!
- 131 LAF activities not clear. Would be good to add more during evening for working parents.
- 132 Doing great work, nothing else to say
- 133 I love being St. Thomas parishioner. God Bless!
- 134 Have parental attendance at Faith First gatherings, count for parental commitment to program
- 135 Too many prayers of the faithful. Prayer for vocations done too often.
- 136 Have sport facilities in Parish hall such as basketball nets ,floor hockey net & equipment for attracting youth,Have Youth groups in Parish
- 137 I am not sure that there are any areas that requires more focus or attention. (I revised my answer to #1 after I finished filling in this section.) I am not sure however that the activities that are available suit the congregation as much as it could. I think you need to understand what you want from the congregation and the community and then find out what is missing.... There are times I would like to participate more. there are presentations that seem interesting but I just do not have the time. I work downtown all week and have to do homework with my children in the evenings...but I would love to hear what is said. I would like to learn more about the readings in the sessions that I think Father Mike started and Father Marco is now offering but I can't get out on an Friday. It is 7pm and I just got home. In terms of what is missing or could be done... I would like to see more for the youth to do to help others...and even better family activities...is it a group gets together and serves a meal at the brewery mission. Or families do something for Dans la Rue or a children's hospital...but I like opportunities to do things with my children and that will encourage my

children to be active and socially responsible members of their community. I would also survey specifically the Faith First parents and see what can be done for them...to make the program easier and/or to make them more inclined to be involved rather than going through the motions and setting the wrong example for kids...Many parents would be happier to go to Starbucks and have coffee than go to a CAFE session ...so maybe there is something to do with that idea...or what about the parents who don't feel they have the time or their kids resist their at home FF teachings. Maybe organize groups after church or during church/children's liturgy to go over the topics of the week. I know that the idea is for the parents to do it but many kids don't want their parents showing them about religion and FF and the parents are often too tired to make it fun...so what can we do to make it easier on the parents and the kids. I think it is more important to find out what people are not happy with than to ask what they want... What about having a dynamic Facebook page where the kids learn to go look for something that will give them some learnings and answers for the Faith First books or get "bonus points" - it is about encouraging people to want to do something. Sometimes it can be silly things too...like : If I could register for the Santa breakfast online and pay online I would precommit and be more likely to go but I never have cash at church and don't think to do it...Everytime I go to church and read the bulletin I think of it but once I get home I forget...I don't mean to say that any of these ideas work but speaking as a busy mom...I now book things in my agenda..and that of my husbands...what if we could find a way to send emails to people about activities and they just hit a button and it updates their calendars...like a meeting request...it can all be done... My question is:what are we doing to reach people in the ways they already behave ? the easiest way to hook them is for us to change and not them... What are we doing to make/get the kids connected so that they are interested over time and not just while their parents force them...in the old days we could have hockey teams that competed with other church teams...what would be the equivalent today ? Deacon Marco does a great job with the Altar Servers...my question is what can we create that will bring others together... what if the congregation picked a cause and did an activity every year like a talent show where people came together to practice and plan and we needed talent onstage but also organizers and hosts etc. - where young and old could get involved...or maybe we do it once every two years... and we sell tickets to those outside and inside the congregation but then the money raised is part of a long term goal...like the schools mentioned above (or to help local seniors or sick kids) and then we keep adding up what is raised and we feel more and more proud each year for the accomplishments...rather than raising money for one cause and then another and another...all good causes but there is no sense of ownership...this is true for Mexico as it is for any one time cause. Can we not find something we can all get behind...like after the fire in the church... I am sure everyone came together to rebuild...what if we adopted a village somewhere and some people went to visit Or better yet something local - like buying special equipment for a children's hospital - something that could be seen and touched and is tangible and gives pride...or improving a senior residence on limited incomes or building something.... we can all love children and seniors... ...and if we had a plan as a congregation and we worked toward a goal for a 5 year period...and then bazaars etc.etc. all raised funds for that cause and each month or two we added to what was done... young and old could get involved and truly care. I think in the end I am trying to say that it would be easier to get people involved if they CARED about something...instead of church being an accessory to their lives... Sorry for the rambling. I think there are probably a few good ideas here... Hope this helps.