



Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
College Park, Maryland
Parish Self-Study Survey

Your pastor and staff request that every parishioner 20 or over fill in and submit the survey below. It is the intention of this survey to provide each respondent the opportunity to do the following:

1. **Evaluate** the services presently provided by the clergy and staff and, to a lesser extent, evaluate the present use of our physical facilities.
2. **Suggest** that the services presently provided and the physical facilities used be improved, consolidated, or eliminated
3. **Recommend** other services that might be provided without increasing existing staff.

Survey forms are being made available in various ways – in the church, on the church’s web site, and by mail. We request only one response per person. We will keep all individual responses confidential, publicly reporting only totals and summaries of the results.

Some entries request written responses. Some request a specific selection or selections. Many request that you select from a range of answers (1 to 5). Sometimes the response requested is “from 1 (least important) to 5 (most important) and sometimes it is “from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)”.

We hope you will answer all questions to the best of your ability, but we do understand that you may not have an opinion on some of them and may leave them blank.

If you have additional comments, please make them on the back of the last page. If you comment on a specific question on that page, please provide the number of the question.

Please return the survey on or before September 27, 2006. Thank you for your participation.

Father George

Demographics (please circle your response or print the requested data)

1	Name – optional (please print)					
2	I am	Single	Married	Separated / Divorced	Widow / Widower	
3	I am	20 – 40	41 – 55	56 – 70	Over 70	
4	I am a registered member of Holy Redeemer	Yes	No			
5	How many years have you been attending Holy Redeemer?	_____ Years				
6	My primary language is	_____				
7	I am interested in receiving e-mail from Holy Redeemer (church notices, bulletins, etc.) Circle your choice from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)	1	2	3	4	5
8	I attend Mass at Holy Redeemer	More than once a week	Weekly	At least three times a month	Occasionally	
9	What Sunday Mass do you most regularly attend at Holy Redeemer?	5:00 PM Saturday	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	

Mass, special liturgies, and services (please circle your response or print the requested data)

Rate the following, in your view of Mass at Holy Redeemer, from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)						
10	I feel a sense of being welcomed at Mass.	1	2	3	4	5
11	The way the presider celebrates Mass enhances my spiritual life.	1	2	3	4	5
12	The homilies meet my expectations.	1	2	3	4	5
13	Music meets my expectations	1	2	3	4	5

Rate the following in terms of your preference from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)						
14	I would prefer a Mass at 7:30 PM on Saturdays.	1	2	3	4	5
15	I would prefer a Mass at 6:00 PM on Sundays.	1	2	3	4	5
16	I would attend a Mass in a foreign language, if offered.	1	2	3	4	5

Rate the following in importance to you on a scale from 1 (least important) to 5 (most important)						
17	Scheduled time of Mass	1	2	3	4	5
18	Celebrating with music during Mass	1	2	3	4	5
19	Length of Mass	1	2	3	4	5
20	Liturgical experience at Mass	1	2	3	4	5
21	Participation in the liturgy	1	2	3	4	5

Rate the following special liturgies and services in importance to you, on a scale from 1 (least important) to 5 (most important)						
22	Mass with blessing of the animals	1	2	3	4	5
23	Evening prayer (Advent, Lent, Easter)	1	2	3	4	5
24	Advent Lessons and Carols	1	2	3	4	5
25	Simple Meals during Lent	1	2	3	4	5
26	Stations of the Cross (on Fridays in Lent)	1	2	3	4	5
27	Taize prayer service	1	2	3	4	5
28	Mass with children (second Sunday, each month)	1	2	3	4	5
29	Please provide any suggestions you may have about Mass, special liturgies, or other services at Holy Redeemer. (Please print.)					

General Impressions (please circle your response)

Rate the following, according to your opinion, on a scale from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)

30	I feel a strong sense of community spirit at Holy Redeemer.	1	2	3	4	5
31	My overall experience at Holy Redeemer is very positive.	1	2	3	4	5
32	I believe that Holy Redeemer provides a good balance of programs and activities.	1	2	3	4	5
33	The pastor is accessible and responsive.	1	2	3	4	5
34	The parish staff is accessible and responsive.	1	2	3	4	5

Parish Programs (please circle your response or print the requested data)

Rate the following in importance to you on a scale of 1 (least important) to 5 (most important)

• Religious teaching (CCD)

35	Pre-school	1	2	3	4	5
36	Elementary school	1	2	3	4	5
37	High School	1	2	3	4	5
38	Adult education – Bible study	1	2	3	4	5

• Community outreach

39	Baskets at Christmas, Easter, etc	1	2	3	4	5
40	Bereavement Ministry	1	2	3	4	5
41	Community Place Cafe	1	2	3	4	5
42	Safe Haven (Warm Nights)	1	2	3	4	5

Parish Programs – continued (please circle your response or print the requested data)

• Parish social activities						
43	Harvest Bazaar	1	2	3	4	5
44	Kite flying	1	2	3	4	5
45	Pancake breakfasts	1	2	3	4	5
46	Annual picnic	1	2	3	4	5
47	Play group	1	2	3	4	5
48	Scouting programs	1	2	3	4	5
49	Twelfth Night concert	1	2	3	4	5
50	CYO sports	1	2	3	4	5
51	Youth groups	1	2	3	4	5

52	Which group or groups of parishioners need more parish programs? (Circle all that apply.)	Children under 13 Teens Single adults (20-40) Single adults (41-55) Single adults (56-70) Single adults (over 70) Families with children Families with no children or no children at home Persons with disabilities Divorced / separated persons Seniors Widowed Other (list)
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53	Please suggest any additional programs that Holy Redeemer should consider implementing. (Please print.)	
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Stewardship and finances (please circle your response or print the requested data)

Please indicate your level of agreement in the range of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)						
54	I am contributing from my time, talent, and treasure to the support of Holy Redeemer.	1	2	3	4	5
55	The parish should make financial appeals for specific needs.	1	2	3	4	5
56	The pastor and the parish financial committee keep me informed about the status of parish finances.	1	2	3	4	5
57	I would use direct debit for my weekly offering, if available.	1	2	3	4	5
58	I would use direct debit for school tuition payment, if available.	1	2	3	4	5
59	If the price was right, I would be interested in renting the Four Seasons Room or Fealy Hall for personal events.	1	2	3	4	5
60	If those areas were improved, I would be interested in renting the Four Seasons Room or Fealy Hall for personal events.	1	2	3	4	5
61	I would support a parish spring fundraiser.	1	2	3	4	5
62	The parish should have a capital improvement campaign.	1	2	3	4	5
63	I would be willing to tithe 5 % to Holy Redeemer (give 5% of my income on a regular basis) rather than support additional fundraisers.	1	2	3	4	5

64	Please provide any suggestions you have for additional fundraisers, in which you would be willing to provide support. (Please print.)	
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Facilities and grounds (please circle your response or print the requested data)

Although we are aware of the condition of the facilities and grounds we want to know what is most important to you. Please rate the following on a scale of 1 (least important) to 5 (most important) in terms of the relative importance you would place on their improvement.

• Church						
65	Structure	1	2	3	4	5
66	Windows	1	2	3	4	5
67	Pews	1	2	3	4	5
68	Speaker system	1	2	3	4	5
69	Interior appearance	1	2	3	4	5

• Other areas						
70	Church entrance areas	1	2	3	4	5
71	Mezzanine	1	2	3	4	5
72	Grounds around church	1	2	3	4	5
73	School	1	2	3	4	5
74	Four Seasons room	1	2	3	4	5
75	Fealy Hall	1	2	3	4	5
76	Area around rectory and Fealy Hall	1	2	3	4	5
77	Parish meeting rooms and business offices	1	2	3	4	5
78	Parking lot	1	2	3	4	5

79	Please list any other facilities you believe are in great need of improvement and comment on any listed above. (Please print.)	
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Thank you for completing this survey and returning it to Holy Redeemer Parish on or before September 27, 2006.