

LISTENING SESSION COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE PARISH

SOCIAL EVENTS	
Desire for social events, after-Mass gatherings, welcoming new parishioners, etc.	125
Enhancement of welcoming and supportive community	30
Continue to offer opportunities for service	4
More efforts to reach out to those not attending Mass, ask them directly	3
LEADERSHIP CONCERNS/LAY & CLERGY/PARISH COUNCIL	
Parish councils to have more than advisory status, access to the Parish Council and to meetings, election of members	9
Annual surveys/questionnaires re: parish life, liturgy	6
Laitie speaking at Mass re: parish concerns	3
Availability of the clergy	3
Laitie should have voice in pastoral appointments at parish level	2
More accessible priests, more response to 21 st Century people	2
Not enough said from pulpit what the church stands for	2
More input from parish in forming parish councils, not just pastor's appointments	1
Pastor should be more approachable	1
Regular assessment of pastor's "job performance"	1
Priests should be open and honest	1
Promotion of lay religious orders	1
More guidance regarding challenges of modern society	1
YOUTH CONCERNS	
More programs for youth and young adults, concern for relevance of Church for the young, listen to their reasons for leaving or non-participation	26
Revamp religious education for children	3
Newlywed socials	1
Concern about diminishing numbers of Catholic schools	1
ADULT EDUCATION	
Desire for Scripture, Bible study, Walking With Purpose groups	79
Encouragement of small group faith-sharing sessions: discussions about homilies after Sunday Mass, topics of concern for Church and society, more opportunities to gather such as listening sessions, small group dinners with priests and the like	37
Listening sessions like these on a regular basis	34
Adult education on liturgy and other topics pertaining to faith development, history of Church and the like	23
More education on real presence, Mass, Sacraments etc.	11
Book, video discussion groups	4
Provide registry of spiritual directors	2
More opportunities for outside speakers	1
Address concern for all God's creatures, stewardship of creation	1

