



Listening Session: Participant's Guide

“What opportunities and challenges exist for us?”

Process reminders

- The goal is to re-envision the parish family and how it moves forward. Everyone's voice is important.
- This confidential listening session is a “safe place” where people should feel free to share openly.
- For the listening session, each person will share in turn and there is no back-and-forth, responding, agreement or disagreement. Everyone simply listens.
- The facilitator will keep time as needed.
- At the end of each round, everyone will be invited to share what was heard in the round.
- There will be time for free conversation at the end of the small group session.

Round One

What challenges do you see that exist in the wider community? An example could be having a large homeless or undocumented immigrant population with specific needs.

Round Two

What challenges do you see that exist in the parish? An example could be having several families with teenagers but not being able to hire a youth minister.

Round Three

Having heard information from the community demographics report, what opportunities do you see (in our parish and in the wider community) to more effectively serve and accompany others? Is there anybody that we can do a better job of reaching?