



Document C3B: Parish Family Input + Synthesis

Intro + Sample + Sheet for PFAC members

Required Document

(Completion and submission of a parish family input synthesis for each consultative event is a required part of the One Parish Planning Process.)

Intro/How to Write the Synthesis:

One synthesis will be created to capture the parish family input from the listening session. This synthesis is intended to be brief - in general, no more than 250 words. Feel free to go longer if the feedback is complex for a given parish family.

Write one paragraph about each question discussed in the listening session. When there is wide divergence in the input, indicate which parish said what (but do *not* identify the individual speaker). For example:

"We should spend more time and effort on building out youth ministry" (St. Cyprian).

"I worry our homebound parishioners may be ignored if we only focus on youth" (St. Hilda).

Make sure to use direct quotations where possible. It may be useful to include a paragraph just sharing key quotes or other notes.

Sample Synthesis

When discussing issues in their area and how to respond, parishioners in Family 75 expressed several concerns around the lack of language-based services that reflect the diverse communities they serve. This was especially true as it relates to day-to-day office support, with one parish noting the "danger that people will go to another (non-Catholic) church if they can't find someone to answer their questions here." There were also concerns about the general health and well-being of our priests and the need to be careful about new ministries and expanding services not leading to more stress on a pastor.

Parishioners reported hopes around the potential for increased participation in outreach ministries that will come from having more members and more resources: "We can use other people's talents if we can get them together. This is one way of getting different parishes together," "Everyone has different capabilities and may be able to do some things we were unable to do before . . . Infusing more cultures and ideas together." The biggest through-line of hope within all three parishes revolved around the ability to build more community than is possible in an isolated parish.

Additional notes/suggestions:

- St. Cyprian parishioners specifically recommended starting a family-level foodbank at their site to serve as one part of the ministry to those in need in the area.*

- *St. Hilda parishioners noted that they used to offer a phone tree ministry for the homebound but had to stop due to a lack of volunteers. Explicit hopes were expressed that the family could start up something similar moving forward.*
- *St. Hilda parishioners shared that their St. Francis ministry to care for the earth is similar to St. Cyprian's Laudato Si ministry and suggested merging together.*
- *St. Cyprian parishioners reflected that their community dinners are no longer feeding local people in need now that a larger food bank opened nearby. They recommended ending this ministry.*



Reviewers: _____

Synthesis Author: _____

Parish Family: _____

Parishes Represented in Reports: _____

Write your synthesis here.