

# Archdiocese of St. Louis | *All Things New* Parish Listening Session Fall 2022 Online Feedback Survey

The following questions will be asked in the Parish Listening Session Fall 2022 Online Feedback Survey. Only feedback that is entered through the online feedback survey found at <a href="https://allthingsnew.archstl.org">https://allthingsnew.archstl.org</a> will be accepted. No other formats will be accepted.

For any questions about completing this survey, contact <a href="mailto:onlinesupport@catholicleaders.org">onlinesupport@catholicleaders.org</a>.

We'd like to get a sense of who we are hearing from and who we might not be hearing from in your parish. Your responses are anonymous.

- 1. Please indicate your sex
  - Male
  - Female
- 2. Please indicate your age bracket
  - Under 18
  - 18-25
  - 26-35
  - 36-45
  - 46-55
  - 56-65
  - 66-75
  - Over the age of 75
- 3. Which of the following best describes you?
  - Black or African-American
  - Asian American
  - Caucasian
  - Hispanic/Latino
  - Middle-Eastern or North African
  - Native American
  - Other (please specify)
- 4. How many years have you been worshipping at your parish?
  - 0-5 years
  - 6-10 years
  - 11-20 years
  - More than 20 years

- 5. Which best describes your family?
  - I have at least one child who is currently enrolled in a grade K-8 Catholic School.
  - I have one or more children who are in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade, but none of them are enrolled in a Catholic School.
  - All of my children are younger than Kindergarten age and do not yet attend school.
  - All of my children are older than 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - I do not have any children.

#### The following questions will give us a sense of your familiarity with *All Things New* and where you are with this ongoing planning process.

- 6. My current level of understanding of All Things New is:
  - I have a thorough understanding
  - I've heard about it but still have some questions I have more questions than information
  - I have not heard anything about it
- 7. The best way to describe my current feeling about All Things New is (choose up to 3):
  - Excited
  - Scared
  - Hopeful
  - Nervous
  - Interested
  - Angry
  - Surprised
  - Determined
  - Apathetic
  - Frustrated
  - Other (please specify)
- 8. What has been the primary way in which you have learned about All Things New?
  - My parish priest or deacon
  - My parish Key Parish Leaders
  - My parish bulletin
  - Other parishioners
  - Parish councils (e.g. parish council, finance council)
  - Parish staff member Other (please specify)
  - All Things New website
  - Archdiocesan website or social media
  - Archdiocesan Print Media: St. Louis Review or Catholic St. Louis Magazine
  - Secular news, newspaper, magazine, or radio
  - I had not heard about All Things New until today

- 9. Of the statistics shared with you during this session about the current state of our parishes, what stuck with you the most?
  - Trends related to people practicing their faith
  - The aging demographics of our priests
  - The financial situation of our parishes
  - The evangelization and social outreach needs outlined for your planning area
  - Other (please specify)
- 10. Please select your parish from the drop down list below to provide more specific feedback.

## To help you complete this section of the survey, review the information about this Planning Area provided during your parish listening session.

- 11. From your perspective which of the following challenges is most pressing for your parish?
  - The financial pressure of sustaining our parish
  - The aging population of the parish
  - The demands on our clergy and lay staff
  - The decline in sacramental participation (Eucharist, Marriage, Confirmation)
  - Other (please specify)
- 12. Which of the following evangelization and social outreach strategies is most important for you?
  - Helping adults understand their faith more deeply
  - Ensuring our young people continue to practice their faith
  - Forming leaders who can invite and form other disciples
  - Caring for our aging Catholics
  - Leveraging social media to connect to young people
  - Using our spaces better to gather, pray, and learn about the faith
  - Expanding family focused ministries
  - Reaching out to those who have fallen away from the Church
  - Fostering social ministries that help those in our community who are most in need
  - Other (please specify)
- 13. Of the ministry opportunities outlined in the Planning Area Insights information, which do you consider to be most important?
- 14. What other ministry opportunities you would encourage us to include?
- 15. At the heart of the *All Things New* initiative is proposing new ministries and new ways of sharing our Catholic faith that will be enabled by reallocating our human resources, financial resources, and physical plants. In your opinion, what would be one "new" thing that could be developed or expanded in your planning area that would help us in our evangelization or social outreach efforts?

## The following questions will be asked for each DRAFT Model Option that was shared in your parish listening session.

- 16. What is strongest about DRAFT Model Option xx?
  - Shares resources effectively
  - Builds upon existing relationships among parishes
  - Enables a platform for more robust evangelization or social outreach
  - Provides better accessibility to a priest
- 17. What is most challenging about DRAFT Model Option xx?
  - Brings together communities that are too different
  - Requires unrealistic demands on the clergy
  - Creates a lot of difficulty for accessing the Eucharist and other sacraments
  - Neglects the financial needs of the community
  - Other (please specify)
- 18. My DRAFT Model Option xx feedback is driven primarily by...
  - Differences/Similarities in parish cultures
  - Differences/Similarities in socio-economic factors
  - Topography between parishes (hills, rivers, bridges)
  - Distance between parishes
  - Size of the potential parish(es)
  - Potential or lack of potential for ministry opportunities
- 19. For DRAFT Model Option xx, what is your level of agreement with how the parishes are grouped together?
  - Strongly Agree
  - Agree
  - Neutral
  - Disagree
  - Strongly Disagree
- 20. What other feedback would you offer about this DRAFT model?

#### **Alternative Model Options**

- 21. What alternative models might you suggest for your planning area of the archdiocese?
- 22. Would you add, change, or remove any parishes that you are currently grouped with in any of the models that you have seen? Note: You are not limited to the parishes shown in the previous models.
  - Yes, please specify
  - No
- 23. What are some of the factors or considerations that make this proposal effective in your opinion?
- 24. What other comments or questions would you like to share with the *All Things New* team that will be helpful to the strategic planning process?

- 25. (Optional) Please provide your contact information, if you would be open to the *All Things New* team reaching out to you with any questions or clarifications about your comments that could help the process.
  - Name
  - Phone
  - Email