***Collaborative Surveys, A Summary of Responses***

A consolidated report of the responses from all 3 parishes can be found at: <http://www.stpetersplymouth.com>; <https://ourladyoflourdescarver.weconnect.com>; http://www.saintkateriplymouth.org

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**Thanks to all who responded so thoughtfully to our recent survey question: “what is your first and highest priority for our collaborative?” Your responses help us considerably in shaping the vision and goals of our collaborative parish plan. The following common themes were seen across all of our three parishes, and each shown below includes just a small sampling of the responses received.**

• ATTRACTING YOUTH, FAMILIES, and INCREASING ATTENDANCE OVERALL: responses in this category spoke to the need to attract young people, and young families, back to church, as well as increasing the number of parishioners overall, for example: *“If the Catholic Church wishes to continue to be viable and significant as a source of moral good, love and comfort it needs to do all in its power to inspire a younger generation to be involved in church ministries.  The body of Christ needs to become an integral component of young lives, not just on Sundays.”; “Encourage more participation from younger families and youth.”; “We, the church, need young people and families. Invite them to volunteer – they will. ”; “We need to find more ways to increase attendance at Mass and at all our events.”*

• COLLABORATIVE UNITY: many respondents commented on the wish to establish a strong sense of community among our three parishes, for example: *“Create a family environment among the three churches so it feels like one community where members are equally comfortable attending all 3 churches.”; “Time and patience – develop joint activities between members of each parish.”; “Communication between the 3 parishes will be the most important thing.”*

• REVERENT and ACTIVE PRAYER LIFE AND FAITH FORMATION: many responded about the importance of developing a deep prayer life, through a variety of means including the liturgy, adoration, and individual and group prayer experiences and faith formation, for example: *“Music Ministry is very important.”; “Meaningful liturgy”; Adoration as much as possible”; “My highest priority for the new collaborative is to practice faith.”; “Continue to take part in adult education programs, Bible study.”*

• SERVICE TO OTHERS and HOSPITALITY: a number of respondents spoke of the importance of establishing an open, welcoming atmosphere within our parishes, as well as the need to reach out to others in the community at large, for example: *“I believe to form a better community, we need to emphasize a welcoming spirit for all - new and longtime parish members.”; “Help others with charitable giving and leadership.”; “Help to the poor – serving meals, visiting nursing homes, visiting prisoners, etc., donating, and giving.”*

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