

Faith Formation

1. How has faith formation helped you in your journey of faith? Give an example of a program that was beneficial to your growth in faith?
 2. How can we grow in our service of the Lord and by extension our brothers and sisters in need?
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Summary Responses

- 1) Is Arise program going to replicate the success of the Renew program? Renew created lifelong friends and commitment to Jesus.
- 2) Faith is increased:
 - Sunday School- teaching
 - Ministry (e.g. EM, usher, etc.)
 - Being involved in the Cathedral through participation
- 3) Women's Ministry – Bernadette passionate
- 4) Picture directory – Ginger – connecting people
- 5) How do we publicize and increase parishioner involvement
 - Pamphlet advertising options
 - Social Media
 - Cathedral Website
 - Pulpit Introductions
 - Tables after Mass with Sign-up
 - One on One ask – Msgr and Father A. - involvement
- 6) Bible/Scripture Study
 - Webcasts/Podcasts
 - Other times to increase attendance
- 7) Catechism- learning Catholicism
 - Teaching mass
 - RCIA for Catholics – involve seminarians, priests, deacons, etc.?
- 8) Getting parents involved in service for class mass, etc.
- 9) Loaves and Fishes- success- learn from other churches on best practices that increases parishioner participation and more community involvement and service.

Music

1. How has music engaged your faith? Give a specific example of when music brought you closer to God.
 2. What do you need to be a better musician?
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Summary Responses:

- 9:30 mass more upbeat (3 mentioned)
- Like *'Go Make a Difference'* and *'Here I am Lord'* songs
- Post communion Anthem
- Like older, traditional music not in hymnal- good to incorporate
- Love singing *'the Lord's prayer'* (3 mentioned)
- Like teaching component – so learn new songs
- American songs like God Bless America
- 4 Marian antiphons (seasonal)
- Repeating recognition
- Songs reflecting Gospel not known
- More upbeat (aka – rock)
- Love liturgical music
- Feel bad that voice is not good (2 mentioned)
- Love singing *'the Lord's prayer'* – many more do , how do we engage them in other songs
- Perception that choir/cantor is there to perform
- Some say book is too heavy for kids
- Consider demographics of each mass and infuse relevant music
- Like contemporary mismatch at 9:30
- African spiritual , Native American hymns (one or two)
- *'Go make a difference '*
- Ask youth what they want
- Give verbal encouragement to sing (even if you feel you don't sing well)
- Singing is twice prayed – mentioned 3 times
- Warm up before mass- teach non-singers how
- Practice responsorial
- Repeat numbers and post them
- Post pictures and names of singers
- Christian music can help us focus on prayer
- Should do contemporary Christian music
- Maybe screen the movie - *'I can Only Imagine'* (movie coming out soon)
 - Sponsor a theatre, raise \$

- Coordinate with restaurant
 - Have people perform during Mass once in awhile
 - Tree lighting and carols could be better – ask for volunteers
 - Used to be better
 - Consider going back to Friday
 - Like reminders to ‘sing’
 - Want kids in choir
 - Maybe use VBS as feeder
 - When kids sing have microphones
 - Do it during communion
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Youth Ministry

1. Do people feel like their youth have opportunity to be involved in growing their faith?
 2. Is the youth feeling like cathedral is a fun, safe place to explore their faith?
 3. What can the church do to further aid their youth in being involved in the community?
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Summary Responses:

- High school mass each month with potluck afterwards
 - Nothing here – more communications needed
 - Conflicted – Catholic high schools / Cathedral
 - Public schools – opportunity there
 - Still need to meet spiritual needs – sat night mass an opportunity
 - Confirmation age – currently feels like a ‘graduation’ from Cathedral
 - Crucial hire – need to meet kids where they are at mass
 - Needs to be enjoyable
 - How to hook in the parents of High School kids?
 - Parents need to be involved not just informed
 - Need a space for parents with loud kids to go and ‘see’ the mass
 - Mass where high school students (1/4 LY) can be involved (at normal times)
 - Youth to be ushers/docents
 - Time for youth adoration/confirmation
 - Confirmation – keep at 8th grade for peer connection – others feel move to high school to keep them connected
 - Increase extra-curricular options
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- Have to come to understand what Mass is about
 - Class masses important
 - Important relationship of sacrament to individuals
 - Observe what other churches are doing (Christina at Redeemer)
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Closing Questions

What's have you seen change at Cathedral this past year?

- Warmer, friendlier, familiar with parishioners, feels more like a community
- Appreciate the welcome to parents to bring their kids
- Choir has grown in size
- Appreciate the reminder of baptism's and weddings
- Donuts and coffee after Mass on Sundays provides a sense of community and opportunity to meet others

Ideas - Opportunities - Concerns

- New guidebooks for cathedral to focus on our uniqueness as a parish and building
 - Virtual tour on the website
 - Deck of cards – activity for kids to find and learn about the cathedral
- More convenient Parish office hours for working parishioners
- Women's group
- Concern of potential transfer of Msgr and Father Andrew to a different parish
- People require instructions and connections of how and where to volunteer – perhaps a volunteer fair to be educated on all opportunities to support the parish
- Volunteer Match program – will need a coordinator to administer this program – this supports parishioners and their needs with those available (doc apptmt, shovel snow, etc.)
- Volunteering Stewardship/ Ministry
- Coffee after 11a Mass
- Use of Library
- Sound system still on and off
- Financial donations for specific needs maybe advertised through bulletin with a link for those that want to click and contribute efficiently
- Personal connectivity – example – celebrate Mary's birthday with a cake after mass