

Parish Survey 2006 Results



Church of the
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1. Introduction

The main purpose of the parish survey 2006 is to better understanding the pastoral needs of our parishioners. A secondary objective is to provide an avenue for volunteers to register their interests and relevant skills with the parish.

The survey was conducted during masses on the weekend of 25 and 26 March 2006. Survey forms consisting of six questions were given to all attendees during the announcement period and the completed forms were collected before dismissal. Parishioners could also return their completed survey forms to the secretariat. Furthermore, they can also download the survey forms from the parish website.

The results of the survey are summarized in sections below.

2. Statistics of Respondents

As shown in table 1, there were 1957 respondents to the parish survey: 663 males, 1115 females and 179 respondents did not declare their genders. The average age of the respondents is 39.95 years.

Table 1: Breakdown of survey respondents

	Number/Percentage of Respondents
Males	663 (33.88%)
Females	1115 (56.97%)
Gender not Indicated	179 (9.15%)
Total	1957

3. Counseling Needs

Of the all the respondents, 1701 agreed that a trained counselor is required to tend to the needs of the parishioners. Furthermore, 1520 indicated that they would make use of the counseling facility if available.

Table 2: Survey results on counseling needs

	Number/Percentage who voted "YES"
Parish needs a trained counselor	1701 (87.23%)
Parishioners who would use counseling facility	1520 (77.67%)

4. Support Groups

The survey participants were asked to vote for the support groups they would like the parish to start. In general, these support groups are meant to assist parishioners who are situations with specific needs. The results are tabulated in table 3 and the list is arranged in descending order with respect to the number of votes received. Of the total number polled, 469 (23.97%) indicated that they are in circumstances which the group(s) they voted for can help.

Teen support group received the highest number of votes. Based on the personal information of the survey respondents collected (see table 4), it appears that majority of the voters in favour of forming a "teen support group" are teenagers and parents of teenagers.

It should also be noted the support groups that ranked second to fourth, in terms of the number of votes received, are very much related to one another .

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Table 3: Survey results on support groups

Support Group	Number /Percentage of Votes
1. Teen support group	1076 (54.93%)
2. Support group for the terminally ill and survivors	933 (47.68%)
3. Support group for parents of terminally ill and disabled	903 (46.14%)
4. Support group for care-givers of the terminally ill	892 (45.58%)
5. Single parent support group	837 (42.77%)
6. Young parent support group	699 (35.72%)
7. Divorcees support group	638 (32.60%)
8. Foreign workers support group	617 (31.35%)`
9. Widow/Widower support group	574 (29.33%)

Table 4: Ages of voters in favour of forming a “Teen support group”.

Ages of Voters for Teen Support Group	Number/Percentage of Voters
0 19	247 (22.98%)
20 29	147 (13.67%)
30 39	190 (17.69%)
40 49	220 (20.47%)
50 59	193 (17.95%)
60 or older	78 (7.26%)

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Other than the support groups specifically listed in the form, survey participants also suggested other support groups. Some of these are shown in table 5.

Table 5: Other support groups suggested by survey participants.

Other Suggested Support Groups	
● Single adults	● Troubled/broken homes
● Jobless/retrenched	● Those with marital problems
● Care giver of the elderly	● Academically weak children
● Working adults	● Those with depression
● Refugees	● Those who have lapse in faith
● Families with problems	● Mentally ill/depressed
● Newly married couples	● Elderly
● Children support	● Destitute
● Those with relationship problems	● Ex-prisoners/addicts

5. Actions by PPC

The PPC has already begun looking into the concerns and issues raised by parishioners in the survey. We will also be studying the feasibility of initiating some of the support groups which received the highest number of votes in the survey.