

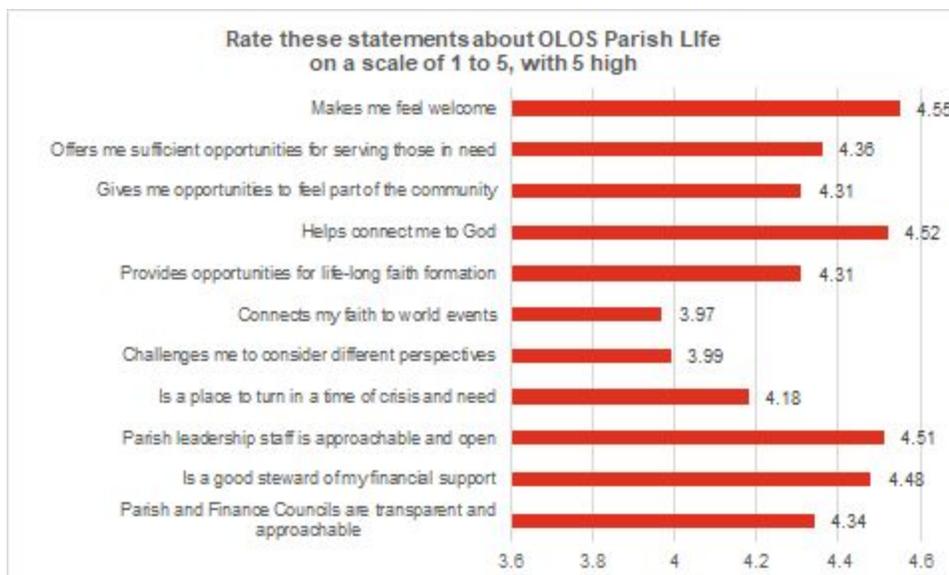
2018-2019 Our Lady of Sorrows' Parish Feedback Survey Results and Next Steps

The Our Lady of Sorrows (OLOS) Pastoral Planning team is grateful to more than 200 parishioners and community members who completed the recent survey. This was a first step to collect opinions and perspectives that are inclusive of the full OLOS community; the feedback will guide the team in creating our three-year pastoral plan. The input was representative of the diversity of age, background, and length of parish membership.

The tables and graphs below give you a snapshot of the results. We continue to analyze the comments. Please see the next steps and continue to offer your ideas!

Parish Life

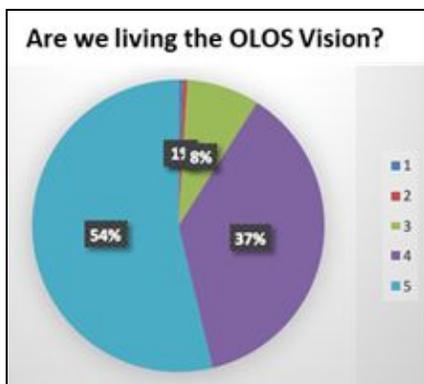
Parishioners rated the health of OLOS Parish Life as strong overall, while pointing out areas for improvement.



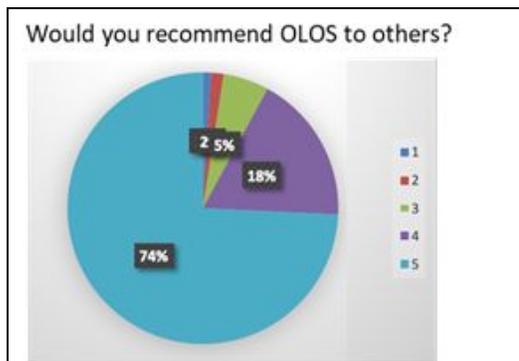
Forty two parishioners added qualitative comments which are helpful.

Liturgical Life

Liturgical and sacramental life at OLOS is healthy. On a 5 point scale “Liturgies are engaging” rated 4.2; “Homilies are relevant” rated 4.3; “Homilies help me understand the readings” rated 4.2; “The music enhances my liturgical experience” rated 4.2; and “OLOS meets my sacramental needs” rated 4.5. Fifty parishioners added qualitative comments.



OLOS Vision. We asked whether you agree or disagree that OLOS is living out the parish’s current vision statement. This chart shows very positive feedback: 54% (107 people) answered 5 (completely describes OLOS) and another 37% (74 people) answered 4. Forty one parishioners added qualitative comments.



Recommend OLOS? We asked how likely parishioners were to recommend OLOS to others. This chart shows very positive feedback: 74% (150 people) answered 5 (completely describes OLOS) and another 18% (36 people) answered 4.

Activities to prioritize

We asked how the parish should prioritize OLOS activities. Top three priorities: “*Opportunities to serve those in need*”, “*Lifelong faith formation*” and “*Catholic social justice*”. These areas will be an important focus of our 3-year plan.

Next steps

These survey results are reassuring and also point a way forward toward growth and improvement. We have the opportunity to evolve into a model parish. To move us toward being a model parish, a number of common themes emerged. The Planning Team would like to hold open forums over the coming weeks to discuss these further.

- ***OLOS as a model for lay leadership - December 15 after the 4:30pm Mass***
 Vatican II speaks directly to the essential role of the laity in accomplishing the mission of the Church. The pastoral challenges posed by fewer clergy make this a necessity. How can OLOS serve as a model parish to show how laity can play a bigger role in the planning, leading, and governing of our parish activities?
- ***OLOS as a welcoming and supportive community - January 6th 9:45am (coffee hour)***
 How do we strengthen our sense of community? How can we better receive new parishioners, invite back those who have left, ensure strong links among all parishioners, and build meaningful connections with other faith communities?
- ***OLOS with a strong focus on our faith formation foundation - January 6th 6:30 PM***
 Faith formation underpins all that we do. As Catholics we are called to be a voice for social justice. Are we creating the fullest experience for all parish members? How can we create more opportunities to serve those around us as we deepen our faith? Do our faith formation activities reflect the changing profile of our parish?
- ***Moving ahead amidst the clergy abuse crisis - Separate listening sessions being scheduled.*** We received several comments about the clergy abuse crisis and the struggles many have reconciling their continued participation in the Church with what has occurred. The Pastoral Planning team will attend the parish listening sessions to understand what we might do at the parish level.

Please come to any or all of these forums and share your thoughts and ideas on these very important themes with the Pastoral Plan writing team to enhance our three-year plan. OLOS can be a vision of light and a model parish. Help us achieve this.