

Church of the Risen Savior Summary Report for Parish Survey – February 2010

The Long Range Planning Committee has compiled the data we received from the parish survey which was completed this spring. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners who took the time to complete the survey.

Over 900 people, 10% of our worshippers, completed our survey, including 235 from our Latino community. In all, 812 adults and 129 youth responded, and 2 of every 5 used Risen Savior's website to submit their feedback. Your response was twice what we expected based on recent experience of other parishes' survey efforts. Best of all, you offered valuable feedback: 70% of adults and 60% of youth answered the open-ended questions.

The parish survey has provided us with necessary information to affirm the mission of Risen Savior as set forth in our mission statement and to provide critical input in planning for our future.

Detail graphical data on Risen Savior's Website

Please visit the home page of Risen Savior's website (www.risensavior.org) and you will be directed to the detail graphical data from the parish summary. Please feel free to provide any comments to the Long Range Planning Committee, leave your comments with parish office.

Highlighted Demographic Data

- Age - The age mix of adult survey-takers is about 20% each in the 36-45, 46-55, and 56-65 age groups, and about 25% are 66 and older. We didn't get a significant survey response from the 18-25 age group. The median age of youth respondents is 14 years old.
- Language - In our Latino community, 41% of adults and 95% of youth speak English.
- Where you're from - Most survey-takers live in Burnsville, Apple Valley, Lakeville, Rosemount, and Farmington -- yet parishioners from St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights, Bloomington and Eden Prairie, and as far away as Taylors Falls, Elko/New Market, and Owatonna responded.
- Parish membership - Twenty percent of the responders joined between 1970 and 1984. Eighty percent joined between 1985 and 2010 - with forty-six percent between 2000 and 2010, so we continue to draw new people to the parish.
- Youth school population - Two-thirds of the youth attend public schools in ISD 196 (Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan; 40%) and 194 (Lakeville; 27%).
- Volunteer participation - We may have opportunities to engage more people in service activities through Risen Savior: 2 in 5 adults and 3 in 10 youth reported that they volunteer here.

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Adult Summarized Responses questions

Why did you choose Risen Savior

- Over half of the survey responses indicated that location was an important part of their decision. The balance responded to the welcoming community, style of the services and programs offered, and the priests serving here.

How Risen Savior Meets your needs

- One-third responded that their needs are met from the liturgy and sacraments, followed by masses provided by our priests, music and service opportunities, and welcoming and fellowship within the parish.

Key Strengths

- Current priests serving, welcoming community, ministries offered, and staff personnel.

Concerns

- Retaining priests, finances, youth participation, and aging of the parish.

Suggestions

- Comments are being forwarded to the appropriate leadership group; the primary suggestions dealt with worship and liturgy, ministry, facilities and communication.

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Comments

- The primary comments were about worship and liturgy, supporting Risen Savior and the serving priests, ministry, preserving our welcoming spirit, and the conservative shift in Catholic Church.

Youth Summarized Responses questions

Favorite Activities at Risen Savior – Religious education, retreats, and outreach

Least Favorite Activities Risen Savior – Mostly none, some aspects of religious education and social activities

Service Interest – Feed My Starving Children, outreach, hands-on activities

Suggestions People offered ideas for improving religious education, kid activities, social outreach, and retreats

Comments - Many of the respondents like Risen Savior and made further comments on the mass and GIFT program