

FUTURE FULL OF HOPE: PARISH GATHERING

GUEST EVALUATION

FOR YOU PERSONALLY:

1. What one thing will you take away for yourself regarding SKD's Pillar of Prayer?

- *Many new ways to pray and worship
- *Listen for God's answers
- *Many forms of prayer
- *Be open to the Holy Spirit and be open to pray for others
- *Awareness of prayer life
- *I will try more of the different way to pray
- *Forms of prayer
- *Our parish community is prayerful; we need to build our youth for prayer
- *We have many wonderful strengths, but can always find opportunities for growth and sharing
- *Listen to God more/always
- *SKD leadership really cares about making SKD an even greater community. Thank you! Making a prayerful place even more prayerful
- *Make time, Thanksgiving, Preparation
- *Spending more time in Adoration chapel, saying Divine Mercy every day at 3:00 when possible
- *Opportunities for youth service
- *To unite as a community in prayer and thanksgiving
- *How open the parish is
- *An opportunity to have daily mass (evening)
- *The vast amount of ministries
- *How we offer so much at a parish level
- *Unity
- *Taking a quiet time to listen for Gods answers, what does God want to say?
- *That God spoke to me, and we have so many opportunities
- *Talk to God more
- *Spend time in prayer more, and in different types of prayer
- *I need only to rely on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I ask Father God in Jesus name
- *Need to pray more often and listen to Gods voice
- *Remembering to ask the Holy Spirit into the decision
- *Ask Holy Spirit why a particular distraction? Invite Holy Spirit to be more involved in my life's decision
- *Always pray through Jesus' name
- *Theres always a moment to pray
- *Set a time for daily prayer, many ways to pray
- *Pray, pray, pray set times, if necessary, utilize more of adoration chapel
- *We are a very caring community
- *Teen life mass
- *We are still praying to the same God as years ago
- *Methods/types of prayer, not just one way to pray
- *Allow room for the Holy Spirit
- *Need more meditation and prayer
- *Discussion of kinds of prayer
- *Much room for personal improvement
- *My personal need to avail myself of the adoration chapel more frequently

1. What one thing will you take away for yourself regarding SKD's Pillar of Prayer? (Continued)

- *I love that SKD has these three pillars
- *Silence is the voice of God
- *Need to learn more about prayer
- *To take more responsibility for my prayer pillar
- *The power in prayer! I knew it, but it made the 18" transition to my heart.
- *It wasn't what I thought it would be. Enjoyed it though! All three areas have strong areas that outweigh the negatives, but we have several areas that need attention; parishioner apathy, youth involvement
- *Work on evening prayer
- *Praying for others
- *I want to know more about prayer
- *Community
- *That the parish is open to suggestions
- *Need to praise and adore God in my prayers
- *I need to read the Bible more
- *I should visit more often the Adoration chapel. It would be a blessing to have a Spanish mass.
- *Actively teach others about prayer
- *Five ways to pray, learn more about (meditate, contemplation, active contemplation, *Lectio Divina*; Do more adoration
- *Expansion of the five ways to pray, deeper form of prayer
- *Five different ways to pray
- *Five ways to pray
- *How to pray in many different ways
- *A lot of good ideas to add prayers
- *There was a lot, a lot of tables coming up with the same ideas for parishioners
- *We are all very much on the right path
- *Increase contemplative prayer
- *I'm "Moses" ...Who me? "I don't have the words."
- *Mental interruptions during prayer could be God getting our attention, an urging by the Holy Spirit
- *Recognized, for myself anyway that "active contemplations" means plan your work and work your plan
- *Spirit always in me!

2. What one thing will you take away for yourself regarding SKD's Pillar of Learning?

- *Need to explore opportunities available to learn more about our faith and worship
- *Use tools we have, formed, studies
- *There are many opportunities to learn, we really need more young adults learning in order to share their faith
- *I hope to try to get on Flocknote
- *How we need opportunities for youth programs and after school activities
- *We have strong leadership; we need to capture the middle school CCD, so they stay after confirmation
- *To seek and get involved in future learning and sharing with others
- *Study the Catechism
- *I need to be more open to what others want/need from SKD, not what I think should happen with learning
- *Will
- *Challenge myself to attend two Bible studies per year, read a book about a saint
- *More classes like Alpha

- *To be able to bring to others what I learn
- *Bible groups
- *The liturgy, homily bulletins
- *Our diversity, but we could use mass as a better tool
- *Growing
- *Probably should take the time to attend more of programs such as Bible study
- *That we have so many opportunities
- *Get involved in prayer groups
- *Need to spend more time reading and studying the Bible
- *SKD has a dedicated spiritual group engaged in call to lead us to Christ
- *Take advantage of opportunities to learn
- *Looking into Bible study
- *We have access to resources, let use them
- *Look into adult education (Those who need refresher)
- *Opportunities about to learn about our faith
- *SKD has many resources
- *Keep on learning
- *Teen life mass
- *This workshop is a wonderful tool for learning
- *I've learned more about prayer, service and giving. The instructional speakers (Renee) very enjoyable and insightful
- *Read more scripture
- *Mass more, listen more
- *Ministry education needed
- *How very blessed our parish is with wonderful open individuals who donate time and talent to learning
- *Create awareness of all programs
- *I would like to take more Bible studies, do formed ascension prayers
- *I need some work
- *Keep doing what I am doing
- *My hunger for the word is well founded; I need more and more
- *More focused learning
- *Alpha
- *We need to know more about church teaching, more about the Eucharist
- *Doing what God wants
- *Childcare is needed
- *I wish I could join one of the Alpha groups. Is there any online like zoom group to meet weekly?
- *Learn more about WWP
- *Read Bible and CCM
- *So many ways we can learn, maybe mini courses versus weeks long courses
- *We have a great community
- *Daily Bible passage
- *The different groups available, and the ability to suggest new items (Adult RCIA review and Bible study)
- *Find ways to help parishioners learn
- *Good table with a good leader, learning good
- *Once again, we have an enormous amount of learning opportunities
- *Use Flocknote more

2. What one thing will you take away for yourself regarding SKD's Pillar of Learning? (Continued)

- *Need to educate more, kids and grandkids even if adults and out of the home
- *Be more willing, trusting of sharing and learning
- *I enjoy chatting with my wife about the readings and how they apply in life as we live and tell it.
- *Catechism has a wealth of wisdom.

3. What one thing will you take away for yourself regarding SKD's Pillar of Service?

- *There's a ministry at SKD that is for me to serve
- *More people need to participate
- *Youth are important to this pillar; they are the next in passing on the faith, and what better way than with service to our neighbors. To be open to one another.
- *The strengths, weaknesses
- *I plan to invite more people to join me in service
- *We are welcoming, we are a service foundation
- *There are always opportunities to serve around every corner, God please give me the grace to be faithful to your request
- *Increase service to others
- *We need to do more for those outside of SKD and the U.S. We need to serve the least of those who don't have all the resources we have at SKD and Cape Coral
- *Holy Redeemer group, Faith and Wine, Lee County
- *We have an opportunity to grow our service community based on our survey results
- *Opportunities for youth service
- *Reach out to youth and young couples, social Sundays
- *Reaching out to the homebound
- *Service to your families may lack
- *We do SO MUCH, but so few know how much we do. We need to "advertise" ourselves.
- *Sharing and caring
- *We do need more volunteers; I would like to have our priests to stress the needs for parishioners to support events such as Mary and me conference
- *That we have so many opportunities
- *More volunteers
- *Need to get more involved in ministries
- *We are a church of God demonstrating many strengths in reaching those in need, prayer, social teachings, assistance
- *Need to ask people to get involved
- *Commit to getting more involved
- *Re-examine my priorities to become seriously involved in ministry
- *I can be selfish because I want to minister and lector every time
- *Jesus was a servant, I want always to serve our Lord
- *Encourage others to participate
- *Need to brainstorm how to get non-Catholics involved
- *Teen life mass
- *To try to get the younger people into our church
- *I'm learning more each day, how I can serve God and be more prayerful in my day-to-day life
- *Get involved. Don't hesitate to become involved.
- *Participate more
- *New younger people to step up
- *Again, very blessed with ministries
- *Lots of opportunities for service at SKD

3. What one thing will you take away for yourself regarding SKD's Pillar of Service? (Continued)

- *20-50 great opportunity to get involved
- *I want to be involved in a lapsed Catholic outreach
- *Do more! When I think I've done enough, DO MORE!
- *Renewed dedication
- *Letting people know of service
- *Don't burn out
- *Doing what God wants for the community
- *Meeting for the ministries should be at times where everyone could attend who wants to
- *I would like to see a homeless mass outreach
- *I want to keep serving on the prayer ministry and maybe be a sub for teaching the young children
- *Volunteer more
- *Do volunteer more
- *Service is intertwined with prayer and learning. We are meant to serve as instructed by the Gospel.
- *Need more volunteers
- *Volunteer more, invite an outsider
- *That we need to involve youth more, where we come from, we had a 6:30 mass Sunday night with youth lectors and contemporary music also youth group meeting followed
- *Will encourage more service ministries
- *This parish has many ways to serve in ministries
- *Never enough service, and we do them
- *I am serving enough, don't want to burn out
- *Health decline, seniors say we already did it
- *Reaching out in service evangelizes
- *We're long-time choir members who (at least me anyway) decided to yield to the next generation
- *God is waiting for me to do it.

FOR SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH:

4. What one suggestion would you make that would enhance SKD's Pillar of Prayer?

- *Music at mass is too loud, it disrupts my prayer time before the Tabernacle
- *More Catholic, less one word religion. We are the church.
- *More time to pray during mass, before and after, during intercession
- *More people getting involved in a devotion (Devine mercy, the Rosary)
- *Please mention sick and deceased in bulletin. Please have a parish mission.
- *Outreach
- *Teach silence in church, build prayer leaders in the youth group, let them come and lead prayer in CCD
- *Evening hours of adoration in the main church with a talk on Eucharistic presence
- *Mass as a prayer, educate and teach parishioners
- *Get Father Anthonio more involved in non-mass venues, he has great gifts to share
- *Saying the rosary before mass
- *Spanish mass
- *Evening mass for working people
- *Quiet before mass
- *Let the word out
- *Please have parishioners keep quiet before mass. The chatter interferes with prayer before Mass.
- *Trying hard to encourage more participation
- *Quiet in the church before and after mass
- *Teach more about different ways to pray

- *Encourage participation in ministry groups explaining each mission and their importance
- *Have some signs put up at the church asking those entering to be quiet before mass in respect for those praying
- *Instruction on different types of prayer
- *5pm Sunday mass
- *Pray together before mass
- *More education of how to pray. Have music in the background so people will pray not talk in Gods' house (Love Gregorian chant)
- *Ask a confirmation candidate to speak a prayer from the podium before each mass
- *Quiet before mass
- *Explain how to pray
- *Offer small sessions, before/after mass to learn more about God
- *More opportunities for lectors
- *Quiet before mass
- *Alpha help
- *Incorporate into mass (before/after)
- *Liturgy before and after, more sacred quiet reverence
- *Prayer retreats, music is like a performance (so often), why don't songs praise and worship God? So many do not sing, look at their faces, when choir seems to be performing let the music draw us closer to God.
- *At mass the music could be a little more lively
- *Get more in and out of parish attendance at Alpha
- *Prayer after each service, every week? Not just the 3rd week.
- *Making space for more parishioner involvement and scheduling of same
- *Addition of contemporary praise and worship music in mass
- *Advertise more
- *Music is not leading us into deeper prayer, it is not praise or worship. Why does the choir sing songs we don't know? The music does not draw us closer to God.
- *24/7 Prayer Hotline
- *How to pray
- *Silence at mass, after communion; I can't think with music playing and wish to meditate on body of Christ
- *Prayer team available more to pray with people around the clock
- *24 Hour prayer groups, prayer groups after every mass
- *Need to bring mid-aged people back
- *Involve more children on the sanctity of sacraments
- *Be more involved and focus in mass not get distracted
- *What is prayer, more education on prayer, types of prayer, to go above and beyond traditional prayer. One to one conversation with Jesus
- *Parish mission
- *Involve youth more
- *To put a list and days meetings are held
- *Bible availability
- *More adoration chapel for parishioners
- *Sign up or a committee of volunteers to do one hour of adoration day a month; Possible to have a sign for one hour a month for adoration
- *Quiet down fifteen minutes before and after Mass
- *More spiritual, advisor available please
- *Add classes on the catechism and divine office

4. What one suggestion would you make that would enhance SKD's Pillar of Prayer? (Continued)

- *So many of Father Ricky's and Father Antonio's homilies are resonant, keep up the good work.
- *More silence in Church pre-Masses, more reflection days, prayer workshops or brief talks before Masses; go back to rosaries in church (not adoration chapel) after daily Masses. I often just want a place of silence after daily Mass.
- *Explain the sacraments and the order of Mass. Mention prayer for current events and more bible study classes offered.

5. What one suggestion would you make that would enhance SKD's Pillar of Learning?

- *Use the bulletin to explain the many tools our parish has. What is Bible study, what are they covering, is there any online learning? These are questions the priest can talk about and put in the bulletin.
- *Alpha is NOT Catholic. We are NOT part of one world church. Catholicism IS church!
- *Learning also equals action, youth need to be encouraged to participate in ministries, how they can learn to be part of the church
- *Invite more
- *Street evangelization
- *Bible study, different time slots
- *Please provide more learning in the afternoon
- *Homilies need to be more specific, too much confusion what is right and what is wrong
- *Youth group and confirmation witness to middle school, mentorship for new or returning parishioners
- *Online courses
- *Sessions for working parishioners in all ministries
- *Bring back formal, small faith groups and do formal education on Catholic social teaching
- *Add adult
- *More Bible studies, learning and reading the Catechism
- *Marriage and family programs
- *Let all of our parishioners know of all of our ministries individually
- *Add "learning minute" regarding our faith to the bulletin and pre-presenters before mass
- *Zoom classes
- *Many of our older parishioners do not have computers and can't use Flocknote
- *When people were only reading bullet points, everyone spoke too much
- *Shorter classes of OCIA
- *Offer adult learning classes
- *More group study on topics of the Catholic church for adults
- *Encourage participation in Bible study
- *Get more people involved in leading
- *Offer sessions on our faith
- *More education on mass
- *Adult education (scared to pray to saints for fear it is seen as other idol)
- *Involve our youth more, we can learn from each other
- *What specific needs are there?
- *During the homily could the mass components be explained by being broken down and discussed? This could be done, a part a week and advertised in the bulletin.
- *Evening mass
- *To learn about the current prayer groups
- *Promote what we have available, use of social media and bulletins to a greater depth, articles about staff and ministry
- *Youth groups
- *More ministers

5. What one suggestion would you make that would enhance SKD's Pillar of Learning? (Continued)

- *Alpha Continued
- *Awareness
- *Workshops
- *Weekly instruction by the priest 7PM Wednesdays
- *We have the opportunity for study of the catechism for adults
- *A raise in pay for the teachers. (LOL) How about a suggestion box to read weekly?
- *Get all (or most) parishioners involved
- *More adult education opportunities at various times/days
- *Getting people involved
- *24/7 Learning hotline
- *Night classes for parishioners/childcare
- *Reach the 20-39 demographic
- *Childcare
- *Childcare, more evening ministries for working people, web site should have ministries listed and available to join on website
- *If there is a class during the week in the morning for mothers who can not come in the afternoon or nights
- *Increase the visibility of the library, have an info booth in the narthex
- *Attend more Bible study
- *What are the sources of learning at SKD? Do parishioners use the resources for information effectively? Flocknote, website etc.
- *Involve youth more
- *Adult Bible study and RCIA review
- *Education for all ages
- *Study church
- *A mass twice a year explaining mass
- *Info and access to self-study, self-paced courses
- *Would Father please only make one point in the homily
- *Add classes on the catechism
- *Question box on specific questions that can be addressed briefly before mass or in bulletin/Flocknote

6. What one suggestion would you make that would enhance SKD's Pillar of Service?

- *Commit our parish to build one Habitat for Humanity Home
- *Bulletin hand out AFTER mass.
- *Better, newer, more connected website. 60% of your parish is older, then realize that the other 40% live online, learn online, and gather info online. We need to be more interactive on our website. We need to give space to each ministry to be represented online. It's entirely possible, I've done it.
- *Share in bullet points at mass on the overhead one ministry per week and what their mission is
- *Better advertisement on the website and in the bulletin
- *Do more to invite snowbirds. Give groups an opportunity to explain their group.
- *More invitation to participate
- *More workshops like this, new survey, new questions, keep the conversation going, short workshops
- *Ministry fair
- *Highlight ministries in bulletin, rotation weekly
- *More focus on serving "poorest of poor" including international options, do service trees for adults/youth
- *Advertising our service organizations before mass, challenge our participants in service organization to recruit new members

6. What one suggestion would you make that would enhance SKD's Pillar of Service? (Continued)

- *Bring back date night, mass for children and young, Spanish mass
- *Build a parish database based on talents, job related
- *Engage others*Service to needy
- *Weekly or monthly spotlight on what groups do
- *Reach out of parish
- *More about the happenings in the world today, abortion, movies, LBG, and many. Some thoughts about matters of the world, either in the homilies or bulletin.
- *More detailed info on each group
- *More altar servers
- *Provide more info on ministries, make them more inviting to join
- *Fear not, everyone can make a commitment
- *Get more young people involved
- *Increase volunteer pool
- *Homilies on specific frank discussion of social issues
- *Have fellowship
- *Include an explanation and honor each ministry at service
- *More education, ask people to volunteer, get more involved & younger people; Join with non-denominations, we all love God. What about a Faith ministry? Say the rosary.
- *Encouraging a youth ministry
- *Need young people to lead others
- *Getting new faces to volunteer in this parish
- *Promote, promote! You want younger people? Promote in a way that will reach them.
- *Community health and wellness initiatives
- *More classes
- *Encourage more members
- *When there is a need for an increase of vocations in an individual ministry have volunteers ask a person to join. People like to be asked.
- *Stories of transformation
- * There are clicks, must be intergenerational, invite young adults into leadership, childcare
- *Have an outreach to predominantly Catholic newly arrived immigrants
- *A once-a-year service party for volunteers? (It promotes comradery)
- *Lack of parishioner's missionary vision and Eucharistic vision and belief
- *Parish mission trips, local and global
- *Teaching adult programs
- *Ministries need to raise up young leaders. Many don't feel welcome to lead, not invited
- *24/7 Service hotline
- *Getting younger people to lead
- *Reach the 20-39 demographic
- *Once a month, family pasta night, priced reasonable so the whole family can come and break bread
- *Childcare, services after 5 p.m., our parish needs more buildings
- *Involve the youth to help the poor, by getting together to bring food to families or make food for the needy.
- *Get the youth involved, phone drive, ask for participation
- *Actively volunteer more
- *What can be implemented to encourage volunteerism, especially younger parishioners; how can the parish communicate how important service is, and how it is tied to our mission. More young people becoming altar servers.

- *Helpline ministry
- *Continue and promote Alpha more
- *Maybe have table set up with each group so you know what is available
- *One or more times to serve God for each parishioner
- *Parish helpline to check on people
- *A youth ministry and service, a helpline
- *Info on a specific ministry in the bulletin
- *Just do it. Move forward.
- *Rides to mass for those who need the service, babysitting services during mass, offer Alpha to young people
- *Guide parishioners, especially those most in need to community resources. Encourage parishioners in good spots to share using community resources, such as LCEC's round up your bills to help those who can't pay those light bills.
- *Outreach to families of members who have special needs (young parents of kids with special needs)

FOR THE DAY OVERALL

7. What did you like about the Future of Hope Gathering?

BEST:

- *Learning about The Holy Spirit for all aspects of my life
- *Interesting to common threads of concern. Sense of community and purpose.
- *Openness of ideas
- *Community and prayer
- *Sharing comments
- *An opportunity to share
- *The topics and discussion
- *Surprised by how awesome this day was
- *Sharing and risk taking by leaders
- *Father encourages parish involvement
- *Open discussion
- *Great way for me, a newbie to get a pulse of the church and its needs
- *Wonderful time spent learning about ways to improve and grow our parish
- *Enjoyed fellowship
- *Praying, sharing group discussion
- *Openness and involvement
- *Fathers openness to our needs and hopes for the future
- *Gathering together and conversing about
- *Open honest discussion
- *On track, focus
- *Hearing others' opinions
- *Everyone's ideas
- *Good ideas on improving SKD parish
- *Getting to know more people in our parish
- *Table sharing
- *Discussion at table and sharing
- *Meeting new folks and candid discussion
- *Fraternity
- *Father Ricky was very attentive and interested
- *Father Ricky really listens

7. What did you like about the Future of Hope Gathering? (Continued)

BEST:

- *Fellowship
- *We were all here for the same reason
- *Speakers and sharing
- *Many parishioners attended
- *Being with a great family of Catholic people
- *Loved sharing with likeminded people
- *Very organized and informative
- *Very informative
- *Oral evaluation
- *Sharing in ideas
- *Small (controlled) groups focus better
- *How wonderful to include so many church members in this experience
- *Being heard
- *All of it
- *Well done
- *Spirit filled parishioners
- *Teaching; video presentation
- *Hearing what others are thinking and their concerns
- *Conversation
- *Ability to grow the church
- *Evaluation results
- *The survey was fascinating, thank you for sharing
- *Great new ideas (embrace change)
- *Much more interesting than I thought
- *Having more people involved in the different ministries
- *Excellent, very organized
- *Group discussion and speakers
- *Exchange of SWOT both personal and parish, the explanation of the Holy Spirit in our life
- *Always good to hear suggestions
- *Great ideas! Sharing!
- *The suggestions
- *Our table
- *The prayerfulness
- *Interaction with fellow parishioners
- *Opportunity to be heard
- *The presentations
- *Umm... Lunch? Its good to see people gather to offer input. It shows true personal strength and character of the Pastor. Congratulations Father!
- *Time, chance to think about our commitment, strengths and needs
- *Sharing
- *The whole day

7. What did you like about the Future of Hope Gathering? (Continued)

LEAST:

- *Music was too loud
- *Didn't seem Catholic. Why always trying to make us more like rest of the world religion?
- *Too much Bible study

- *A lot to cover, could not do it in depth
- *It went by fast
- *Nothing really
- *Hot in here
- *A little too much sitting, maybe move to other spots
- *Pass the baton of lay leadership
- *Nothing
- *Long
- *One bathroom stall
- *Sandwiches, yuck
- *More time for discussion
- *Hearing negatives
- *Very little time and focus on the parish survey
- *More breaks
- *White writing for song, hard for some to read
- *Hard to see the screen where I sat, hard to read the white print on screen
- *Not long enough, more exchange of ideas
- *Point of meeting was confusing
- *Renee's talk inspired me
- *Not enough time, especially for Pillar discussions
- *Lack of time
- *Music
- *A little too long
- *The same people in the parish come to events
- *Time
- *It was a little repetitive
- *Nothing I disliked
- *Time limits
- *Disorganized into of pillars
- *A bit rushed and surveys
- *Food
- *Lunch, Ha! Hearing that talking before mass is a threat. How else do you build community?
- *Need a little more discussion time between topics
- *All great
- *Food
- *Some reactions to the people's honest opinions
- *Long presentations
- *People didn't understand the concepts
- *Stuck on what is not working, hence why the young generation attends other churches
- *We need more opportunities like this
- *Not a thing, it was great!
- *Conversation before mass is necessary, older people can be ill and home or need help
- *The fact that attendees weren't aware that many suggestions are already going on
- *Length, too long
- *Time restraints, not enough breaks for bathroom, room temperature, too hot.
- *A ten-minute recess would help
- *I'm hard of hearing and had difficulty with audio
- *Lack of time
- *Very timed, regimented, allow more time to talk with those at our table.

8. Please share how God touched you personally during this Gathering.

- *Loved the examples of SKD, how our parish is learning, how our parish serves others, most of all how we pray. Always room to do more prayer, it is our foundation. God touched me to use all the forms of prayer.
- *Calling on the Holy Spirit more
- *Inspires me to get involved in a ministry to grow deeper in faith and bring others to participate
- *I'm blessed to have close moments to our Lord when we come together in his name
- *I feel he wants me to pray more and try to contribute more
- *I feel the Holy Spirit speaking through us
- *Structured to grow us and grow our community, Holy Spirit led for sure
- *Again, through sharing and listening
- *Meditate on image of Jesus. What do I want from him?
- *Loved our diversity
- *Great speakers about the Holy Spirit, and to be moved to see where I may be called to serve
- *God confirmed to me what I need to continue to do in my life to serve him
- *Reflect on my abilities to change for the good
- *The prayers, the music, the dynamic, the sharing
- *Peace
- *I enjoy seeing how loving our parishioners are and sincerely express their opinions
- *Holy Spirit, love
- *Showed how those here cared for our parish
- *Unity
- *The Holy Spirit talk by Renee
- *He answered me about something I have been praying about for a long time
- *During prayer
- *Renee's talk and what people in my group shared helped me
- *Seeing my favorite image of Christ, I feel like I saw him addressing me
- *Open heart listen
- *Glad SKD want opinions, let's see change and good outcomes
- *Felt the Holy Spirit during the workshop
- *The open discussion of prayer and being with this parish family
- *Moved when asked to "picture" Jesus and to talk to Jesus
- *Spoke to me during prayer
- *Holy Spirit blessings
- *Blessed to share with brothers and sisters in Christ
- *I should bring all things to God
- *Meeting new people
- *Made my heart sing
- *Felt Jesus say he was happy with my prayer efforts
- *Convinced me to pray more! Pray before!
- *I feel like I was challenged at one point after conversing with a fellow parishioner at my table. The Holy Spirit does work in all things, and I feel blessed.
- *Enjoyed hearing other parishioner's ideas
- *By hearing others
- *During prayer, Talking to Jesus
- *His presence
- *When sitting to the person next to me, the Holy Spirit used her to answer me
- *Great meeting, great input, ideas
- *Renee is a blessing

8. Please share how God touched you personally during this Gathering. (Continued)

- *The prayers and song were great
- *I am very happy to be chosen by God to be here. I feel you are my family. My spiritual family that will be with me forever.
- *Meeting fellow parishioners, the love of the Lord and the fruits of the Holy Spirit
- *Reminders of evangelization and services to the church
- *I felt a great affinity to the Holy Spirit today; touched by the Spirit. I felt that I knew why I was chosen by God to be here today.
- *I know he answers prayers
- *Asking the Holy Spirit for help/need in Jesus' name!
- *How everyone shared their thoughts
- *Seeing everyone together
- *Quiet, music calm
- *Sharing how the Holy Spirit spoke to me
- *Holy Spirit
- *Picture my image of God, speaking to me and hearing his message
- *Affirmed that I was supposed to be here, affirmed that this parish is committed to hearing the voices of its parishioners
- *Prompted to get involved more in SKD ministries
- *He calmed me and helped me gather my thoughts
- *Holy Spirit insights
- *Encouraged, hopeful

9. Are there aspects that could have been improved?

- *Would have loved to have more time to explore in depth our relationship with The Holy Spirit.
- *More Catholic!
- *I understand the need for Biblical foundation, but less of Bible study and more about organizational basis for mission of SKD. This was misleading.
- *Depth of topics
- *The projection machine and the slides
- *Good use of time
- *Split up the questions to give more time. I had no idea what this day would hold, surprised you, but a heads up would be helpful.
- *No
- *Great discussion and presentations, and were well prepared
- *Rushed at the end, but could not be helped
- *More focus and time to discuss the questions, less on the extra slides
- *Room looked very nice!
- *Better communication on point of meeting and what they want to accomplish
- *I need more time to think and write
- *More time
- *Less covered, more time and future follow-ups
- *Better detailed advertising, it was not just about the surveys. Survey was lame, but a start. Need more detailed quest.
- *Clearer instructions, too rushed
- *More time to complete paperwork, rushed in our groups.
- *Everything was wonderful
- *No
- *Yes, do it again next year

9. Are there aspects that could have been improved? (Continued)

- *The staff did a wonderful job
- *More time, bathroom breaks
- *Get an I.T. person from the 59.1% to run the computer.
- *A little more time to discuss SWOT issues. Thank you for a great day!
- *No, very good scheduling and keeping everyone on task
- *Nothing
- *Always room to improve when God is at discussion, but it went just how it was supposed to
- *Better communication when describing the summary and what was wanted
- *More clarity in explaining the assignment
- *Older generation is here. Not enough activities for working generation.
- *Meal was okay
- *Brainstorming how to reach youth more times to answer pillars.
- *No
- *Maybe more time in the SWOT analysis
- *Well done
- *No
- *All need more volunteers
- *Technology issues
- *Better food, have real food, less bread carbs and sweets
- *Just a break in the a.m.
- *More time
- *Remind participants to work quietly, no talking
- *No
- *I think it went as best as it could