



PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

Feedback from the first Listening Sessions (held in January/February 2025)

When discussing the question “How have your experiences in our parish (and your experience of the parish’s gifts and charisms) brought you closer to God?” many groups across all the listening sessions listed the different ministries at our churches and the chance to participate and volunteer. Other themes that emerged were the appreciation for sacraments, music, the multicultural aspects of our community along with their celebrations. There was a strong sense of a welcoming community that works together.

When the question was asked “If you had to describe the main gifts and charisms of our parish to a newcomer in once sentence, what would you say? What is your favorite part about being a parishioner? What stands out to you as something to be proud of?” we again heard the volunteer opportunities that are available along with the different activities and ways to be involved in the parish. The school was also mentioned as something to be proud of. Many said that they liked the welcoming atmosphere and the hospitality time at the different churches. Once again, the chances for adoration was mentioned as something to be proud of.

Other comments or suggestions that came up during the listening sessions were as follows:

- There is a need for more staff in the office
- More communication between the office and the churches
- People are made to feel welcome
- There is a need to serve young families and young adults
- The Hispanic Ministry is strong
- Our church feels like a second home
- A need for more volunteers
- Some members drive a far distance to attend the current churches

Join us for the next set of Listening Sessions:

Sunday, May 18 after the 1pm Mass at St. Rose Church (Spanish session)

Wednesday, May 21 at 1pm at the St. Rose Parish Center

Wednesday, May 28 at 6pm at the St. Rose Parish Center