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Parishioner Input for the State of the Parish Presentations
Return to the Dropbox or Parish Office by Sunday, June 29th
(PLEASE PRINT)

I, Fr. Tom, have been at Holy Family Parish for a little over 7 years (arrived February 14, 2018). Please list any positive things you believe we have done in these 7+ years.

What concerns or bothers you about Holy Family Parish? Do you need us to clarify something? What should we be doing that we are not doing? What does this parish need to change to thrive and not just survive? Do you know someone who left the parish and if so, why did they leave?

Are you willing to volunteer to help make the things you listed above happen? Yes_____ No_____

Please list questions you have about Holy Family Parish.

So we can be prepared, which meeting do you plan to attend, July 13th _____ or July 23rd _____?

Your name and number: _____

As I shared in my homilies the weekends of May 31/June 1 and June 14/15, I believe with all my heart and mind that this parish, because of our rich HERITAGE of a CAN-DO and FIGHTING SPIRIT, has far more POTENTIAL than we are now living. I HOPE that with accurate information, a willingness to move forward from the hurts of the past, the building of trust among us and a decision by all of us to work together, we can forge a path toward a parish that will not only survive but thrive. We cannot afford to settle for the way things are because we are shrinking! Together, let us discuss the great plans the Lord has for our future!

We will hold two meetings in the Parish Hall for which every parishioner is invited to select which date and time is convenient for them to attend. Those meetings are set for Sunday, July 13th starting shortly after the 10:30 Mass and Wednesday, July 23rd at 6 PM. Refreshments will be served.

So that we can cover all the concerns and questions you have, I need you to complete the reverse side of this page and return it to the Dropbox in the Church (near the statue of the Sacred Heart) or the Parish Office by Sunday, June 29th. If you need more space, use additional paper. EVERY concern and question, to the best of our ability will be answered! Everything and anything are on the table! Have you heard a rumor that bothers you, then let us put it to rest with the truth. If you know someone in town who left the Catholic Church, give them a copy of this form and invite them to complete it, return it and to attend one of the two meetings.

I am offering this questionnaire and conducting these meetings toward the goal of your better understanding of your parish. I want to build trust and to accomplish that I need to have a dialogue-like meeting with you. The format of each of the two meetings will be the same. After an opening prayer, I will give a summary of the status of the parish and identify some of the challenges we face. I will then introduce those who will be assisting me in answering the questions, answer the questions you submitted in logical groupings, and, if time allows, will take questions from the floor. Every question and concern raised in advance or at the meetings will be documented with the response and posted on our parish website.

An important ground rule that we will observe at each meeting is that all who attend must be respectful of everyone else. Only one person will talk at a time. We will answer the questions as quickly as possible so that the meetings will not last more than an hour and a half.

Please keep this process in your prayers for the good of your family, fellow parishioners, the parish and for the community we are called by God to serve! I suggest this prayer by Saint Francis of Assisi. He prayed this while he was seeking God's guidance in his life.

"Most High, and Glorious God,
bring light to the darkness of my heart.
Give me right faith,
certain hope,
and perfect charity.
Lord, give me insight and wisdom
so I might always discern
Your holy and true will."

Holy Family of Saint John, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us! Fr. Tom Stabile, T.O.R.