

Message from the Archbishop – Request for Parishioner Input

Dear People of the Archdiocese:

As a Catholic community, we are called to provide an environment of compassion to victims who have experienced abuse and to do all we can to bring healing to the victims, their loved ones and the entire community of faith. Currently, the Archdiocese is undergoing a major organizational review in an effort to address the claims of the victims of abuse suffered at the Mount Cashel Orphanage in the 1940's, 50's and 60's.

While the full value of these claims is not yet known, there are serious concerns that their total may be greater than the value of our assets, including our church buildings and properties. With this in mind, we have prepared this survey and are seeking your input to be used in developing an informed and practical plan for the ongoing provision of ministries, programs and services to the people of the Archdiocese.

An online version of the survey can be found on the Archdiocesan website at www.rcsj.org, and in some parishes it can also be accessed via the parish website. You may also return a completed paper copy of the survey to your local parish, or mail it to the Archdiocese at **Parish Survey, 200 Military Road, St. John's, NL A1C 2E8**. We ask that all completed surveys be submitted prior to June 30, 2021.

Thanking you for your input and asking for your continued prayer support,
+Peter Hundt
Archbishop of St. John's

General Information

1. Your parish's name: _____ Location: _____

2. How often did/do you attend Mass:

a. Before pandemic: Daily Weekly Monthly Occasionally

b. During pandemic either:

i. On line/via Facebook: Daily Weekly Monthly Occasionally

ii. In person: Daily Weekly Monthly Occasionally

c. Will you attend Mass in person after the pandemic? Yes No

3. Before the pandemic, comparing year over year, how did you find attendance at your church? Increasing Decreasing Remaining unchanged Do not know

4. Before the pandemic, comparing year over year, did you find that your parish income seemed to be:

Increasing Decreasing Remaining unchanged Do not know

5. Before the pandemic, how would you categorize the age of attendees in your parish?
(Please check the description that best describes each age category.)

	MANY	SOME	FEW
65 + Over			
40 - 64			
19 - 39			
Under 18			

6. What is your age category? 65+ 40-64 19-39 Under 18

Restructuring

7. Given that, the restructuring process will probably result in a reduced number of churches and parishes:

a. Would you still go to church even if you have to attend a different parish or community?

Yes No

b. Would you financially support the church even if your present church is closed and you have to attend Mass at another parish? Yes No

8. In the future which of the following should be our highest priorities? Please prioritize them from **1-10** with **1 being most important** and **10 being least important**?

Churches _____	Cemeteries _____	Land _____
Parish halls _____	Food banks _____	Rectories _____
Counselling services _____	Chaplaincy services _____	Evangelization/Outreach _____
Programs for Children and Families _____	Other _____	

Other comments

9. What do you feel should be our focus in the restructuring of the Archdiocese?

10. When you consider the future of our local church, what is most important to you personally?

11. What do you feel the church can do to help Parishioners with the pending transition?

12. Is there anything we have not asked that you want us to know?
