



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg

Synodal Survey

Part One:

In what ways have you found God?

1. Were you baptized a Catholic as a child?

Answered: 260 Skipped: 1

89% YES

11% NO

2. Did you convert to the Catholic faith?

Answered: 236 Skipped: 25

12% YES

88% NO

3. Which of the following have been important in helping you find God? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 259 Skipped: 2

83% YOUR FAMILY

83% THE CHURCH

69% THE SACRAMENTS

65% A PASTOR / PRIEST / NUN

52% CHURCH ACTIVITIES

4. Are there consistent times / places that you feel / have felt closest to God?

Answered: 226 Skipped: 35

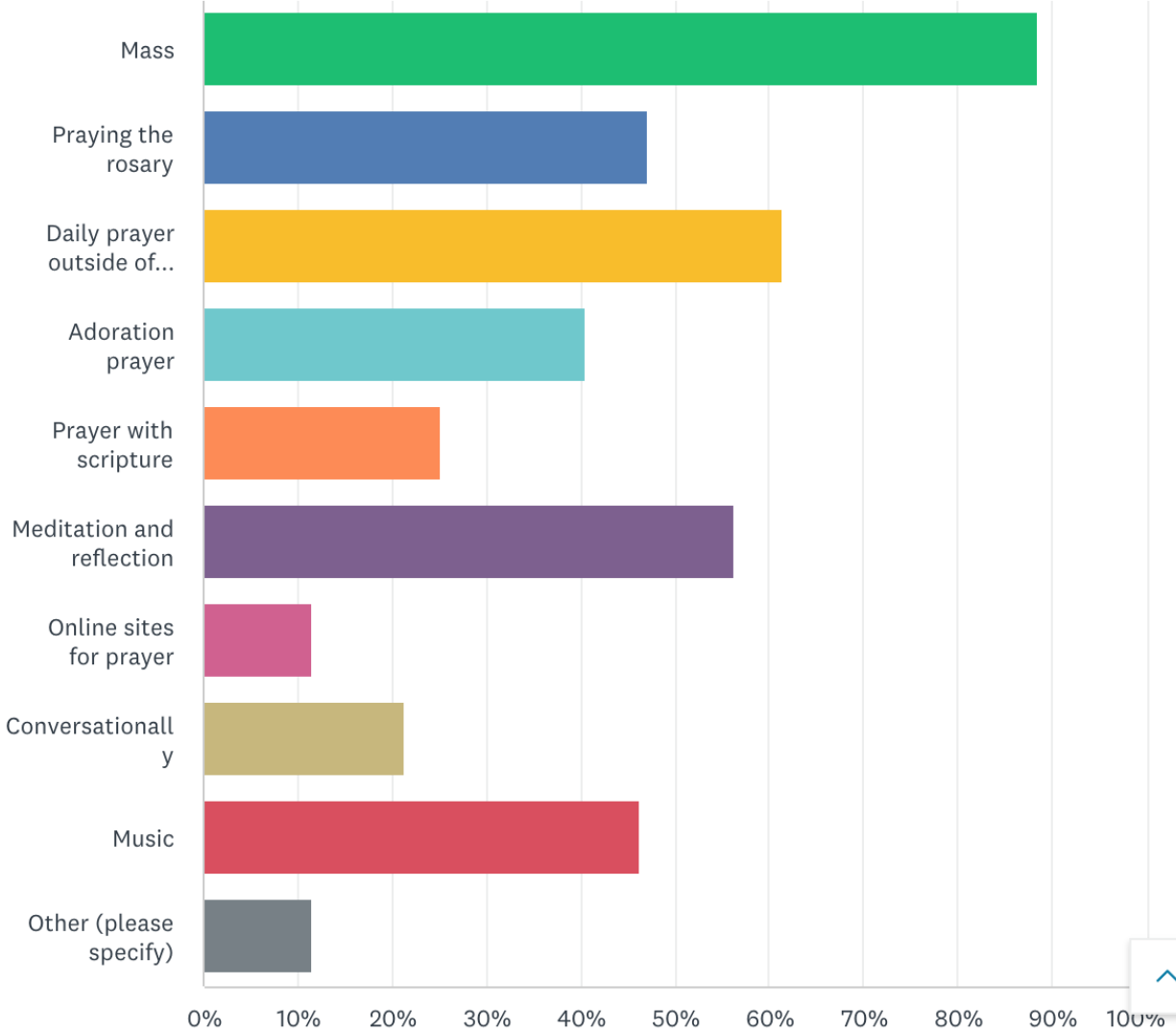
55% MASS / CHURCH

32% QUIET PRAYER

27% ADORATION CHAPEL

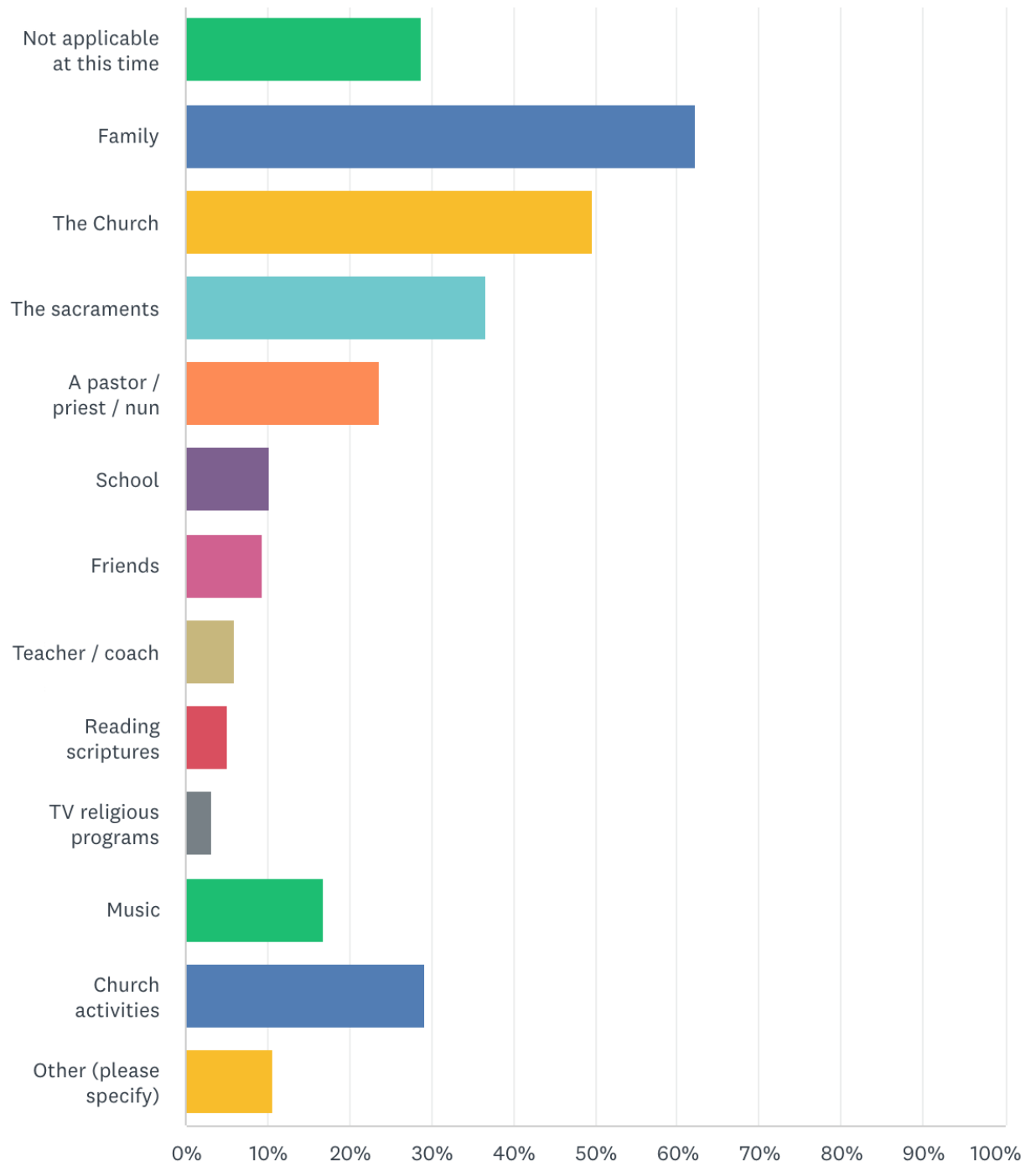
5. Which of the following brings you closer to God in prayer?
Please check all that apply.

Answered: 259 Skipped: 2



6. How do the children in your life find God? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 254 Skipped: 7



7. What does our parish do well to help you find God?

Answered: 218 Skipped: 43

33% FR. ANTHONY

24% CHURCH ACTIVITIES

23% PROMOTES SENSE OF COMMUNITY

8. Could Holy Spirit Parish make changes or improvements that would help you to find God? Please explain.

Answered: 167

Skipped: 94

- Wide range of responses
- Many responses state that no changes / improvements needed
- Large percentage indicate desire for more adult bible study / prayer groups
- Large percentage express need for more youth involvement

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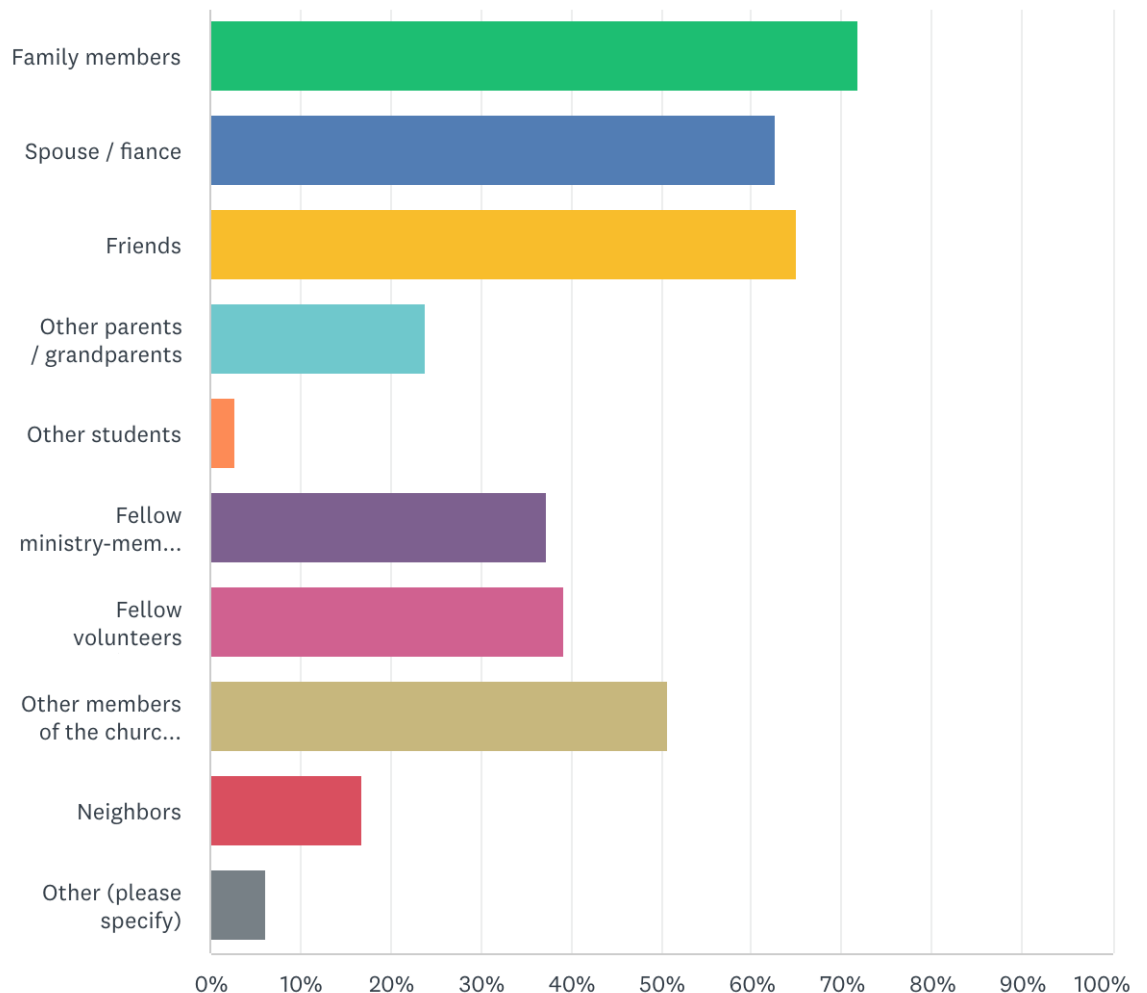
PART TWO:

How is 'Journeying Together' happening in our parish?

9. Who are the others that you identify as companions on your journey? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 209

Skipped: 52



10. What group of people do you think have the most difficult time feeling included at Holy Spirit Parish? Please check all that apply.

All are included at Holy Spirit Parish	27.59%	56
Children	9.36%	19
Teens	29.56%	60
Young adults	33.00%	67
Between ages of 25-50	12.32%	25
Between ages of 50-75	3.94%	8
Those older than 75	4.93%	10
Those who are single	17.24%	35
Single parents	10.84%	22
Families with small children	6.90%	14
Those who are divorced	17.73%	36
Widows / widowers	7.88%	16
Ethnic / cultural minority groups	12.32%	25
Persons with physical / mental illness	7.39%	15
Persons with disabilities	8.37%	17
Other (please specify)	Responses 14.78%	30

11. What experiences have you had at Holy Spirit Parish that bring the idea of journeying together to your mind?

Answered: 145 Skipped: 116

- Wide range of answers
- Mass and Church events / activities (specifically Fish Fry and Women's Ministry events) were most frequently referenced

12. What ways could our parish more effectively reach the children (ages 3-18) so that they might feel included on the journey? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 190 Skipped: 71

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	6.32% 12
More youth group activities	52.11% 99
More opportunities for religious education	12.11% 23
Active children's choir	30.53% 58
Youth performances (Christmas play etc.)	32.11% 61
Having a quiet space for young children and their families to feel more comfortable and included during Mass	33.68% 64
Availability of more children's religious materials / literature / videos etc.	24.21% 46
Other (please specify)	Responses 28.42% 54

13. Have you shared your faith with someone in particular?

Answered: 207 Skipped: 54

80% YES

20% NO

14. Have you ever avoided sharing your Faith for the following reasons? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 204 Skipped: 57

41% - "I HAVE NEVER AVOIDED SHARING MY FAITH"

26% - "I DON'T WANT TO IMPOSE"

20% - "I FEEL LIKE IT SHOULD BE PRIVATE"

15. Do you think our parish is helping the poor?

Answered: 211 Skipped: 50

78% YES

<1% NO

22% DON'T KNOW

16. What is Holy Spirit Parish doing well to promote our journey?

Answered: 148 Skipped: 113

45% - Promoting strong parish and sense of community

25% - Mass / Church

30% - Church – related activities / ministries

17. Are there changes or improvements that we could make at Holy Spirit Parish to help us journey together?

Answered: 117

Skipped: 144

- Wide variety of answers
- “No improvement necessary” among most common response
- Need for adult bible study / prayer group
- Incorporate youth / teens / young adults