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Parish Feedback Summary

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish

Florissant, St. Louis County—Planning Area 1

January 2023

Section 1. Introduction

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne parish had a 2022 mass attendance of 280 people. Approximately 153 people attended the 2 parish listening sessions. The online feedback survey had 68 respondents. Other feedback from Planning Area 1 as a whole, including free-form feedback, totaled 7 pages, of which about 1 page directly regarded the situation of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. Planning Area 1 had 3 draft models.

Model A showed St. Rose Philippine Duchesne merging with St. Angela Merici and Sacred Heart.

Model B showed St. Rose Philippine Duchesne merging with Sacred Heart, St. Angela Merici and the northern territory of Holy Name of Jesus.

Model C showed St. Rose Philippine Duchesne merging with Sacred Heart, St. Ferdinand and St. Martin de Porres.

Section 2. Listening Session Summary

We went through this before and need to trust that God is in charge; on the other hand, plan far enough ahead that we won't have to do it again in a few years. St Rose does not want to lose its strong sense of community, its welcoming spirit, or its good location "in the heart of Florissant." People will attend Mass where they want regardless of boundaries. What is most important is evangelization, especially of young people. More priests might provide more opportunities for daily Mass at different times. Each of the three models provides for at least one school. Integrate Hispanic and African-Americans into the full faith community rather than separate parishes. (Number of participants for each view not given.)

- "Rather than go to one parish for all of Planning Area 1, we need to focus on increasing our evangelization. If we are successful in this, the three new parishes will be successful and energizing in their area." (Applause)

- "People are willing to drive where they feel most comfortable." (LS Participant)

- "New models will facilitate having more people together at Mass and worshiping together, more vibrancy for evangelization." (LS Participant)

Section 3. Online Survey Qualitative Summary

In general, there is a desire for continued and improved social justice efforts to make sure they are not negatively impacted in the process. (15 respondents) There's also a recognition that evangelization needs to be incorporated into these efforts. In spite of all these efforts, there's little consistency on how these activities need to be organized strategically to accomplish a specific goal.

- "I think a single, large parish would have the resources to establish a North County Outreach Center that could include 1-Vince DePaul services, 2-a homeless shelter in bad

weather, 3-a warmth/cooling center for those who have homes but get too hot/cold in the winter, 4-a daily meal. Mass could be held at the outreach site once/week and people who took advantage of services could be invited to the Mass."- Survey respondent

- The availability of suitable activities for both youth and young adults was one frequent concern (12 respondents)
    - "Minister more youth groups and opportunities to teach children to love and honor the catholic faith and stay connected with the church as they grow" -Survey respondent
    - "A more robust youth ministry and a retreat program for both teens and adults." - Survey respondent
- Another area that surfaced from the comments is the need for improved Evangelization efforts. Included in this is better catechesis and formation for families, so they can in turn form their children. But there was also mention of reaching out to those who move into the area and making them feel welcome as well as engaging all who have children in the schools.

    - "Ministries geared towards encouraging families that are not active in their parishes but have children in the schools to be more engaged in the parish/faith side of things. -Survey respondent
    - "visiting all newcomers in our area and inviting them to come to our church bring a bulletin with you" – Survey respondents

- One concern also mentioned (3 respondents) was making sure, regardless of the final configuration that the needs of the elderly be taken into account, from making sure the ultimate driving distance was reasonable, to ensuring ample parking, including handicapped parking.

Section 4. Free-Form Feedback Summary

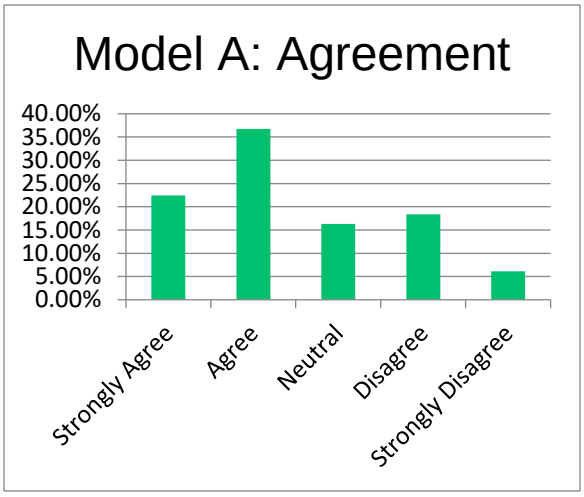
Feedback highlighted that St. Rose is already the product of a recent merger (2005 merger of St. Dismas, Our Lady of Fatima and St. Thomas) which 'felt like death' but resulted in a more vibrant parish experience. Geographically and demographically, respondents found St. Rose to be a natural merger with Sacred Heart.

Section 5. Online Survey Quantitative Summary

Section 5.1 Model A

In DRAFT Model Option A, what is your level of agreement with how the parishes are grouped together?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	22.45%	11
Agree	36.73%	18
Neutral	16.33%	8
Disagree	18.37%	9
Strongly Disagree	6.12%	3
	Answered	**49**
	Skipped	**19**



What is strongest about DRAFT MODEL Option A?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Shares resources effectively	24.00%	12
Builds upon existing relationships among parishes	50.00%	25
Enables a platform for more robust evangelization or social outreach	2.00%	1
Provides better accessibility to a priest	24.00%	12

What is most challenging about DRAFT MODEL Option A?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Brings together communities that are too different	22.22%	10
Requires unrealistic demands on the clergy	11.11%	5
Creates a lot of difficulty for accessing Eucharist and the sacraments	22.22%	10
Neglects the financial needs of the community	6.67%	3
Other (please specify)	37.78%	17

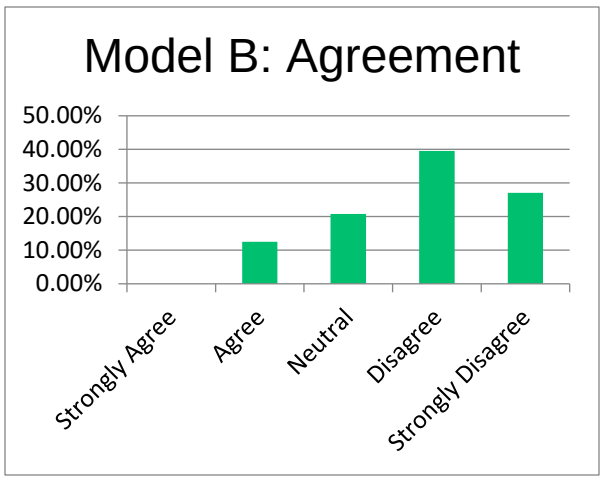
My DRAFT Model Option A feedback is driven primarily by…

Answer Choices	Responses	
Differences/Similarities in parish cultures	25.53%	12
Differences/Similarities in socio-economic factors	8.51%	4
Topography between parishes (hills, rivers, bridges)	0.00%	0
Distance between parishes	21.28%	10
Size of the potential parish(es)	40.43%	19
Potential or lack of potential for ministry opportunities	4.26%	2

Section 5.2 Model B

In DRAFT Model Option B, what is your level of agreement with how the parishes are grouped together?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	0.00%	0
Agree	12.50%	6
Neutral	20.83%	10
Disagree	39.58%	19
Strongly Disagree	27.08%	13
	Answered	**48**
	Skipped	**20**



What is strongest about DRAFT MODEL Option B?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Shares resources effectively	30.95%	13
Builds upon existing relationships among parishes	23.81%	10
Enables a platform for more robust evangelization or social outreach	11.90%	5
Provides better accessibility to a priest	33.33%	14

What is most challenging about DRAFT MODEL Option B?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Brings together communities that are too different	17.39%	8
Requires unrealistic demands on the clergy	4.35%	2
Creates a lot of difficulty for accessing Eucharist and the sacraments	32.61%	15
Neglects the financial needs of the community	10.87%	5
Other (please specify)	34.78%	16

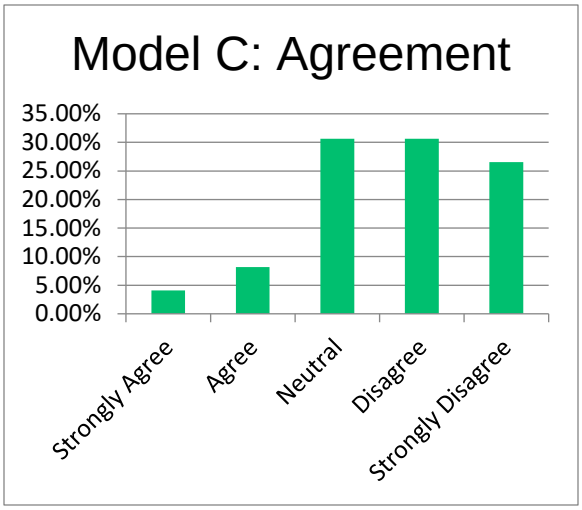
My DRAFT Model Option B feedback is driven primarily by…

Answer Choices	Responses	
None of the above	8.33%	4
Differences/Similarities in parish cultures	12.50%	6
Differences/Similarities in socio-economic factors	6.25%	3
Topography between parishes (hills, rivers, bridges)	2.08%	1
Distance between parishes	29.17%	14
Size of the potential parish(es)	35.42%	17
Potential or lack of potential for ministry opportunities	6.25%	3

Section 5.3 Model C

In DRAFT Model Option C, what is your level of agreement with how the parishes are grouped together?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	4.08%	2
Agree	8.16%	4
Neutral	30.61%	15
Disagree	30.61%	15
Strongly Disagree	26.53%	13
	Answered	**49**
	Skipped	**19**



What is strongest about DRAFT MODEL Option C?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Shares resources effectively	17.95%	7
Builds upon existing relationships among parishes	28.21%	11
Enables a platform for more robust evangelization or social outreach	23.08%	9
Provides better accessibility to a priest	30.77%	12

What is most challenging about DRAFT MODEL Option C?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Brings together communities that are too different	19.57%	9
Requires unrealistic demands on the clergy	13.04%	6
Creates a lot of difficulty for accessing Eucharist and the sacraments	30.43%	14
Neglects the financial needs of the community	13.04%	6
Other (please specify)	23.91%	11

My DRAFT Model Option C feedback is driven primarily by…

Answer Choices	Responses	
Differences/Similarities in parish cultures	12.50%	6
Differences/Similarities in socio-economic factors	6.25%	3
Topography between parishes (hills, rivers, bridges)	4.17%	2
Distance between parishes	37.50%	18
Size of the potential parish(es)	37.50%	18
Potential or lack of potential for ministry opportunities	2.08%	1

Section 6 Alternative Models

- "Could we be one parish in north county, with several worship sites?"
- Four parishes with even distribution of parishioners would be better than two strong and one weak.
- St Rose merge with Holy Name and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta?
- Florissant should have 3 parishes instead of 2.
- Why is Our Lady of Guadalupe not mentioned though it is in Area 1?
- Combine Sts. Martin, Ferdinand, Sabina and Norbert into one parish, Sacred Heart, Holy Name, and Sts. Rose and Angela Merici into a second parish, and leave Blessed Teresa of Calcutta as Stand-alone.
- "Break" the boundaries and "restrictions" of Hwy 270, combine Sacred Heart/ St. Rose/ Blessed Teresa/ St. Ann – Holy Name/ St. Angela could combine then St. Martin/St. Sabina/St. Ferdinand/ St. Norbert
- Create 2 zones 1) St. Martin/ St. Ferdinand/St. Sabina/St. Norbert 2) Blessed Teresa/ St. Rose/Sacred Heart/ Holy Name/ St. Angela
- Make North County one parish, with facilities (worship, schools, outreach) located based on subsidiarity, that is, closest to where they are needed.
- North 'peninsula' of St. Louis City (north of I-70) should be included wherever Holy Name of Jesus merges.
- Create 2 zones 1) St. Martin/ St. Ferdinand/St. Sabina/St. Norbert 2) Blessed Teresa/ St. Rose/Sacred Heart/ Holy Name/ St. Angela
- One Parish for North County with 3 locations (4 respondents recommended this)
- Sacred heart, St. Rose and St. Angela Merici together
- Use Coldwater Creek, 367, and 270 as parish boundaries
- Merge all 3 ASA campus together with the churches
- Saint Norbert and Saint Angela Merici + Sacred Heart and Saint Rose + Saint Martin De Porres, Saint Ferdinand and St Sabina +Blessed Teresa, Holy Name and St Ann.
- St . Rose Philippine Duchesne and St. Martin de Porres Parishes in one
- St Rose, BTC and HNJ and maybe St Angela combined
- St. Norbert, St. Sabina, St. Ferdinand, and St. Martin de Porres + Sacred Heart, St. Rose, and St. Angela Merici + St. Ann, BTC and Holy Name of Jesus
- St. Rose/St. Angela/Holy Name North + Blessed Teresa/St. Ann/Holy Name South + Sacred Heart/St. Sabina/St. Norbert/St. Ferdinand + St. Martin de Porres/Holy Spirit (from area #7)
- St. Rose, BTC, HNJ, and St. Ann together
- Sacred Heart and St. Sabina + St. Ferdinand and St. Martin de Porres + St. Norbert, St. Rose, and St. Angela + and Holy Name, St. Ann, and BTC

Section 7. Further questions

Consider disabled access, acoustics, parking facilities

Transportation for the elderly

Respondents self-identified 98.5% as Caucasian. How does this compare to the demographics in the area? Is there a lack of other groups? Are other groups being cared for by other churches or is there an opportunity for outreach to bring others in? Are we being welcoming?