

## Summary

### Things Most Valued, Yourself

#### 4. What do you value most about ... (a) yourself – as a person and a Catholic parishioner?

The more people are involved with their church the stronger the faith. Involvement comes forth in many colors. People of faith derive strength from a level of full commitment which are reflected in responses like *“she lives her faith daily and faith gives her strength for life's ups and downs”* and *“also, parish is family”* and another *“that I am an example to my children and that the values we have will become their values.”*

Others experienced *“My Catholic faith has seen me through crisis a number of times; it is a mainstay in my life. I like being a part of the Parish.”*

Another experienced the need to help: *“My love for the elderly; being able to give to people around me, especially the kids in my school.”*

### Things Most Valued, Involvement

#### 5. What do you value most about ... (b) the nature of your involvement and ministry at our parish?

We sensed a great deal of pride in the responses that people are able to give back to their parish in return for the many different blessings they have received. Blessings come in many forms, one person felt *“that my family will be a close family unit now and when my children are adults because of our bond and values that are an extension of attending church together.”*

Some felt blessings came in the form of serving like *“taught CCD for 25 years”* and *“have served on council, facilitator for Christ Renews His Parish Program, taught CCD, worked at festivals, LEAF volunteer.”*

Others experienced *“coming to church and having an understanding of my religion. It is inspiring to me.”* While another expressed the need to *“support parish activities.”*

### Things Most Valued, Our Parish

#### 6. What do you value most about ... (c) our parish and what it has contributed to your life?

In our opinion the responses depict a strong religious foundation in our community. The strength is derived from many sources. Some felt *“the parish has made me a better person and helped me through a lot of challenges and difficult times, particularly the time my wife was diagnosed and treated for cancer.”*

Another felt strength from *“Mass & Eucharist has been important to me. Church has directed my life and in my profession.”*

Others experienced *“happiness; when my husband turned Catholic he made me feel better and he made me a better Catholic.”* and *“I'm comfortable where I'm at. Feel like a whole person and at peace. Parishioners are personable and friendly.”*

Summarizing the responses was a very rewarding experience for us. We enjoyed reading other peoples thoughts pertaining to the three questions. It gives us a great deal of pride to know we are part of a group of people with such a strong religious foundation. It seems like mountains would move if we could just figure out how to gather and channel the religious strength in our parish community to grow, improve and help our parish flourish.