

## Purposes of a Parish Church Assessment

There are three intrinsic purposes of any parish church. We see them as:

1. The worship of God
2. The formation of the People of God for the sake of the world
3. Being a sanctifying presence in the broader community

### A. Overall satisfaction with parish life and work

Very Low						Very High
1	2	3	4	5	6	

### B. The worship of God

1. The parish has a clear approach and culture in its approach to worship.

Not at all						Very much so
1	2	3	4	5	6	

2. The parish expresses the Prayer Book Pattern or Threefold Rule of Prayer in its worship.

Not at all						Very much so
1	2	3	4	5	6	

3. Overall satisfaction with parish leadership in regard to worship.

Very Low						Very High
1	2	3	4	5	6	

4. Overall satisfaction with the parishioner's willingness and ability to enter into worship.

Very Low						Very High
1	2	3	4	5	6	

*Comments on worship*

### C. The formation of the People of God for the sake of the world

1. The parish offers an *adequate level of training and coaching* in the spiritual life to assist members toward increased spiritual and emotional maturity.

Not at all						Very much so
1	2	3	4	5	6	

- The parish’s life of worship nurtures an apostolic climate while being accessible to most parishioners. (Note: This is about formation into maturity through participation in the worship of the parish.)

Not at all			Very much so		
1	2	3	4	5	6

*Comments on formation*

D. Being a sanctifying presence in the broader community.

- “The primary sanctifying relationship of any parish is through the presence of the baptized members scattered into the arenas of daily life—family and friends, workplace, and civic life.” *Our parish emphasizes that in tangible ways* (e.g., in sermons, classes, website, etc.)

Not at all			Very much so		
1	2	3	4	5	6

- The parish has a defined and sustainable relationship with a community of people external to the worshipping community (e.g., a neighborhood, the entire town/city or a vocational community such as the performing arts or medical practitioners.

Not at all			Very much so		
1	2	3	4	5	6

- That relationship has involved a great deal of listening. We got to know that particular community, listened, and then found ways in which we could be in relationship.

Not at all			Very much so		
1	2	3	4	5	6

*Comments on sanctifying presence*

For background on the three purposes of a parish church see Chapter One, *An Energy Not Its Own: Three cycles of parish life and the purposes of the parish church*, Michelle Heyne & Robert Gallagher, Ascension Press, 2023.