

Rev. Matthew Mankowski - Doctor of Ministry Research

Thank you for participating in my survey. This survey is being conducted by Rev. Matthew Mankowski for a Doctor of Ministry Research.

Please obtain your access code and follow the instructions in the cover letter.

Your feedback is very important. Please answer all questions honestly and to the best of your ability.

Fr. Matthew Mankowski



Informative Survey for Doctor of Ministry Research

Please answer all questions - use the next button to continue if you are completing online. If you are completing this survey on paper, please return it in the self addressed stamped envelope. This survey consists of 15 questions, one of which has several statements to evaluate. The time to complete should be less than 20 minutes.

*** 1. Please enter the four digit access code listed at the top of your cover letter.**

*** 2. Please, mark one answer/category that pertains to you at the present time:**

- I am a Pastor
- I am a lay parish administrator
- I am a permanent deacon
- I am a parishioner
- I am a woman religious
- I am a man religious

*** 3. I have been actively involved in my parish life in the following areas (check all that apply)**

- Weekly Mass attendance
- Daily Mass attendance
- Lector
- Eucharistic Minister
- Usher
- Cantor
- Bereavement Ministry
- St Vincent DePaul (or other service organization or ministry to poor)
- Choir or Music Ministry
- Religious Education program instructor (CCD or RCIA)
- Knight of Columbus or Catholic Woman's organizations
- Parish Committees - Liturgy, Social, Stewardship, etc.
- Parish Leadership group - Pastoral Council, Finance Council, etc.
- Other (please specify)

Parish Affiliation

*** 4. How long have you been a member of this parish?**

- less than 3 years
- 4- 7 years
- 8-12 years
- 13-20 years
- 25 - 50 years
- over 50 years

*** 5. Were you a member of the parish when the process to close/collaborate or merge began?**

- Yes
- No

*** 6. At the time the closing/collaboration or merger began, I belonged to the following parish:**

- St. John the Baptist Parish - Campbell, OH
- St. Joseph the Provider Parish - Campbell, OH
- St. Lucy Parish - Campbell, OH
- St. Rosa de Lima Parish - Campbell, OH
- St. Joseph Parish - Newton Falls, OH
- St Mary Parish - Newton Falls, OH
- Christ Our King Parish - Warren, OH
- St. Joseph Parish - Warren, OH
- St. Pius X Parish - Warren, OH
- Other (please specify)

Rating Scale -Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree

*** 7. Please evaluate the following statements based on your experiences with the closing/collaboration or merger process in your parish.**

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Disagree Nor Agree Strongly Agree

a.) I felt that the Diocese of Youngstown offered sufficient information and support to our parish before the process began.

Comments to your response above:

b.) The parishioners were well informed regarding the reasons or need for the closing/collaboration or merger to occur.

Comments to your response above:

c.) Sufficient information was provided by the pastor and parish leadership team regarding the parish financial standing.

Comments to your response above:

d.) Sufficient information was provided by the pastor and parish leadership team regarding the financial impact of the closing/collaboration or merger.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Disagree Nor Agree Agree Strongly Agree

Comments to your response above:

e.) Consideration was given as to the impact this would have on our parish community before the process began.

Comments to your response above:

f.) Parish organizations and ministries were given opportunities to provide input into the process from the beginning.

Comments to your response above:

g.) Parishioners were given sufficient time to understand the different stages of the process of closing/collaboration or merger.

Comments to your response above:

h.) A deliberate attempt was made to allow individual parishioners to ask questions and give input.

Comments to your response above:

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Disagree Nor Agree Strongly Agree

i.) Some parishioners felt that the decision was already made and our input was not really considered.

Comments to your response above:

j.) The diocese maintained a supportive presence in our parish throughout the process from beginning to end.

Comments to your response above:

k.) The implementation of the process was difficult for all parishioners.

Comments to your response above:

l.) The diocese was in constant communication with the pastor and parishioners to provide support and information throughout the implementation of the process.

Comments to your response above:

m.) The diocese gave careful consideration regarding the pastors ability to manage this process.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Disagree Nor Agree Agree Strongly Agree

Comments to your response above:

n.) The diocese gave careful consideration regarding the health and well being of pastors involved in this process.

Comments to your response above:

o.) Pastors were provided with training and access to consultants to assist with the process of closing/collaboration or merger.

Comments to your response above:

p.) It was evident that the diocese provided a clear sense of direction and manageable timeline for the implementation of this process.

Comments to your response above:

q.) The closing/collaboration or merger process has been successful in our parish.

Comments to your response above:

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither Disagree Nor Agree Strongly Agree

r.) There are many positive outcomes and results from the efforts that were made in this process.

Comments to your response above:

s.) The diocese has assessed the impact the process has had on our parish community.

Comments to your response above:

t.) We receive timely communications from the Diocese on how our new parish community is progressing.

Comments to your response above:

u.) Various opportunities were provided to allow parishioners to grieve and mourn their loss.

Comments to your response above:

Please complete the following:

*** 8. My ethnic background is:**

- American
- Italian
- Irish
- German
- Polish
- Slovak
- Other (please specify)

*** 9. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?**

- Less than high school degree
- High school degree or equivalent (e.g., GED)
- Some college but no degree
- Associate degree
- Bachelor degree
- Graduate degree

*** 10. What is your gender?**

- Female
- Male

*** 11. What is your age?**

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or older

12. What worked well in this process in your parish?

13. What did not work well?

14. How could this process have been improved?

15. If you would like to be contacted to discuss your responses, please list your name and phone number below. If you do not wish to be contacted, please leave blank. Thank you!