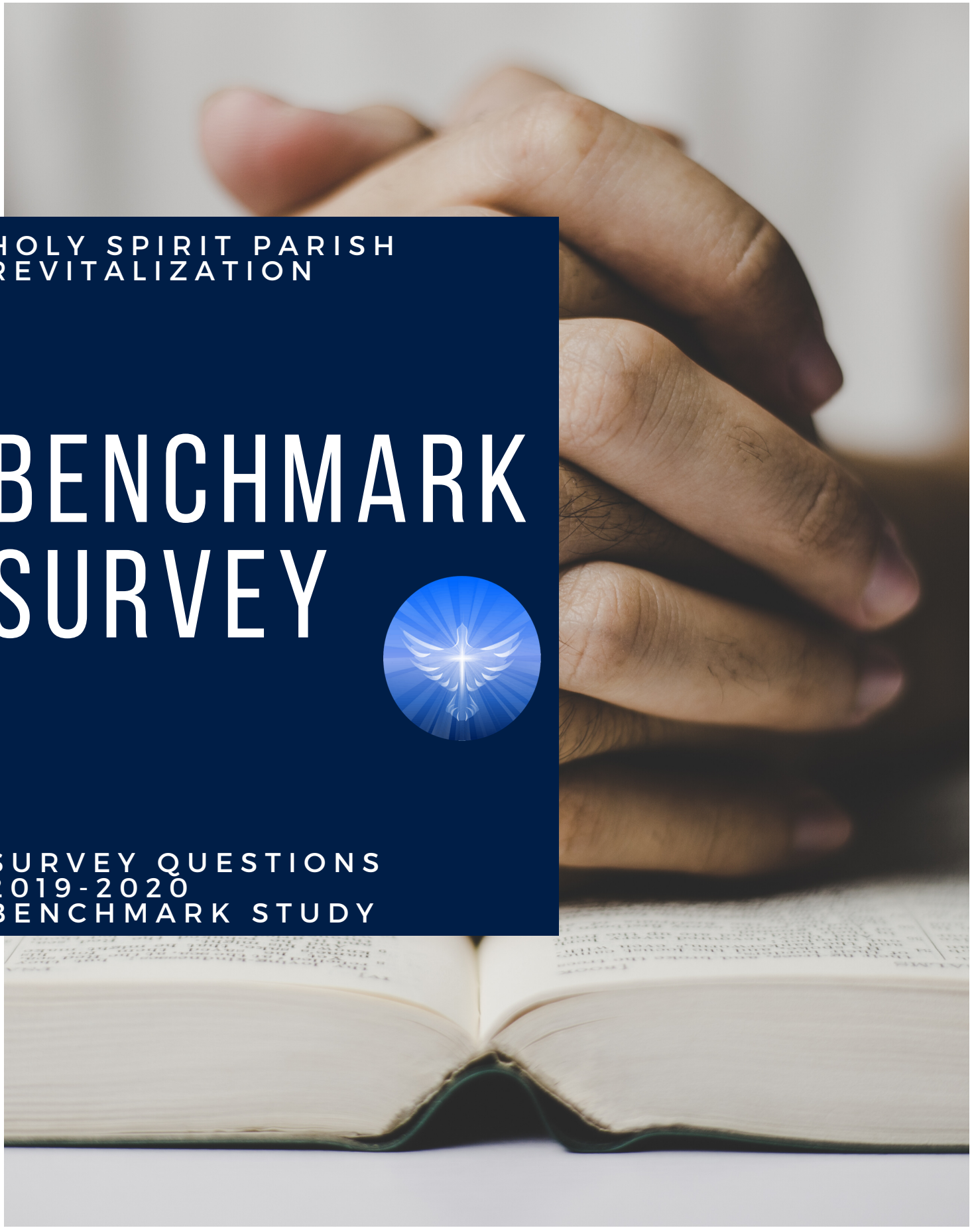


HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
REVITALIZATION

BENCHMARK SURVEY

SURVEY QUESTIONS
2019-2020
BENCHMARK STUDY

REFRESHER

VISION

FOR A REVITALIZED CHURCH LIVING OUT OUR BAPTISMAL CALL

1. We are an evangelizing community who brings Jesus Christ to the world

2. We are a community of growing disciples who:
   - Share our faith
   - Support one another
   - Lead others to Jesus Christ

3. We are an intergenerational community of children, teens, young adults, middle age, and seniors

4. We are present at the center of community life, serving those on the margin and most in need

5. Our churches are full for weekend mass

OBJECTIVE & METHOD

OBJECTIVE

Engage parishioners in evaluating our current state on the elements that define “The Vision of a Revitalized Church, Living out our Baptismal Call”, to determine priorities toward revitalizing our parish and fulfilling our baptismal call

- The Revitalized Church Vision is defined in the “Diocese of Saint John Plan to Revitalize for Evangelization and Discipleship” (determined by 2017 Regional Consultations)

METHOD

A paper survey was conducted during weekend masses at both worship sites of Holy Spirit Parish September 28-29 with 300 responses collected and analyzed, scoring the number of responses in the “Top 3 Box” (8,9,10/10).

The choice of a paper survey was to ensure full participation by Mass attendees. (We lack email addresses and acknowledged an assumption that an older population could be difficult to reach online.)

- The core survey questions had been printed in the bulletin for a month leading up to the day the survey was conducted, to allow time to consider the questions in advance.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH 2019

Benchmark Study

SURVEY

INTRODUCTION

In 2018, Holy Spirit Parish was formed, uniting three congregations who have the freedom of two worship sites, who along with the Diocese of Saint John, desire the same vision: **a Revitalized Church Living out our Baptismal Call.**

- To measure progress toward a revitalized church, will you please participate in this short “benchmark” survey, to indicate where we are now in our journey?

- The statements you are being asked to evaluate are evidence of a revitalized Church according to the Diocese of Saint John.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH 2019

Benchmark Study

SURVEY

QUESTIONS

Instructions: For the following six statements, please note the scale is 0 to 10, for which 10 means “strongly agree”, 0 means “strongly disagree”. Therefore, on a scale of 0-10, **how strongly do you agree with the following statements?**

1. I see our church full for weekend mass:

2. Overall, we, Holy Spirit Parish, serve an inter-generational community including children, teens, young adults, middle age, and seniors: _____

3. We, Holy Spirit Parish, serve those on the margin and most in need: _____

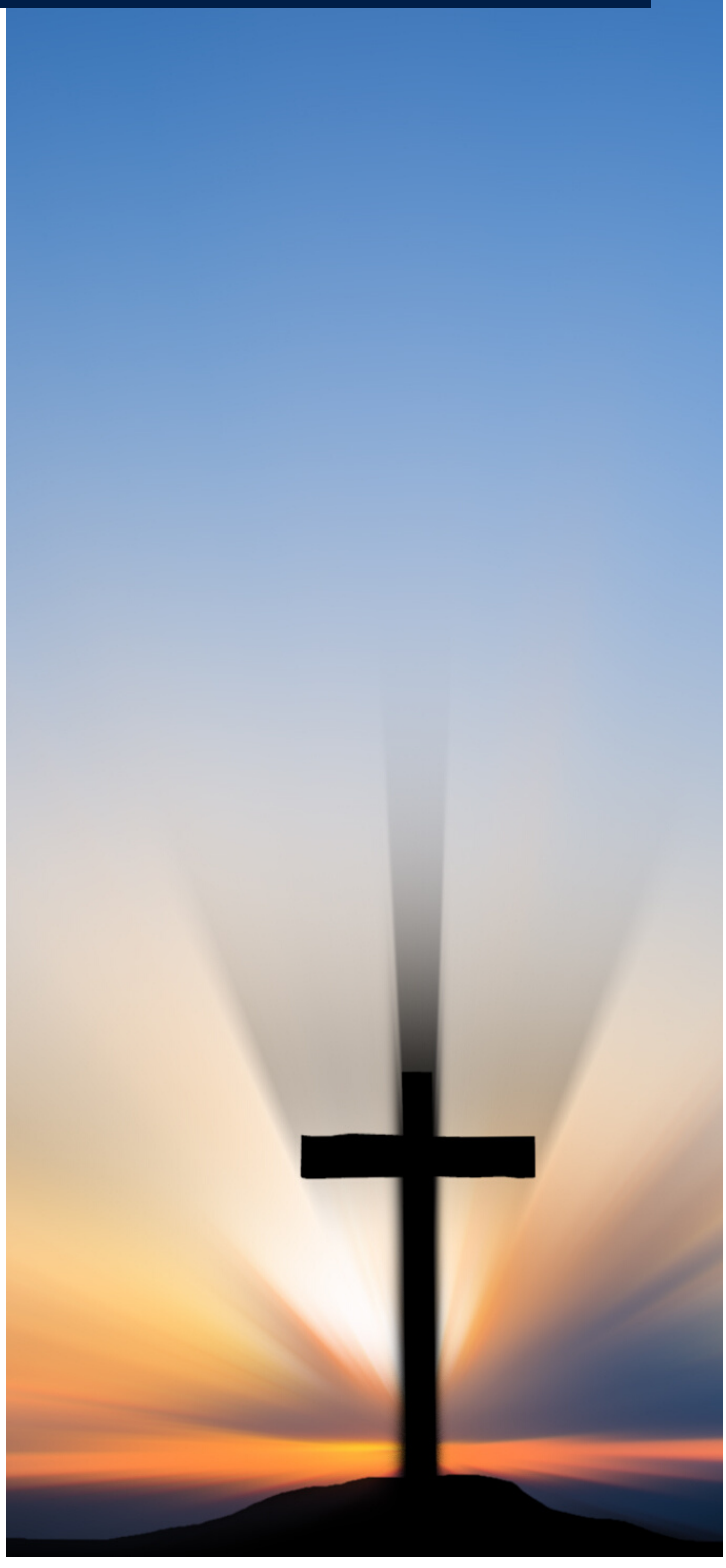
4. We, Holy Spirit Parish, are a community of growing disciples who:
   Share our faith: _____
   Support one another: _____
   Lead others to Christ: _____

5. I am highly likely to recommend Holy Spirit Parish to others: _____

6. As a united congregation (of three churches), we are stronger together: _____

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH 2019

Benchmark Study



SURVEY

QUESTIONS (DEMOGRAPHICS)

Instructions: Please "CIRCLE" your answer for the following

7 The worship site you are attending today is:

- St. Matthew's,
- St. Rose of Lima

8 The parish church you attended before September 2018:

- St. Augustine's
- St. Matthew's
- St. Rose of Lima
- None of the above

9 How long have you been attending any of the three churches that now make up Holy Spirit Parish?

- New (<1 year)
- 2-10 years
- 11 -29 years
- >30 years (all or most of my life)
- Does not apply

10 Which Age Category describes you:

- 14 or under
- 15-24
- 25-44
- 45-64
- 65+

11 Comments?