Diocese of Little Rock

PARISH SELF-STUDY

Mission

The life and mission of the Church requires that it be provided with competent ministers, effective organizations and appropriate resources in order to be effective stewards of God's gifts. The pastoral needs of the people in local communities will be identified, ever mindful of the larger church, and will call forth the gifts and resources necessary to serve those needs now and in the future.

Model Parish Document

The self-study is to be used in concert with the Model Parish document as it establishes a set of assumptions on which to evaluate parish life and strategize for the future.

ECCLESIOLOGY

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	CATHOLIC	•				5
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1.	Our parish knows and appreciates its history as a parish.					
3.	Our parish utilizes the services offered by the Diocese.					
4.	Our parish supports the missionary effort of the universal Church.					
5.	Our parish collaborates with neighboring parishes.					
	CLERGY					
6.	Our parish understands that priesthood is essential to the sacramental life of the Church.					
7.	Our parish understands the many responsibilities required of our priests.					
	LAITY					
8.	Our parishioners understand the responsibilities for the mission of the Church that flow forth from their Baptism.					

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ECCLESIOLOGY SUMMARY					
Greatest Strengths:					
Greatest Needs/Concerns:					

9. Our lay ministers receive appropriate formation for their ministry.

PARISH LIFE

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EVANGELIZATION

10.	Our parishioners invite others to the Lord and to join the Catholic Church.				
11.	The parish evangelizes by being a welcoming community.				
12.	Our parish seeks out Catholic households of other ethnic groups that move into our parish.				
13.	Our parish has an Evangelization Commission/Committee.	Yes		No	
14.	The parish reaches out to inactive Catholics.				
S	TEWARDSHIP				
15.	Our parish has on-going education regarding Stewardship as a Way of Life.				
16.	Our parishioners are anxious to share their talents in response to the gospel call.				
17.	Our parishioners are actively involved in parish ministry (Example: liturgical ministers, cantors, catechists, etc.)				
F	ELLOWSHIP				
18.	Our parish hosts social activities and programs for the parish community.				
	How many active participants?				

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	Rate the level of participation in fellowship ctivities by the following groups:			
	a) Women			
	b) Men			
	c) Single			
	d) Married			
	e) Single parents			
	f) Separated			
	g) Divorced			
	h) Youth			
	i) Senior Citizens			
YO	UTH AND YOUNG ADULTS			
	The youth of our parish engage in service projects and reflect on them.			
	The youth of our parish avail themselves of apportunities for enriching their prayer lives.			
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PARISH LIFE SUMMARY

Greatest Strengths:			
Greatest Needs/Conce	erns:		

SIZE AND LOCATION

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SIZE

The number of weekend Masses celebrated in our parish is appropriate for the size of the parish community.					
Our parish collaborates with other parishes in developing needed ministries.					
The population of our parish area:					
a) Is growing, b) Is stable, c) Is declining	a	b	С		
Church attendance over the last 3 years:					
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LOCATION

30. The present church building is well located for the parish it serves.

SIZE AND LOCATION SUMMARY

Greatest Strengths:		
Greatest Needs/Concer	ns:	

ADMINISTRATION AND

GOVERNANCE

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PARISH MINISTRY IN GENERAL

31. Our priests and parishioners minister collaboratively.			
32. The pastor encourages active participation in the community life of the parish.			
33. Given the number of priests in the Diocese, our parish has sufficient parishioners to justify maintaining our buildings, property, and facilities at the present level.			
34. Our parish deacon(s) is/are actively involved in numerous parish ministries.			NA
35. The work of lay ministers responds well to the needs of the parish.			
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL			
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36. Our parish has an active Parish Pastoral Council that collaborates well with the pastor in the overall life of the parish.			
 Our Parish Pastoral Council is sensitive to the needs of the parishioners. 			
38. Our Parish Pastoral Council communicates its actions to the parishioners.			
39. Orientation and/or training is provided for new members of our Parish Pastoral Council.			

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40.	Our Parish Pastoral Council regularly evaluates parish programs to determine their effectiveness in meeting the real needs of our people.					
41.	Our Parish Pastoral Council has communicated and discussed the parish mission statement with the parishioners.					
	EWARDSHIP OF MATERIAL SOURCES					
42.	A Parish Finance Council meets regularly.					
43.	Our parishioners practice stewardship of finance in support of the parish.					
44.	Our parishioners practice stewardship of finance in support of the Diocese.					
ОТ	HER PARISH COMMITTEES					
45.	Our parish has committees that suitably meet the needs of the parish community.					
PA	RISH FACILITIES and OFFICE					
46.	Our parish has sufficient facility space to meet <u>all present ministry</u> needs.					
47.	Parish facilities are adequate for the perceived <u>future</u> needs of the parish, its people, and its programs.					
48.	Our parish is: a) Overstaffed, b) Appropriately staffed, c) Inappropriately staffed, d) Understaffed	а	b	С	d	
49.	Our parish office is properly equipped to meet the needs of the pastor and the parish.					

ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE SUMMARY

Greatest Strengths:		
Greatest Needs/Concerns:		

SACRAMENTAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

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SPIRITUALITY

50.	Parishioners are encouraged to discern prayerfully how their gifts serve the mission of the Church.					
51.	In our parish special opportunities for spiritual growth are provided.					
52.	Our parish expects more involvement than Sunday Mass attendance from all parishioners.					
	Please attach a list of opportunities available in the parish for spiritual growth on an on-going basis. The parish provides opportunities for parishioners to share their faith.					
BA	PTISM					
54.	Our parish has an active process for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).	Yes			No	
	How many were in each following the Rite of Election in 2009:					
	a) Inquiry, b) Catechumenate, c) Mystagogy	а	b	c		
55.	Our parish has an RCIA Director other than a priest.	Yes			 No	
56.	Our parish has an active pre-Baptism program for parents of infants and children.					
57.	In our parish Baptisms are celebrated during Mass.					
	How many in 2008:					
	a) During Mass, b) Outside of Mass	а	b			
	In 2008 how many Baptisms were celebrated by:	C	d			
	In 2008 how many Baptisms were celebrated by: c) Immersion/Submersion, d) Pouring	С	d			

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58.	Parishioners are encouraged to reflect on their Baptism as a call to service in the Church.					
	For the years 2006-2007-2008:	2006	:	2007	2008	\neg
	a) Adults baptized (ages 18 and above)					
	b) Conversion by profession of faith					
	c) Youth and children baptized (ages birth to 18)					
	TOTALS					
CC	ONFIRMATION					
	Our parish has a process to prepare adolescents for Confirmation.					
60.	In our parish <u>parents</u> participate in the preparation for Confirmation.					
61.	In our parish <u>sponsors</u> participate in the preparation for Confirmation.					
62.	In our parish, adults and children over 7 years of age who wish to become Catholic receive all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) in a single Rite of Initiation.	Yes			No	
	a) Does this usually occur at the Easter Vigil?	Yes			No	

RECONCILIATION

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63.	Our parish celebrates the Rite for Reconciliation of	1	2	3	4 □∎	5
	individual penitents.		а	ь	-	-
64.	How often is the Sacrament of Reconciliation scheduled each a) week? b) for how long?	No. o	f times	How lo	ng	
65.	On average, how many avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation each week?					
66.	Our parish celebrates communal Penance Rites with individual confession and absolution.					
	How often:					
	a) Advent, b) Lent, c) Other	;	a	b	C	
67.	In our parish there is a process to prepare for and celebrate First Penance.					
68.	In our parish parents participate in the preparation for First Penance.					
MA	ATRIMONY					
69.	In our parish, couples are suitably prepared for marriage according to the policies of the diocese.					
	 a) If the preparation offered diverges from diocesan policies, please attach a description of how and why. 					
70.	The parish provides ongoing enrichment for married couples.					

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HOLY ORDERS

EUCHARIST

<i>/</i> 1.		tions to the religious life are ed by priests and laity.				
72.		ions to the priesthood are and by priests and laity.				
73.	Since 2000 how ma	any of your parishioners have:				
	a) Been admitted	d to the seminary?	а			
	Program?	d to the Permanent Diaconate	b			
	c) Entered a reli	gious order?	С			
AN	OINTING OF TH	IE SICK				
74.	Our parish has con	nmunal anointing of the sick.				
	How often annu	ually?				
75.	The homebound arcare.	nd chronically ill receive pastoral		ָ ֪֪֪֪֪֝֞֝֞֝֝֡֝֝֝֝֝֝֝֝֡֡֡֝֝֡֡֡֡֝֝֝֡֡֡֡֡֝֝֡֡֡֡֡֡	<u></u>	
	Frequency:	a) Visits				
		b) Eucharist				_
		c) Anointing of the Sick				_
76.	How many hospital boundaries?	s are there within parish				_
		me priest chaplains at these				
	hospitals? b) Are there full-till chaplains?	me deacons or lay Catholic	Yes Yes		10 10	
77.	How many nursing	homes or residential care vithin your parish boundaries?				
78.	Pastoral care is off these homes.	ered to the Catholic residents to				
	Frequency:	a) Visits				
		b) Eucharist				_
		c) Anointing of the Sick				_
						_

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2 1 3 5 75. Does the parish have a Liturgy Committee? Yes No 80. On average, the number of parishioners who have Holy Communion brought to them weekly. 81. A high percentage of parishioners attend Mass: a) Every weekend b) Daily а b % % c) Twice a year or less d С d) On Holy Days of Obligation % 82. Eucharistic adoration is offered in our parish. a) Number of hours a day parishioners have access to Blessed Sacrament Chapel. 83. The parish offers exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. What is the schedule? **FUNERALS** 84. In our parish Vigils for the Deceased (Wakes) are celebrated. In 2008 how many by: a) A priest, b) A deacon, c) A trained lay person 85. Does the parish have its own parish cemetery? Yes No 86. Our parish offers an ongoing bereavement ministry for family members of the deceased.

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SACRAMENTAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE SUMMARY

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Greatest Needs/Concerns:		

LITURGIES IN GENERAL

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MUSIC

87.	87. Music and song are a regular part of the Eucharistic celebration in our parish.					
88.	Our parish witnesses enth and singing at Sunday Mas					
89.	Our parish has an organize	ed music ministry.				
	a) A music director?		Yes		No	
		If Yes,	Paid		Voluntee	er
	b) Instrumentalists?		Yes		No	
		If Yes,	Paid		Volunte	er
	c) Cantors?		Yes		No	
90.	Our parish has a choir.	If Yes,	Paid		Volunte	eer
	a) How many choirs	s?	a	_		_
	b) Traditional, c) G	ospel, d) Contemporary	b	С	d	
	e) Youth, f) Langua	age other than English	е	f		
DI\	/ERSITY					
91.	Worship services in our pacultures in attendance.	arish reflect the				

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ART AND ENVIRONMENT

92.	Our parish maintains the physical environment appropriate to the liturgical season.	
	a) Appropriate to the culture of the worshippers?	
	b) Appropriate to the liturgies being celebrated?	
93.	In our parish an atmosphere of quiet and decorum allows for prayer and reflection before worship begins.	
НС	DMILY	
94.	In our parish, homilies are well prepared and challenge us to deeper Christian living.	
LA	Y LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
	T LITOROGOAL MINIOTERO	
95.	Our parish invites the laity in a wide range of liturgical ministries.	
96.	Our parish provides training for lay liturgical ministers.	
97.	Our parish has a significant number of both men and women involved in ministry.	

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PUBLIC WORSHIP WITHOUT A PRIEST			
98. Our parish has parishioners prepared to lead the parish in prayer.			
99. How often annually does the parish offer Communion Services or other public worship in lieu of Mass without a priest?			
HOSPITALITY			
100. The parish is a welcoming community.			
101. In our parish greeters are present at each weekend Mass.			
102. What does your parish do to welcome newcomers and visitors to the community?			

LITURGIES IN GENERAL SUMMARY

Greatest Strengths:		
Greatest Needs/Concern	ns:	

EDUCATION

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ADULT EDUCATION

103. In our parish opportunities are provided for catechesis of adults.a) Please identify the activity and number of participants during 2008.	
104. The parish provides opportunities for all parishioners to become more knowledgeable in matters of Catholic doctrinal, moral, and social teaching.	
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	
105. The parish supports its own parish elementary school.	Yes No
106. The parish subsidy represents what percentage of the total parish budget?	%
107. Tuition represents what percentage of total school budget?	%
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (con't.)	RATING Needs Improvement to Excellent

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108. The parish supports its students in other Catholic elementary schools with financial assistance.	Yes No
a) Total subsidies to schools other parishes.b) Number of students.	a b
 109. The parish Catholic school is available to all students of the parish without prejudice to economic status. a) The parish offers financial aid/tuition assistance to low income students. b) Number of students receiving financial assistance. c) Total dollar amount of assistance. 110. If the parish does not have a Catholic elementary school, how many miles is it to the nearest Catholic 	Yes No b c \$
school? 111. The parish Catholic school is administered according to Diocesan policy.	mi.
112. To what degree does the Diocese need a unified approach to Catholic education?	
113. The Catholic school has a positive impact on the life of the parish.	

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

114. The parish encourages and supports parents as the primary religious educators of their children.	
115. The parish offers viable programs of religious instruction for families, children, and youth.	
 116. The Religious Education Program for elementary students is effective. 2007-2008 a) How many actual students, b) Possible students 	a b
 117. Our parish Religious Education Program for high school students is effective. 2007-2008 a) How many actual students, b) Possible students 	a b
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	
118. The parish has a qualified Director of Religious Education (not including pastor).a) How many hours are spent weekly working for the parish?	hrs.
 b) This time commitment meets the needs of the parish. 	Yes No
119. The parish Director of Religious Education provides leadership and training programs for all catechists of the parish.	

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CATECHISTS

120. The parish supports its lay ministers and volunteers with regular and on-going in-service programs.				
121. The parish provides for and supports initial and on-going training for its catechists.				
122. The parish arranges for sacramental preparation and catechesis for parishioners with disabilities.				
123. Catechists are readily available in our parish.				
YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR				
124. The has a qualified coordinator of youth ministry.				
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ministry. 125. The parish has a youth ministry program for				
ministry. 125. The parish has a youth ministry program for adolescents. 126. The parish has a ministry program for young	Yes		No	

EDUCATION SUMMARY

Greatest Strengths:	:		
Greatest Needs/Co	ncerns:		

HUMAN CONCERNS

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PARISH WORKS OF CHARITY

128. The physical, mental, and emotional needs of people in the area are being met through the work of the Church.			
129. The parish provides funding for special needs programs and activities.			
130. The parish makes referrals to the various departments of Catholic Charities.			
NETWORKING			
131. The parish reaches out to those in need by working with community agencies.			
132. The parish extends its help to those in need by collaborating with one or more Catholic parishes.			
WORK FOR JUSTICE			
133. Awareness of social issues is raised through homilies, formed discussions of encyclicals, pastoral letters, etc.			
134. Information regarding legislative issues which affect the Church is readily available.			
135. Our parish encourages a "Catholic" response to pro-life issues.			

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CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

136. Our parish provides ministry for special needs of the community.			
a) The divorced			
b) The separated			
c) The widowed			
d) The unemployed			
e) The chemically dependent			
f) Single parents			
g) Grandparents rearing children			
h) Other			
Describe:			
137. Our parish has active programs to assist people with special needs.			
with special needs.			
with special needs. a) Disadvantaged ethnic minorities			

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY (con't.)			RATING		
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e) Other Describe:					
138. The parish opens its facilities to community groups for meetings (e.g. Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.)					
139. The parish provides persons in crisis with access to the counseling and emotional support they need.					
140. The parish collaborates with other religious groups within the community in matters of shared concern.					
141. The parish works to create an environment of harmony within the religious groups of the community.					

HUMAN CONCERNS SUMMARY

Greatest Strengths:		
Greatest Needs/Concerns:		

PARISH PROFILE Parish Summary

I. Is there anything about parish life, the community, or activities not covered in the Parish Self-Study that helps describe the vitality of the parish?