

ESSEX CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Holy Family St. Lawrence Parish and St. Pius X Parish

Adult Faith Formation Survey 2021

*NOTE: Please complete the survey **online if you are able**. Paper forms are limited in number and should be reserved to those parishioners who have difficulty accessing the internet. Thank you for your help! The online form may be found through the parish website at **essexcatholic.vermontcatholic.org***

Dear Parishioner:

The Essex Catholic Community is gathering in larger numbers for Sunday Mass and other activities, and we are relieved, grateful, and of course saddened as we think back over the past 18 months. Grateful and relieved for the service and ministry of so many who helped us stay well and find opportunities to join in prayer and Eucharist. Saddened by the loss of life and toll the pandemic has taken on our families, friends, and neighbors, as well as the untold many around the world.

As we look forward to the coming year and anticipate the return to a more “normal” way of parish life, we want to take this opportunity to think about ways that the parish can best respond to the needs and desires of adults for deepening our formation in faith and Christian life. To that end, we are asking you to take a few moments of time to complete this survey in order to guide our Faith Formation leaders in their work and ministry.

Your participation and assistance is very much appreciated.

Your email or postal address: _____

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1. AREAS OF INTEREST

Four general areas of ongoing formation and education are listed on the following pages. Each area lists several types of programs or events that could be of interest to parishioners.

A. Prayer and Worship/Spiritual Growth/Enrichment

Please indicate how interested or likely to participate you are in each type of event, by circling a number between 1 and 5 where 1 indicates “not interested” and 5 indicates “very interested/likely to participate.”

	Event	Level of Interest				
		No interest			High interest	
1.	Bible and faith sharing groups	1	2	3	4	5
2.	Experiencing different forms of prayer	1	2	3	4	5
3.	Ways to grow in my personal spiritual life	1	2	3	4	5
4.	Deepening our encounter with Christ in the Sacraments and other spiritual experiences	1	2	3	4	5
5.	Parish retreats	1	2	3	4	5
6.	Weekend away retreats	1	2	3	4	5
7.	Deepening ways to integrate Christian life into everyday practices	1	2	3	4	5
8.	Local/regional pilgrimages, e.g. day trips to Saint Anne’s Shrine	1	2	3	4	5
9.	Long distance pilgrimages, e.g trips to Rome/Camino/Holy Land etc.	1	2	3	4	5
10.	Other (please describe, we'd love to get your ideas):					

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B. Education & Enrichment (Theological Discussion/Bible Study)

Please indicate how interested or likely to participate you are in each type of event, by circling a number between 1 and 5 where 1 indicates “not interested” and 5 indicates “very interested/likely to participate.”

	Event	Level of Interest				
		No interest				High interest
		1	2	3	4	5
1.	Bible Study					
2.	Deeper knowledge of Sacraments and worship	1	2	3	4	5
3.	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (sacramental preparation)	1	2	3	4	5
4.	How to implement Vatican II today	1	2	3	4	5
5.	The Church’s stance on current moral issues	1	2	3	4	5
6.	Book discussions on theology, spirituality, church history, modern Catholic figures and the like	1	2	3	4	5
7.	The Church and Social Justice (racism, immigration, poverty, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
8.	Faith and Films	1	2	3	4	5
9.	Deeper understanding of Catholicism and other religious traditions	1	2	3	4	5
10.	Other (please describe, we'd love to get your ideas):					

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C. Community and Welcome

Please indicate how interested or likely to participate you are in each type of event, by circling a number between 1 and 5 where 1 indicates “not interested” and 5 indicates “very interested/likely to participate.”

	Event	Level of Interest				
		No interest				High interest
1.	Men’s group	1	2	3	4	5
2.	Women’s groups	1	2	3	4	5
3.	Christian Family Movement	1	2	3	4	5
4.	Divorced Catholics group	1	2	3	4	5
5.	Widowed Catholics group	1	2	3	4	5
6.	Young Adult group	1	2	3	4	5
7.	Bereavement and Loss group	1	2	3	4	5
8.	Personal growth and skills (communication, aging, marriage, parenting)	1	2	3	4	5
9.	Evangelization and Experiences that help promote the Gospel in the world today	1	2	3	4	5
10.	Other (please describe, we'd love to get your ideas):					

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D. Ministry and Service

Please indicate how interested or likely to participate you are in each type of event, by circling a number between 1 and 5 where 1 indicates “not interested” and 5 indicates “very interested/likely to participate.”

	Event	Level of Interest				
		No interest			High interest	
1.	Liturgical Ministry training (Eucharistic ministers, ushers, lectors)	1	2	3	4	5
2.	Lay Leadership training	1	2	3	4	5
3.	Social Justice Leadership training	1	2	3	4	5
4.	Adult outreach opportunities (Essex Eats Out, Serve Our Neighbor, ministry to homebound)	1	2	3	4	5
5.	Community Action groups for social justice	1	2	3	4	5
6.	Ecumenical prayer experiences with other Christians	1	2	3	4	5
7.	Ecumenical service experiences with people of other traditions	1	2	3	4	5
8.	Other (please describe, we'd love to get your ideas):					

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2. LEARNING FORMAT

Please rank your preference for each type of learning approach. Circle a number between 1 and 5 where 1 indicates “not interested” and 5 indicates “very interested/likely to participate.”

	Format	Level of Interest				
		No interest			High interest	
1.	Small group gatherings with reflection and faith sharing	1	2	3	4	5
2.	Lecture presentations with Q&A	1	2	3	4	5
3.	Online web-based learning (e.g. webinars, online courses, podcasts)	1	2	3	4	5
4.	Facilitated book discussions	1	2	3	4	5
5.	Retreat: morning, afternoon, or day of reflection	1	2	3	4	5
6.	At home self-study	1	2	3	4	5
7.	Online chats with planned curriculum	1	2	3	4	5
8.	Parish-wide learning events (all ages together)	1	2	3	4	5
9.	Home activities for individuals and families	1	2	3	4	5
10.	Film, DVD presentations with reflection	1	2	3	4	5
11.	Soup suppers with lively learning	1	2	3	4	5
12.	Field trip/Pilgrimage	1	2	3	4	5
13.	Other (please describe, we'd love to get your ideas):					

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3. LOGISTICS

We hope to understand the practical matters that interfere with your ability to participate in parish activities so that we can help solve for them.

There are times when we would like to participate but are unable. What are the reasons that might prevent you from participating? Circle any that apply:

- A. Childcare
- B. Transportation
- C. Accessibility assistance for person with disability
- D. Financial assistance with program costs
- E. Other: _____

If you have not taken part in any of these types of events or experiences in the past or have participated on a limited basis, can you explain why? Circle any reasons that apply:

- A. The offerings don't interest me
- B. I could not get childcare
- C. I had a conflict with the timing
- D. I didn't know about the event
- E. Other: _____

Please circle all of the days and times that would work for you to participate in adult faith formation activities:

- A. Sunday mornings between Masses
- B. Weekday mornings M Tu W Th F
- C. Weekday Evenings M Tu W Th F

If you prefer weekday evening activities, which of the following times work for you? Circle all that apply.

- 5:00–7:00 p.m. 6:00–8:00 p.m. 7:00–9:00 p.m.

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4. FINAL QUESTIONS

Thank you for your time and attention on this survey! Your perspective matters.

1. Do you have other ideas about adult education for the Essex Catholic Community?

2. Would you be willing to lead or facilitate an adult faith formation program? If so, indicate the type of program you would be interested in leading.

3. If you are willing to share your name and telephone number, members of the Adult Education Committee may reach out and ask you more about your ideas.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

What demographic categories do you belong to? (circle all that apply)

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| A. Young adults (18-39) | H. Home caretakers of children and/or elders |
| B. Adults (40-64) | I. Persons with special needs |
| C. Adults (65-80) | J. Caretakers at home for persons with special needs |
| D. Single Adults | K. Persons employed outside the home |
| E. Widowed | L. Other: _____ |
| F. Married Adults | |
| G. Parents of school-aged children/youth | |