

## St. Vincent de Paul Church: Liturgy Committee Report of the 2015 Community Consultation

### Responses:

We received a total of 153 responses. 85 from women; 60 from men (8 missing data).

26	From those under 49 years of age
87	From those 50-69 years of age
39	From those 70 and older
1	Missing response
17	Had children under 18 living at home
9	From 7:15 Mass Community
125	From the 9:30 Mass Community
8	From the 11:45 Mass Community
8	From those who attend more than one Mass community
3	Missing response
10	attended Mass occasionally and at St V
25	attended Mass regularly, not every week but more than monthly
116	attended St V just about every week unless ill or out of town
2	missing response

### Christmas Mass Schedule

74	Favored a 8:30 pm Vigil Mass
48	Favored keeping the 12 MN Mass
4	No opinion
27	Missing response
<u>Of those with opinions: 61% favor a 8:30 pm Vigil Mass</u>	

### By Christmas Mass Attendance Last Year

55	Attended the 5:15 Children's Mass last year; (of those with opinions, 76% favored an 8:30 vigil Mass)
34	Favored a 8:30 pm Vigil Mass
11	Favored keeping the 12 MN Mass
10	Missing response or other

- 28 Attended the 12 MN Mass last year; (of those with opinions, 44% favored an 8:30 vigil Mass)
- 12 Favored a 8:30 pm Vigil Mass
  - 15 Favored keeping the 12 MN Mass
  - 1 Missing response
- 7 Attended the Noon Christmas Mass last year; (of those with opinions, 25% favored an 8:30 vigil Mass)
- 1 Favored a 8:30 pm Vigil Mass
  - 3 Favored keeping the 12 MN Mass
  - 3 No opinion
- 59 Did not attend Christmas Mass at St V last year; (of those with opinions, 62% favored a 8:30 vigil Mass)
- 26 Favored a 8:30 pm Vigil Mass
  - 16 Favored keeping the 12 MN Mass
  - 1 No opinion
  - 16 Missing response
- 4 attended more than one Mass last year at St V; one wants 8:30 option; three want midnight to stay; (of those with opinions, 25% favored an 8:30 vigil Mass)

### By age group

- 26 Ages 49 years or under (of those with opinions, 56% favored a 8:30 vigil Mass)
- 9 Favored a 8:30 pm Vigil Mass
  - 7 Favored keeping the 12 MN Mass
  - 10 Missing response
- 87 Ages 50 to 69 years (of those with opinions, 60% favored a 8:30 vigil Mass)
- 45 Favored a 8:30 pm Vigil Mass
  - 30 Favored keeping the 12 MN Mass
  - 2 No opinion
  - 10 Missing response
- 39 Ages 70 years or older (of those with opinions, 65% favored a 8:30 vigil Mass)
- 20 Favored a 8:30 pm Vigil Mass
  - 11 Favored keeping the 12 MN Mass

- 1 No opinion
- 7 Missing response

**By regular attendance** (“I attend St V just about every week unless ill or out of town”)

- 116 Regular attenders (of those with opinions, 58% favored a 8:30 vigil Mass)
  - 55 Favored a 8:30 pm Vigil Mass
  - 40 Favored keeping the 12 MN Mass
  - 3 No opinion
  - 18 Missing response

## Baptismal Rite Practice

- 64 Favored a return to the former practice of altar baptisms; using font at Easter vigil only
- 76 Favored maintaining the current practice (altar and font procession; screen projection)
- 4 Other or no opinion
- 9 Missing response

Of those with opinions: 54% favor maintaining the current practice.

**By Mass community**

- 9 7:15 Mass community (of those with opinions, 50% favored the current practice)

- 4 Former ritual practice
- 4 Current ritual practice
- 1 Missing response

- 125 9:30 Mass community (of those with opinions, 63% favored the current practice)

- 55 Former ritual practice
- 60 Current ritual practice
- 4 No opinion or other
- 6 Missing response

- 8 11:45 Mass community (of those with opinions, 50% favored the current practice)

- 3 Former ritual practice
- 3 Current ritual practice
- 2 Missing response

- 8      More than one Mass community (of those with opinions, 75% favored the current practice)
- 2      Former ritual practice
- 6      Current ritual practice
- 0      Missing response
- 3      No identified Mass community (100% favored current)
- 0      Former ritual practice
- 3      Current ritual practice

By regular attendance ("I attend St V just about every week unless ill or out of town") (of those with opinions, 50% favored the current practice)

- 116    Regular attenders
- 54    Former ritual practice
- 54    Current ritual practice
- 4    No opinion or other
- 4    Missing response

## Comments Received:

[ID Number/Gender/Age Group/ Mass Community/Regular Attendance]

8/F/50-69/>1/No	I am thankful to God to be holy in the blessing. May God bless you.
15/M/<49/9:30/Yes	Move Children's Mass back to old time.
45/F/<49/9:30/No	Out of town every year- no preference; only slight preference on font (entered as 'missing' and not for former practice)
52/F/<49/9:30/Yes	We are out of town on Christmas but if we were here we would go to the 8:30 proposed Mass (entered as 'missing') Voted for current practice but 'as long as the technology is working'
65/F/70+/9:30/Yes	Why was the font built where it is? In the middle of traffic entering and exiting and where we <u>all</u> cannot share the ceremony?
66/F/<49/9:30/Yes	I would like to receive a blessing for myself (a Non-Catholic) and my children at communion- people don't know what to do with us!
75/F/70+/9:30/Yes	Last year was the 1 <sup>st</sup> time I attended the Children's Mass. I still prefer midnight.
79/M/50-69/9:30/Yes	I would not object to singing on 8:30 and midnight
82/F/70+/9:30/Yes	Font decision should be up to the parents of the child
85/M/50-69/9:30/Yes	Current baptism practice 'as long as video is up and working!!'
86/msg/50-69/9:30/Y	Font decision should be at 'discretion of parents'
91/F/50-69/9:30/Yes	Former practice- 'Yes!! It is so hard to see when baptism is in back-dislike the video screen. Awkward walking back and forth.'
94/F/<49/9:30/No	I like both (Mass) options- so happy either way. I do plan to attend this year as staying in town. No strong opinions on font either.
95/M/50-69/9:30/Yes	Love the music at 9:30 and the fellowship afterwards
109/F/50-69/9:30/Yes	Supports former baptism practice 'I feel strongly about this.'
110/F/70+/9:30/Yes	Please limit if not eliminate announcements at 9:30 Mass (like during Lent). There were 6 announcements, not counting the welcome lady.
111/M/50-69/9:30/Yes	Move the fountain to the bema in front of the altar
113/M/70+/9:30/Yes	Attendance at Midnight Mass declining. Maybe more promotion?
126/F/50-69/9:30/No	Current baptism: 'Why have (the font) if we are only going to use it once a year?'
131/F/50-69/9:30/Yes	Former baptism: 'allows us to feel more connected'
148/F/50-69/9:30/No	Former baptism: 'I really do miss the immediacy of the baptism on the altar'
152/F/50-69/9:30/Yes	Former baptism: 'But I'm afraid this will break Father's heart!'