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Dear St. Lawrence Parishioners:

In March/April 2023, your Parish Council conducted a survey to obtain parishioner feedback on how to improve or change, to help parishioners and their families (both active and non-active) to grow in their Faith and/or return to the Church. While the majority of responses received came from active parishioners, we are hopeful their feedback, great ideas, and devotion to their Faith will provide encouragement, interest, and curiosity. Here's a brief summary of the survey results.

What were the most common topics?

Bible Study	CCD Program	Children's Choir
Father Aubuchon	Mass and All Parts of Mass	Parish/Finance Council

Tell me what Parishioners said about Mass and All Parts of Mass

- Parishioners enjoy taking part in The Eucharist and Sacraments
- Sermons are "relatable" and with "action item suggestions" which can be implemented
- Sermons "challenge" us to do things better before the next Mass
- Homilies set a "Welcoming tone" and Father is an inspiring Leader
- While Sermons are "powerful", they could be a shorter and not repeated
- "Good sermon, some nice songs, intercessions - which all are inspiring and also give me aspects to improve on."

How about the CCD Program; what did folks share or suggest?

- Get Father and Deacon in the Classroom more often. **Update:** Father and Deacon will visit classes more in 23-24.
- Involve students more at Mass. **Update:** Students will be more involved with Ministries.
- Do Small Groups (Stewardship) type activities for Grades 7 – 12.
- More community activities for Grades 9 – 12; find ways to get them involved year-round. **Update:** For Grades 9 – 12, we are looking at how we can get students more involved.
- Make Wednesday CCD Mass a part of the CCD Curriculum. **Update:** It is part of the CCD Curriculum for 23-24.

Tell me some things about the other Topics

- Children's Choir. **Update:** Started on August 5, First Saturday and continues each First Saturday.
- Bible Study. **Update:** In development with Father.
- Parish/Finance Council Minutes should be share with Parishioners. **Update:** Before the Council for discussion

As you can see, many ideas have already taken off or we are working on! We greatly appreciate all who took time to provide a response to the survey and we sincerely appreciate your honesty and feedback. Please continue to share your ideas with any Parish Council Member or email them to Father Aubuchon at caubuchon@diojeffcity.org or send to Deacon Steve or Michele Renkemeyer at stlawrencegridiron@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

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