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Dear Parishioners of St Patrick's Parish,

Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully read through and respond to this brief survey in which we are asking for your feedback. On behalf of Fr Fraser McLaren, our new Associate Pastor, and Ken Ramiro, and all the Staff at the parish, know that it is my great joy to see you and help you grow in your faith, to see how the Lord is working in your life – with His many and ongoing blessings and with the call to conversion of life with which He constantly inspires us. We hope that this short questionnaire will help us to help you and to identify some ways in which each of us, responsible for ourselves but also responsible to and for one another, can grow together in faith, hope and love.

Each of us baptized is a child of God, beloved of the Father, a brother or sister of Jesus Christ, a temple of the Holy Spirit. Together, with believers around the Archdiocese and the world, we make up the Church. St John Paul II noted that, “The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates *the heart of the mystery of the Church*. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfillment of the promise: ‘Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age’ (Mt 28:20), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity. Ever since Pentecost, when the Church began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope.” The regular celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is fundamental for our growth in the spiritual life; it is also indispensable for the strength and mission of our parish. St Augustine said, “If we receive the Eucharist worthily, we become what we receive.”

Your responses to this survey will give us some indications of where we can do better and what your needs are, how the parish can better respond to you and help each of you, a temple of the Holy Spirit, to grow in love and serve with joy.

With the assurance of my prayers and blessings for you and your loved ones, I am

Yours sincerely,

