

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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Dear parish members,

Last June, the Fatima Pastoral Council formed a Task Force to address some concerns from the confluence of several factors that had a negative economic impact on our parish programs, including our school, our music program, and our outreach programs. Our parish was in the position of having to do more with less, and some basic needs were not being met. In response to this, Fr. Phil and the Pastoral Council created a Task Force last spring and charged them with evaluating our parish programs and the financial resources that support them.

The Task Force met with staff from the Archdiocese of Seattle to review the financial history of our parish. They also met with Mary Beth Celio, the Director of Research for the Archdiocese. The Task Force reviewed how a parish survey could help us to determine priorities in our own parish. With Mary Beth's guidance, the Fatima Parish Survey was put together and made available to all parishioners of high school age and older, both online and in a hard copy version.

We are very thankful to everyone who took the time to fill out the survey. 478 people participated. Your input resulted in providing us with valuable information. Mary Beth Celio has compiled the results and they are in the attached document.

The Pastoral Council will be using the findings to develop a long-range plan for Fatima. We will be assisted by a facilitator from the Archdiocese. Opportunities will be available for parishioners to participate, either by answering additional topic-related surveys (for example, on Religious Education) or by serving on a focus group(s).

We will be keeping everyone informed via the parish bulletin or other announcements about progress and opportunities. The conversation will continue. We look forward to working with many of you as we begin to shape how our parish and its members can best live out our call to evangelize the Catholic faithful in Magnolia. If you are interested in participating in future committees or have suggestions contact us at [Iwanttohelp@OLFatima.org](mailto:Iwanttohelp@OLFatima.org) or 283-1456.

We keep you all in our prayers, and ask you keep us in yours as we move forward as a parish.

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