

ON MISSION FOR
THE CHURCH
ALIVE!

What we learned from Parish Consultations...



Over 27,000 parishioners attended 329 parish consultation sessions from Oct 10 – Dec 1, 2016.

ATTENDEE DEMOGRAPHICS

62% Female

75% Age 55 or over

95% White



83% Married or Widowed

95% Attend Mass Weekly

50% Have Belonged to their Parish for 20+ Years



Substantive suggestions and potential new models have been flagged for review

What we learned from Parish Consultations... (continued)

Main Concerns

- Aging population
- Decline in Sacramental participation
- Demands on clergy and lay staff

Main Hopes

- Evangelizing and engaging young people
- Reaching out to those who have fallen away
- Caring for our aging Catholics

General Feedback on Models

- Driven by distance between parishes and size of parishes
- Most popular models group parishes that already have a relationship
- Most unpopular models group parishes that are too different or very large
- Attendees had learned about *On Mission* mainly through their parish clergy and parish bulletins.
- At the beginning of the session, most people felt “interested”; at the conclusion of the session, most people felt “hopeful”.