

**SELECTION OF BISHOPS CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

**PART I. NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**1. Evaluation of the Current State of the Diocese**

From your experience please WRITE THE ANSWER you consider the MOST appropriate response after each question.

The figures printed in black after each question indicates the total number of respondents and percentage who chose that particular answer. The first red figure indicates that particular answer received in relation to the other alternatives. The red percentage is the exact reflection of that ranking.

- A. The best way to foster additional church vocations will be by**
- (1) a more concentrated effort on college campuses and among working people  
TOTAL 613 PERCENTAGE 14.3 RANK 4 PERCENTAGE 14.9
  - (2) a more concentrated effort by the priests and sisters in the parish  
TOTAL 1229 PERCENTAGE 28.7 RANK 1 PERCENTAGE 29.9
  - (3) a more concentrated effort by parents  
TOTAL 705 PERCENTAGE 16.4 RANK 3 PERCENTAGE 17.1
  - (4) the church changing the rule of celibacy  
TOTAL 710 PERCENTAGE 16.6 RANK 2 PERCENTAGE 17.2
  - (5) developing ministries for lay adults for limited terms  
TOTAL 602 PERCENTAGE 14.0 RANK 5 PERCENTAGE 14.6
  - (6) don't know  
TOTAL 242 PERCENTAGE 5.6 RANK 6 PERCENTAGE 5.8
  - (7) don't care  
TOTAL 7 PERCENTAGE .1 RANK 7 PERCENTAGE .1

- B. Parish Councils**
- (1) are underdeveloped and need more emphasis  
TOTAL 580 PERCENTAGE 13.5 RANK 3 PERCENTAGE 13.9
  - (2) have become too powerful  
TOTAL 211 PERCENTAGE 4.9 RANK 5 PERCENTAGE 5.0
  - (3) are actually window-dressing and have little influence  
TOTAL 649 PERCENTAGE 15.1 RANK 2 PERCENTAGE 15.6
  - (4) are progressing quite well and beginning to make a real contribution  
TOTAL 2104 PERCENTAGE 49.2 RANK 1 PERCENTAGE 50.7
  - (5) are unwieldy and inefficient  
TOTAL 190 PERCENTAGE 4.4 RANK 6 PERCENTAGE 4.5
  - (6) don't know  
TOTAL 404 PERCENTAGE 9.4 RANK 4 PERCENTAGE 9.7
  - (7) don't care  
TOTAL 9 PERCENTAGE .2 RANK 7 PERCENTAGE .2

- C. The diocesan weekly newspaper the Courier-Journal**
- (1) is a good communication tool but should be better utilized  
TOTAL 2025 PERCENTAGE 47.3 RANK 1 PERCENTAGE 48.6
  - (2) is currently doing a good job of communicating  
TOTAL 1552 PERCENTAGE 36.3 RANK 2 PERCENTAGE 37.2
  - (3) is ineffective and should be eliminated  
TOTAL 323 PERCENTAGE 7.5 RANK 3 PERCENTAGE 7.7
  - (4) don't know  
TOTAL 245 PERCENTAGE 5.7 RANK 4 PERCENTAGE 5.8
  - (5) don't care  
TOTAL 20 PERCENTAGE .4 RANK 5 PERCENTAGE .4

- D. The division of the Diocese into 10 regions during the past five years**
- (1) has made no difference at all  
TOTAL 537 PERCENTAGE 12.5 RANK 4 PERCENTAGE 12.9
  - (2) has helped to get parishes working together  
TOTAL 879 PERCENTAGE 20.5 RANK 3 PERCENTAGE 21.2
  - (3) needs much greater emphasis if it is to succeed  
TOTAL 1472 PERCENTAGE 34.4 RANK 1 PERCENTAGE 35.5
  - (4) don't know  
TOTAL 1246 PERCENTAGE 29.1 RANK 2 PERCENTAGE 30.0
  - (5) don't care  
TOTAL 13 PERCENTAGE .3 RANK 5 PERCENTAGE .3

- E. The way Mass is celebrated is**
- (1) quite effective  
TOTAL 1915 PERCENTAGE 44.7 RANK 1 PERCENTAGE 46.1
  - (2) gradually improving  
TOTAL 1783 PERCENTAGE 41.7 RANK 2 PERCENTAGE 42.9
  - (3) quite poor  
TOTAL 411 PERCENTAGE 9.6 RANK 3 PERCENTAGE 9.9

- (4) don't know  
TOTAL 34 PERCENTAGE .8 RANK 4 PERCENTAGE .8
- (5) don't care  
TOTAL 4 PERCENTAGE 0 RANK 5 PERCENTAGE .1

- F. The quality of Sunday homilies**
- (1) is generally good  
TOTAL 2027 PERCENTAGE 47.4 RANK 1 PERCENTAGE 48.7
  - (2) is improving  
TOTAL 784 PERCENTAGE 18.3 RANK 3 PERCENTAGE 18.8
  - (3) is in need of serious improvement  
TOTAL 1140 PERCENTAGE 26.6 RANK 2 PERCENTAGE 27.3
  - (4) is a disaster  
TOTAL 128 PERCENTAGE 2.9 RANK 4 PERCENTAGE 3.0
  - (5) don't know  
TOTAL 80 PERCENTAGE 1.8 RANK 5 PERCENTAGE 1.9
  - (6) don't care  
TOTAL 3 PERCENTAGE 0 RANK 6 PERCENTAGE 0

- G. The clergy of the Diocese**
- (1) are unprepared to meet what is expected of them at present  
TOTAL 909 PERCENTAGE 21.2 RANK 3 PERCENTAGE 22.0
  - (2) are adequately prepared to meet current challenges  
TOTAL 1628 PERCENTAGE 38.0 RANK 1 PERCENTAGE 39.5
  - (3) spend too much time on administrative duties  
TOTAL 1086 PERCENTAGE 25.4 RANK 2 PERCENTAGE 26.3
  - (4) don't know  
TOTAL 487 PERCENTAGE 11.3 RANK 4 PERCENTAGE 11.8
  - (5) don't care  
TOTAL 5 PERCENTAGE .1 RANK 5 PERCENTAGE .1

- H. The area outside Monroe County (Rochester) in our Diocese**
- (1) is neglected  
TOTAL 519 PERCENTAGE 12.1 RANK 4 PERCENTAGE 12.5
  - (2) has too many priests and too many churches for the numbers involved  
TOTAL 121 PERCENTAGE 2.8 RANK 5 PERCENTAGE 2.9
  - (3) has its needs adequately met  
TOTAL 770 PERCENTAGE 18.0 RANK 3 PERCENTAGE 18.5
  - (4) needs a greater variety of priests and sisters to meet its needs  
TOTAL 1028 PERCENTAGE 24.0 RANK 2 PERCENTAGE 24.7
  - (5) don't know  
TOTAL 1702 PERCENTAGE 39.8 RANK 1 PERCENTAGE 41.0
  - (6) don't care  
TOTAL 6 PERCENTAGE .1 RANK 6 PERCENTAGE .1

- I. Today people determine their parish by**
- (1) established parish boundaries  
TOTAL 916 PERCENTAGE 21.4 RANK 3 PERCENTAGE 21.9
  - (2) the quality of liturgical celebration  
TOTAL 1590 PERCENTAGE 37.1 RANK 1 PERCENTAGE 38.1
  - (3) the quality of educational programs offered  
TOTAL 205 PERCENTAGE 4.7 RANK 5 PERCENTAGE 4.9
  - (4) the friendliness of staff and parishioners  
TOTAL 1216 PERCENTAGE 28.4 RANK 2 PERCENTAGE 29.2
  - (5) don't know  
TOTAL 232 PERCENTAGE 5.4 RANK 4 PERCENTAGE 5.5
  - (6) don't care  
TOTAL 6 PERCENTAGE .1 RANK 6 PERCENTAGE .1

- J. Participation in decision-making at the parish and diocesan levels is**
- (1) out of control; there is too much meaningless dialogue  
TOTAL 705 PERCENTAGE 16.4 RANK 3 PERCENTAGE 17.0
  - (2) is a sham; it means nothing; those in power do what they want anyway  
TOTAL 884 PERCENTAGE 20.6 RANK 2 PERCENTAGE 21.4
  - (3) is developing along healthy and constructive lines  
TOTAL 1829 PERCENTAGE 42.7 RANK 1 PERCENTAGE 44.3
  - (4) don't know  
TOTAL 704 PERCENTAGE 16.4 RANK 4 PERCENTAGE 17.0
  - (5) don't care  
TOTAL 6 PERCENTAGE .1 RANK 5 PERCENTAGE .1