

## Belonging Matters Survey Response Update:

Thanks to the 119 people who responded to our 3<sup>rd</sup> survey, Belonging Matters, and the 47 people who made comments.

The most positive response was that parishioners supported the parish and charitable works locally and globally. The next most positive response was that parishioners believed their needs were met and the parish provided faith enrichment programs.

But thanks to the responses, we recognize that we have opportunities to improve. We need to be more intentional in inviting parishioners to be part of small groups that cultivate spiritual growth and service activities. Phase 2 of Be My Witness in 2019 will provide many opportunities. We have a strong teen ministry program that needs more publicity to showcase all that they do. More connections between Junior High and Sr. High might help the program to grow as well. Because welcoming leads to belonging, we suggest regular periodic hospitality formation for staff and parish leaders. We have a strong RCIA and RCIC program but we need to form a ministry team to continue to support the newly initiated. Making the time and talent sheet more clear, informative and specific is also part of our plan.

Your responses and comments have prompted ideas for positive change and we will need your help to implement them. On July 23, we meet to reflect on our Witness Matters survey results. You will receive that update by the end of the summer.