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Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church  
Synod Survey Report  
Presented at Parish Listening Sessions April 2nd-5th

## **Background**

Over the weekend of March 19th and 20th, the faithful of Holy Name were asked to complete a survey based on the questions proposed by Bishop Robert McClory. For a full outline of the Synod process of 2021-2023 please visit [holynamecl.org/synod](http://holynamecl.org/synod).

## **Listening Questions**

These questions were formed in light of the survey results and the many comments received from the survey cards. The faithful were asked to voice their responses and reflections to these questions at the Parish Listening Sessions.

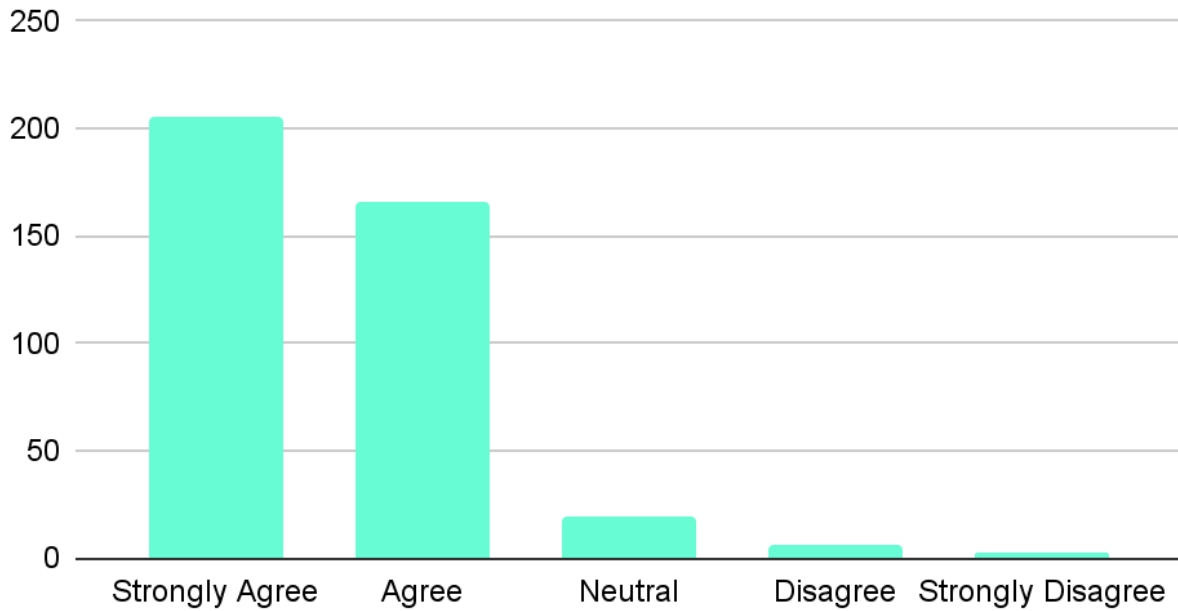
## **The Goal**

The hoped for outcome of these sessions was not to develop a comprehensive plan, but for parish staff and leadership to hear the voices of the members of Holy Name. In turn, the members are asked to prayerfully share their experiences of the parish in light of the questions proposed by Bishop McClory.

## **Next Steps**

Comments from the Parish Listening Sessions will be collected and reflected on by parish leadership and staff. A final report will be submitted to the Diocese of Gary and a letter published to all the faithful of Holy Name.

1. We teach families that church begins at home and that parents are the first teachers of our faith.



Key Comments:

“How could this be emphasized more?”

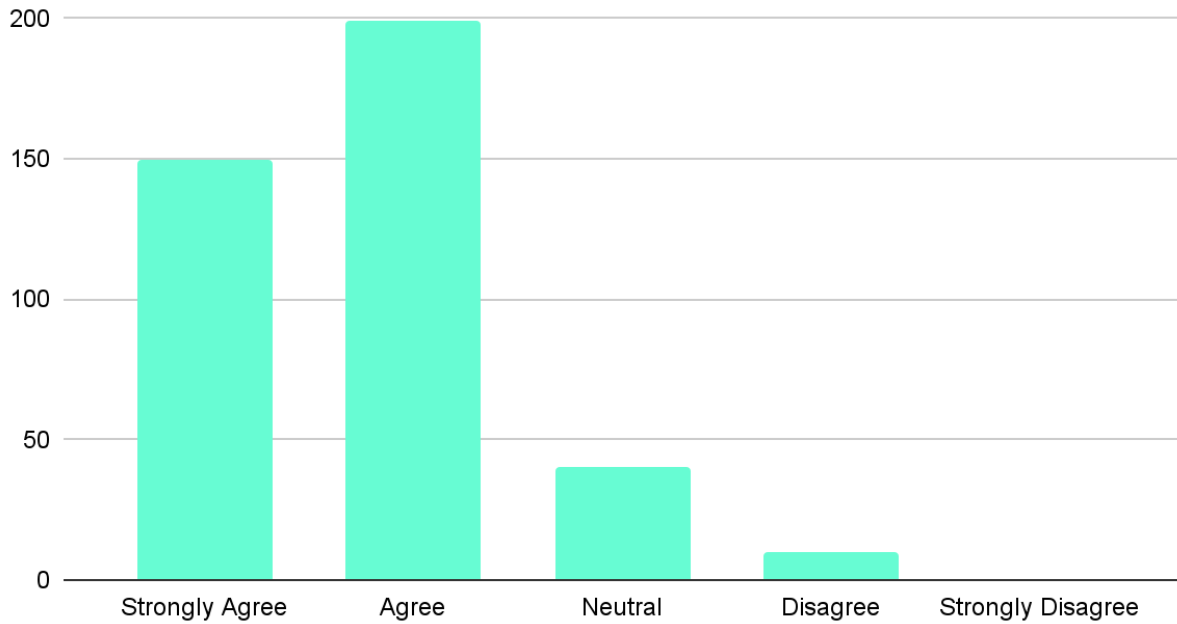
“What constitutes a ‘family’ vs ‘household?’”

Listening Questions

What does family mean to you?

What resources do you need to share your faith?

2. Our efforts are effective in promoting faithful participation in the Sunday Mass.



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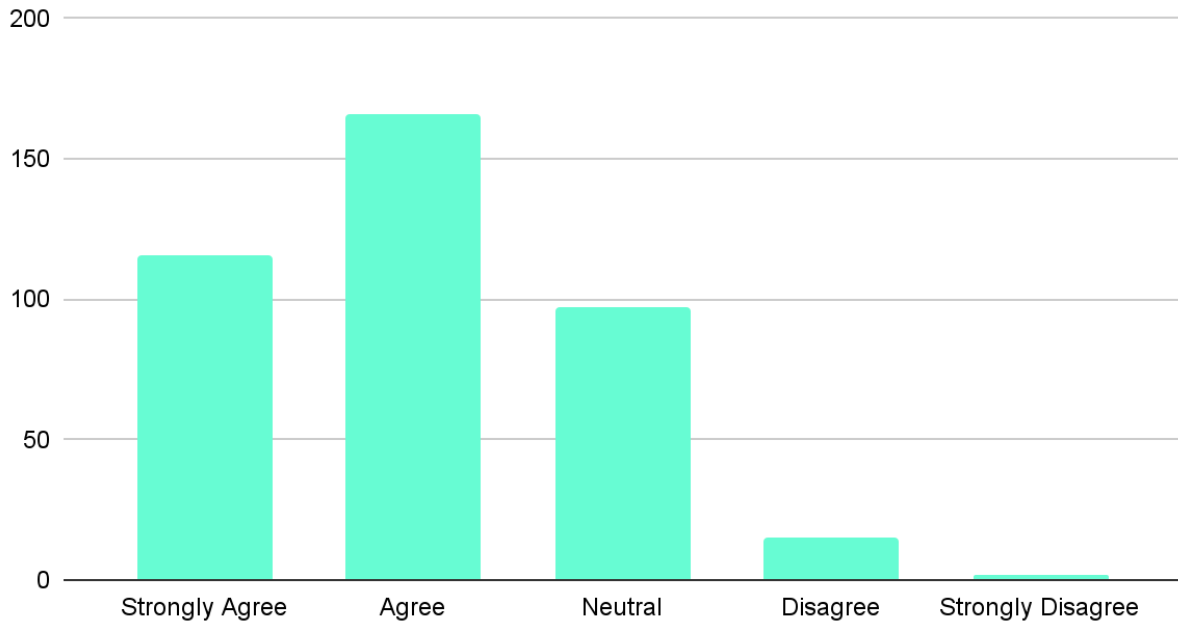
“If we are effective, why are we not seeing more people at Mass?”

“What spiritual opportunities do our families want?”

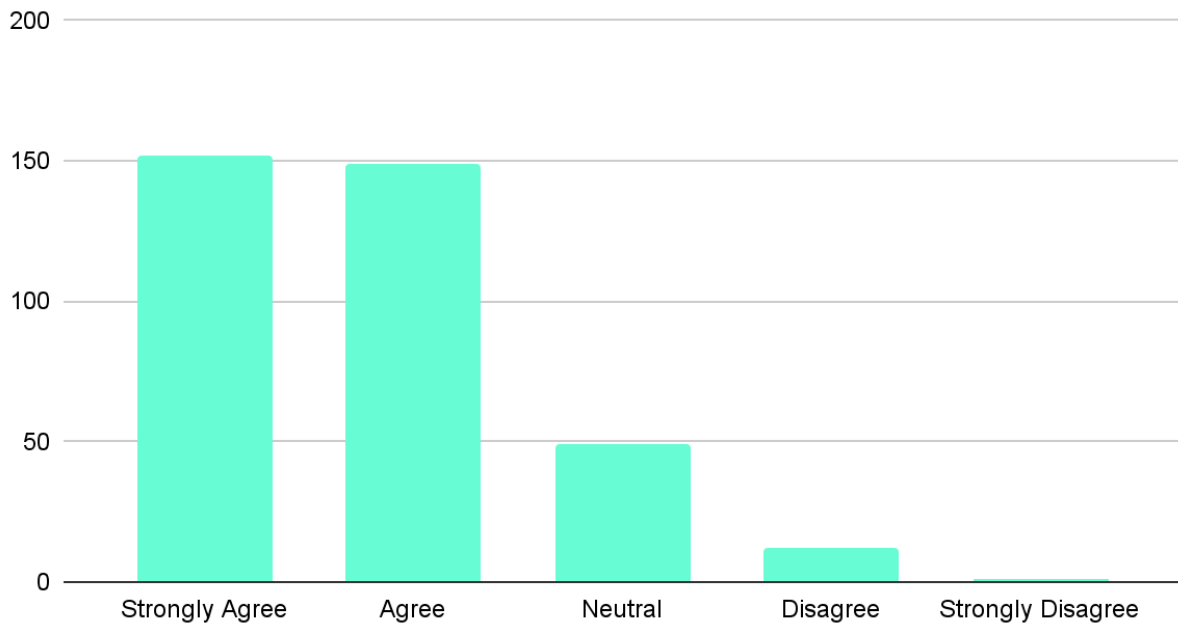
Listening Question

What resources or opportunities do you need to be more engaged in Mass?

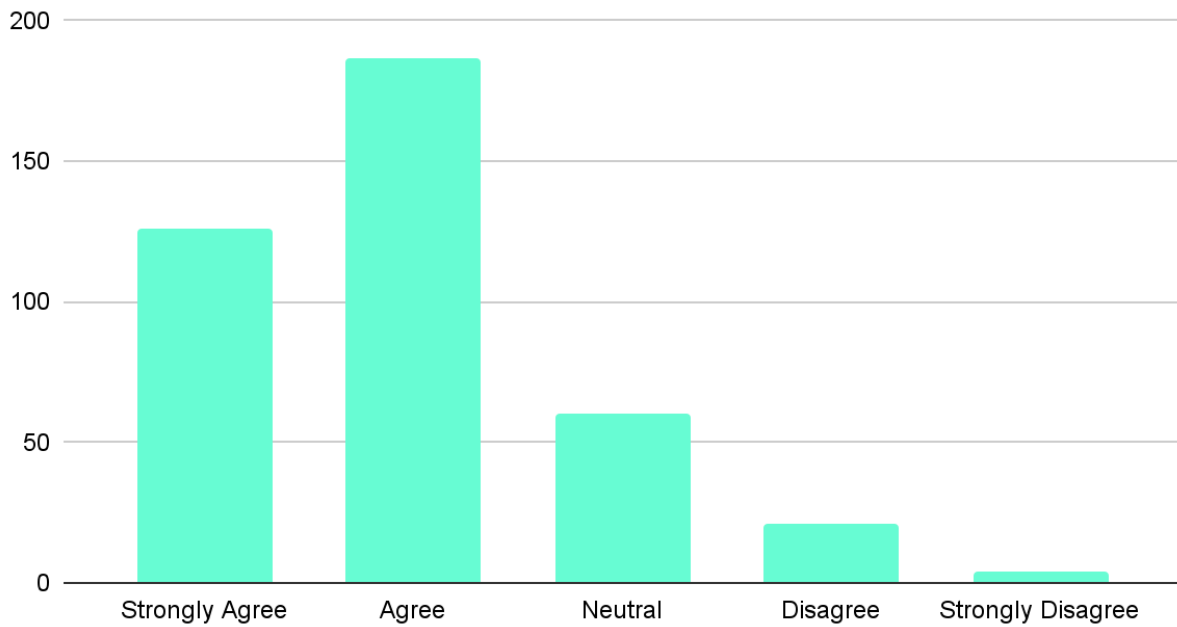
3. Our faith formation programs have a lasting impact on our families.



4. Opportunities are available for adults to deepen their faith.



5. We are effective at engaging teens and young adults in every aspect of parish life, including Mass, ministries, and decision making.



Key Comments:

“Many opportunities; mediocre participation.”

“Faith Formation is more than GOF.”

“Some information is too complicated for the everyday Catholics.”

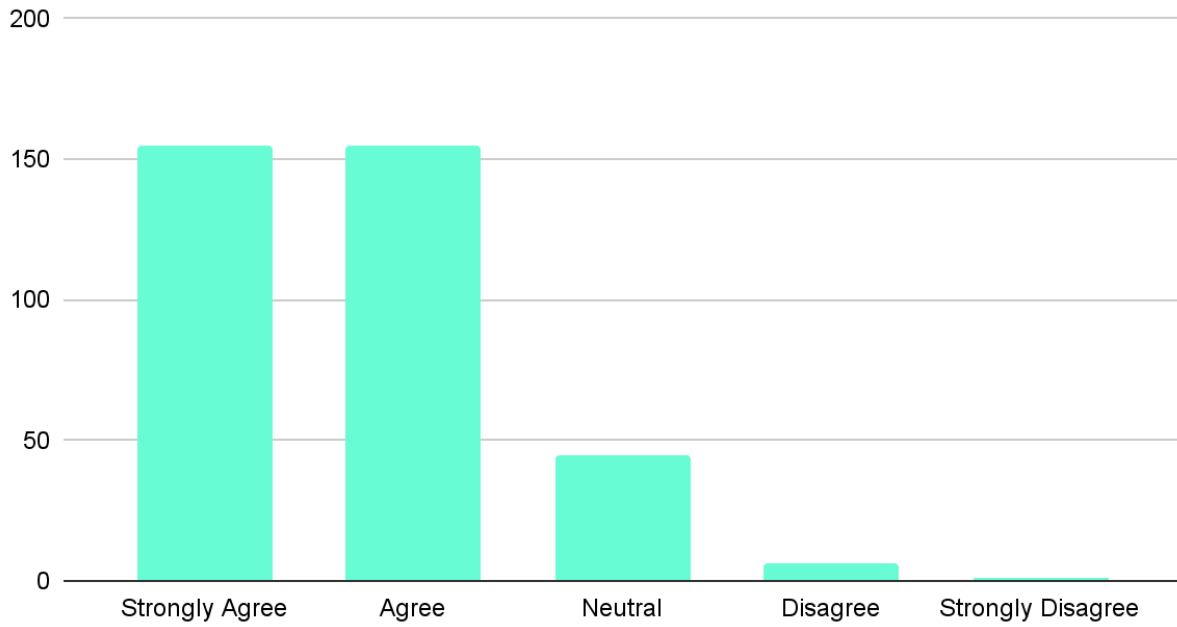
“Need explanation of devotions.”

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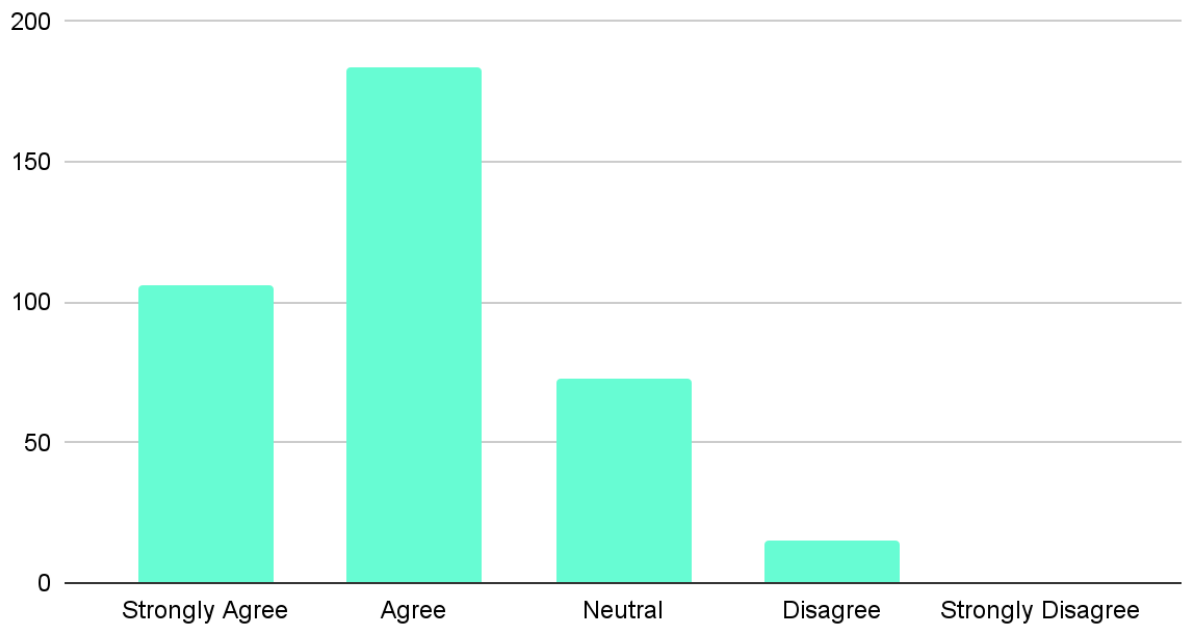
Has our faith formation impacted you?

What would you come to if offered?

6. Our liturgies and ministries of service ensure that all members of the parish recognize Catholic social teaching as an important part of our faith.



7. Our efforts to teach good stewardship (time, talent, treasure) among our members if effective.



Key Comments:

“Always need more volunteers”

“More emphasis on the time and talent component of stewardship.”

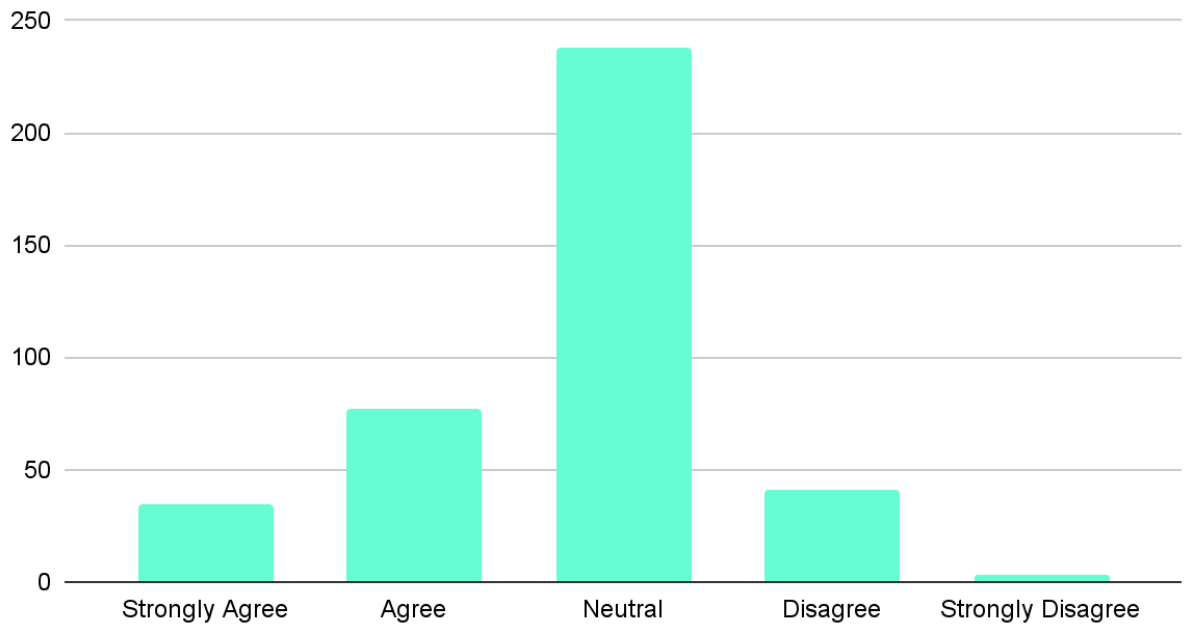
“Not sure what Catholic Social Teachings are.”

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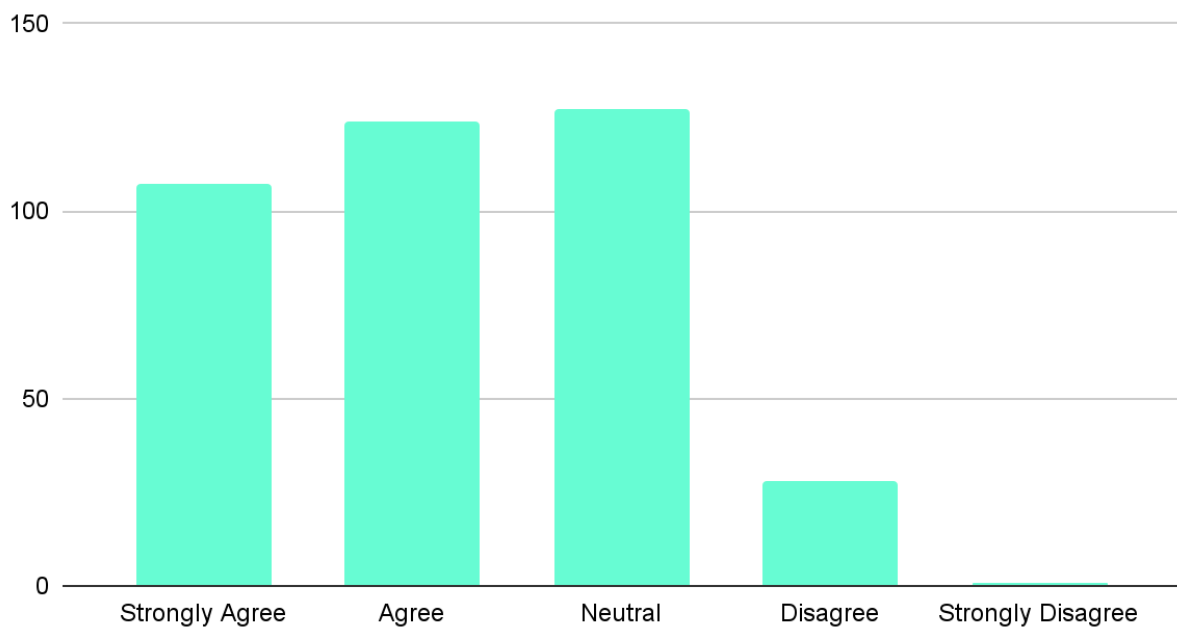
Do we need to learn more about what Stewardship and Catholic Social Teaching are?



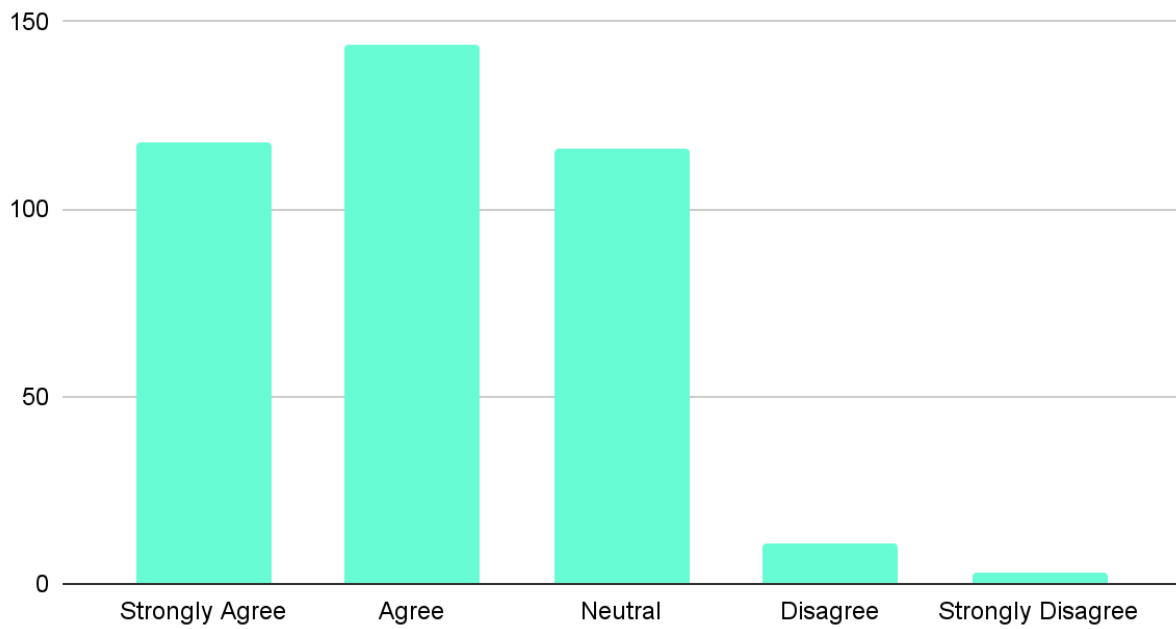
8. We have effectively reached out to those who have not returned to the parish.



9. We are effective in welcoming those who are not Catholic and those who have been hurt by the Church.



10. We are effective at welcoming those who have challenging lives.



Key Comments:

“Not aware of how our parish responds.”

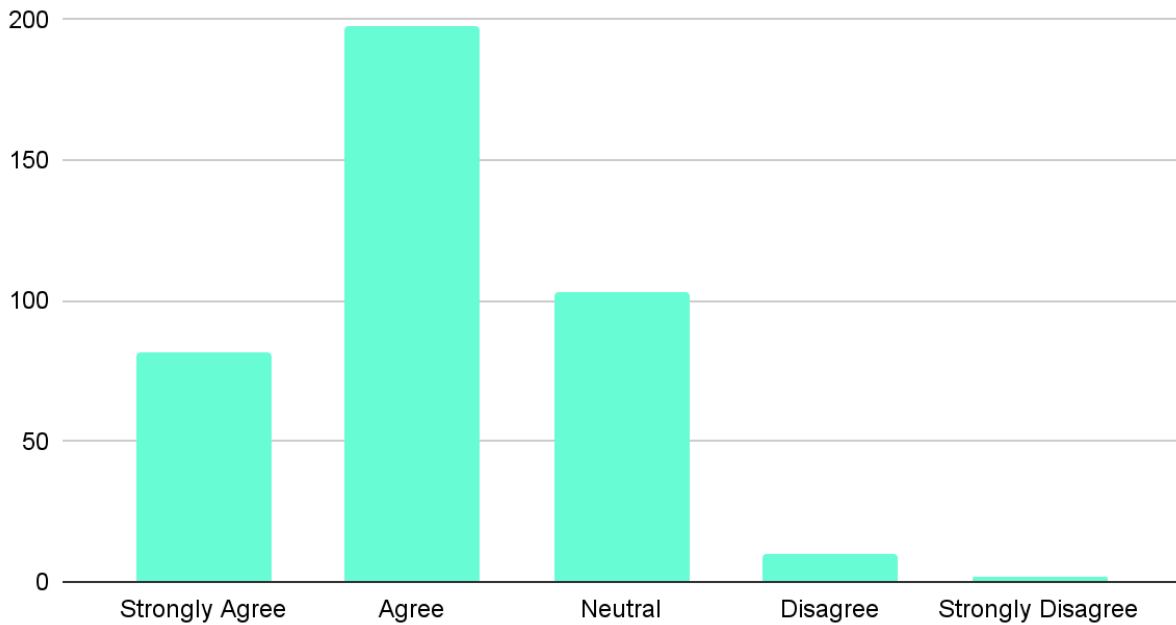
“Need help for Divorced/Separated, Grief, Caregiver Support, Spiritual Counseling.”

#### Listening Questions

Have we lost people at church?

What tools do you need to invite people to church?

11. We are in need of transformation (both as individuals and as a parish) to become missionary disciples.



Key Comments:

“Need more explanation on what ‘Missionary Discipleship’ is.”

#### Listening Questions

Is the word transformation scary?

What does it mean to be missionary in our own backyard?

#### Continuing the Listening.

If more thoughts or reflections have come to mind, an additional listening session will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00pm. Thoughts can also be shared by emailing [questions@holynamecl.org](mailto:questions@holynamecl.org) or speaking with our staff synod representative, Matt Kresich, at 219-390-3325.