**Parish “HOPES” Survey Results**

46 parishioners responded to the Parish “HOPES” Survey that is now informing the development of the 2019 budget and ministry planning . Thanks to all who shared your hopes for St. Catherine’s with us.

Here are the key survey results.

**Part 1: Gathering**

We asked Parishioners to rank priorities related to inviting, greeting, orienting and incorporating new comers. There was not a strong consensus on the most important priorities, however, the top 3 responses were:

1. Reach out to new young families in Edgemont
2. Host events that attract the wider community on weekdays or Saturdays
3. Engage in conversations with the Edgemont Community about their needs and interests

Next, we asked parishioners to choose the two most important things we can do for new comers who attend a service for the first time. There was a higher level of agreement here. The top two responses were:

1. A friendly greeter
2. A service bulletin that they can easily follow

**Part 2: Transform**

This section included questions related to worship space, liturgy/prayer, music, Christian formation, sense of community for all ages, and decision making processes.

The first question asked if the St. Catherine’s community is ready to move forward with a process to redevelop our property. 84% of respondents said “Yes”.

The next question asked about the liturgy, music and prayers at the 10 am service. 67% of respondents chose “Enriches my spiritual life”, and 22% thought that the service “Needs to be more engaging for younger people”.

Finally, parishioners were asked to indicate what is most important to build up the sense of community at St. Catherine’s in 2019. Again, there was not a strong consensus on the most important priorities, however, the top 3 responses were:

1. Regular meals and community fun together (e.g. supper club)
2. Provide activities for children and youth
3. Host discussions about the focus of the St. Catherine’s community

**Part 3: Sending**

In this final section, parishioners were asked how St. Catherine’s is doing at preparing its members to go forth and be Christ’s presence in family life, work life, society and civic life.

The first question related to preparing St. Catherine’s parishioners for family and work life. It asked respondents to choose the response that they felt was the MOST important. 62% chose “provides a vision for community, that is an alternative to the modern busy life”. 27% responded with “teach spiritual practices as a way to balance the anxiety of living in a technological society. Finally 9% thought, “offer support to working mothers and parents” was most important.

The final question asked respondents what they felt was most important to prepare St. Catherine’s parishioners for society and civic life. 47% responded “Exchange ideas and share resources with other churches in the area, and 27% thought that offering “safe places for conversation about challenging topics” was most important.

Copies of the full survey results are available. If you would like one, please contact the Parish Office.