

S74 Little or NO volunteer opportunities; "works of faith" as advertised as mainly a faith/prayer group and not one for various external activities for the age group. This is one major difference I've noticed between US and UK Catholic churches.

Church needs to be a bit more open/welcoming and not necessarily assume everyone knows what the Jericho appeal is, etc. or what various groups do.... and should not assume a person will be willing to ask another parishioner what something is. (This does not mean we need greeters handing out mass books at each mass, etc.)

Forcing people to stay before the final blessing to complete the survey is NOT a good idea, regardless of the survey's importance. We are not school children.

S19 1. More religious education for all Catholic children most of whom aren't at Catholic school.

2. More welcoming to immigrants (e.g. Polish, Asian), including Diocesan programs.

3. Any programs (e.g. liturgy committee) need to be FAITHFUL to Catholic teaching (Rome)

4. More charitable programs, visible to our children, such as collections of goods for food pantry, flood victims.

5. Too much on environmentalism - if we raise faithful people, they will take care of God's creation, but our children are environmentalists who lose their faith. What do you gain by saving the world, but losing your soul? Fairtrade and recycled paper have replaced works of mercy (see no. 4)

6. Help raise all children in faith more education/faith programs for 7-18s, 18-30.

7. Do these jointly with Sacred Hearts, St. Thos. (share resources, volunteers).

8. Keep faithful to Rome, avoid liturgical irregularities!

S9 People need dif things at different stages of their lives. From what I see St. Gregory's does a great job w/ young people which is for me the right age group to focus on. It would be nice to have some more social things for the 20 and 30 somethings but I realize that requires participation from that age group and they are often the busiest. I think more community volunteer opportunities would be great. I'm trying to think of ways I could interact more w/ the community outside of mass and I would definitely volunteer on some weekends ore evenings. Habitat for Humanity is a great charity to get involved in. If we don't have enough people at this church we could always join together either with other Catholic churches or other Christian churches to do something. At my old church we had ""Theology on Tap" where we had a speaker come and talk and then we sat around and discussed it afterwards and socialize. The reason it was called "on tap" was because we did it at a pub. the pub made it more of a social event and the talks were about social issues like the role the church should play in helping the environment. The question of a "just war" - this was just after the invasion of Iraq. Also, there are many committees and meetings that take place while I'm at work. I would have liked to have been involved in the ?????? for the church but couldn't go. Perhaps you could see if there is interest in a committee meeting in the evening so more people could come.

I was very happy that you now offer a 7 pm Tuesday mass. That was a welcome change for me. I enjoy St. Gregory's very much and I thank you for all your hard work.