

Revised November 28, 2021

**Diocese of Youngstown, Parish Community Survey (ASH)
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

In response to the priorities outlined in Bishop David J. Bonnar's pastoral letter, ***Testify to the Light***, our parish is joining with other parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in performing a community needs assessment. Bishop Bonnar states, "We cannot be a church that exists solely for ourselves. We need to be a Servant Church that reaches out to the poor, homeless, imprisoned, sick, lonely and forgotten, keeping in mind that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do to Jesus."

With this in mind, we need your feedback. Please take a few moments to complete this survey about your local parish community.

Demographic Information

1. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

2. What is your age?

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or older

3. **Are you or others in your home living with a documented disability?**

- Yes
- No

4. Are you a veteran?

- Yes
- No

5. Which race/ethnicity best describes you? (Please choose only one.)

- Native American / Aleut
- Asian / Pacific Islander
- Black / African American
- Hispanic / Latino
- White / Caucasian
- Multiple ethnicity / Other (please specify)

6. Do you own or rent the current place you live in?

- Own
- Rent

7. How many adults are currently living in your household? _____

8. How many children are currently living in your household? _____

9. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Some education (elementary/high school)
- High School Diploma/GED
- Some College/No Degree
- Associate's Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Graduate/Professional Degree

10. How many years have you lived in this community (*not necessarily the same address*)?

- 0-1
- 2-3
- 4-5
- 6-10
- More than 10

11. If you are currently registered at a Catholic Parish, please enter the Parish.

**For the following questions- Please enter your response based on the following:
5= Strongly Agree, 4= Agree, 3= Neither Agree or Disagree, 2= Disagree, 1+ Strongly Disagree, 0= Not Important to Me.**

12. Our community is a great place to live. _____
13. Our community has a lot to offer. _____
14. There do not seem to be enough services, activities or opportunities for **youth** in our community. _____
15. There do not seem to be enough services, activities or opportunities for **elderly** people in our community. _____
16. There do not seem to be enough services, activities or opportunities for **families** in our community. _____
17. Many people in our community are facing financial difficulties. _____
18. Many people in our community are unemployed, or are struggling to find decent jobs that pay a livable wage. _____
19. Many people in our community do not have the education or training that they need to secure a good job. _____
20. Many people in our community have a hard time paying their rent or making mortgage payments. _____
21. Many people in our community do not have the resources to make necessary repairs to their homes. _____
22. Our community has adequate food pantries and assistance for those struggling with food insecurity. _____
23. Many people in our community could benefit from learning how to shop and cook for healthier eating and how to stretch their food dollars/budget. _____
24. Our community has adequate and affordable child care centers to meet the needs of working parents. _____
25. Many people in our community could benefit from parenting skills training/information. _____
26. Many people in our community could benefit from programs that address issues concerning addiction and recovery. _____

27. Transportation is an issue in our community. _____
28. Many people in our community do have the necessary resources for car repairs and routine maintenance. _____
29. Our community has adequate access to health care services. _____
30. Many people in our community struggle with stress, depression and/or anxiety. _____
31. Many people in our community struggle with the expenses of food, housing, utilities, and other basic necessities. _____
32. I feel safe in our community. _____
33. Crime is not much of an issue in our community. _____
34. Increased security and safety is needed in our community. _____
35. My parish could be doing more to serve the needs of the people in our community. _____
36. My parish could be doing more to confront the reality of racism in our society and in our local community. _____
37. My parish tends to rely on the same few people when things/projects need done. _____
38. My parish doesn't express a need for volunteers or make volunteer opportunities known. _____
39. People at my parish would be enthusiastic about the possibility of a new service project. _____
40. I am interested in getting more involved in service opportunities at my parish. _____
41. Do you know the locations of various community agencies that provide assistance with rent, housing issues, utility assistance and other emergency assistance? (Yes or No) _____
42. Do you know the location of the nearest food bank or pantry?
(Yes or No) _____
43. Based on your opinion, please rank the following in order of importance (from 1 -10, with one being the most important and 10 being the least important).

_____ Affordable Housing in Community

_____ Mental Health

_____ Substance Abuse

_____ Transportation

- _____ Access to Medical Care
- _____ Knowledge about where to go for help
- _____ Access to food banks, soup kitchens, etc.
- _____ Community Activities for Youth
- _____ Community Activities for Senior Citizens
- _____ Crime Prevention

Open Comment Information

44. Feel free to add any additional comments related to this survey or your community that you feel would be helpful to committee members.

45. Please provide your contact information (*optional*).

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone: _____