

# Feedback Session – October/November 2025

## “What are our Gifts?”

### Readers Review Sheet for Synthesis Report

**Notetakers:** Erin Simmons and additional comments compiled by Maria from other tables at this feedback session (received on 11/20/25)

**Date:** October 19, 2025      **Parish Represented in Review:** St. John Vianney

**Parishioners attending:** approx. 35 - 40      **Age Group** – range of ages

**Question #1:** How have you grown in your relationship with God by being part of your parish community, and what is it about the community that helped your growth?

1. Deep love of faith is supported and promoted in this community
2. Welcoming atmosphere at SJV has drawn back Catholics to church
3. Community helps us grow closer to God
4. Known as a close-knit community where friendships bring open/candid conversation
5. Community exudes joy and energy
6. Participation leads to a sense of belonging and belonging fosters lifelong faith
7. Seeds of faith are planted outside of mass seen in growing Catholic families
8. Being diverse yet unified, like a family

**Question #2:** What is my hope for the future of my parish?”

1. Fears of what One Parish Plan will mean to SJV.
2. Future of parish makes them feel vulnerable
3. Hope we maintain our unique identity
4. Desire to keep JSV Vashon community
5. Hope we grow our Catholic community and continue to provide for each other
6. Hope the integration and community building with other parishes brings us to building spiritual bridges with Tacoma to share our rural richness

**Question #3:** What are the charisms/gifts, ministries and programs that would help me grow even closer to God and my brothers and sisters in Christ as we move forward with our One Parish Plan?

1. Retaining priest, Mass and Sacraments at SJV extremely important
2. Ministries and social opportunities are important for fostering and maintaining the faith community.
3. Grow discipleship enabling us to reach a wider community
4. Build ecumenical relationships while remaining distinctly Catholic
5. Offer more youth activities
6. Support and develop leaders in the Hispanic Catholic community
7. Young and old come together, focus on families
8. Strengthen Catholic identity through small groups

**Concerns:**

1. Only 1 member of Latino community attended even though they have a large Latino community.

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**Notetaker:** Erin Simmons’ daughter

**Date:** November 19, 2025    **Parish Represented in Review:** St. John Vianney’s Frassati Youth Group

**Parishioners attending:** 17    **Age Group** – middle and high school

**Question #1:** How have you grown in your relationship with God by being part of your parish community, and what is it about the community that helped your growth?

1. Community w/other Catholics and Christians (ecumenism has helped strengthen our youth group)
2. Learning apologetics and about Catholic social teaching have strengthened our faith
3. Safe people to talk to/listen to
4. The community motivates us and provides accountability. We can share faith, ask questions
5. Opportunities like Bible Study, Youth group, conferences, book studies, Ignite, Steubenville NW

**Question #2:** What is my hope for the future of my parish?”

1. That people stay connected and grow closer to God
2. That we have more young people and more leaders come forward
3. That our community keeps welcoming and growing
4. Hope for good fellowship with our Tacoma family parishes, more faith formation opportunities
5. Can we please have a Youth Day for all youth from our 3 parishes to meet and greet?
6. Hope that we can speak freely, are comfortable with our faith and can share it. Emphasize importance of discussing “real life stuff” and what our faith teaches about it.

**Question #3:** What are the charisms/gifts, ministries and programs that would help me grow even closer to God and my brothers and sisters in Christ as we move forward with our One Parish Plan?

1. Serving (at Mass, Wood Crew, the poor) – opportunities for service are very important
2. Fellowship (Youth Group) – group activities very important. Would love a monthly Youth Mass
3. Youth gatherings (campout, playing sports together after Mass, youth group)
4. We want the Youth group to sponsor/lead some service efforts (make care packages for homeless, blanket drive, lead a drive for Prepares, etc.)

**Standout Themes:** importance of having friends going through the same things; authenticity with friends who also believe; community and fellowship

**Partners in the Gospel**  
**Parish Family Input Review**  
**“What are our Gifts?”**

**Synthesis sheet for PFAC members**

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Parish Family #36                                      Parish represented in report: St. John Vianney  
Session Held: Listening/Feedback Session

St. John Vianney parishioners have experienced growth in their relationship with God through a profound love of faith and the unwavering support of their fellow parishioners. The parish is recognized for its welcoming atmosphere, which has played a vital role in drawing Catholics back to the church fostering a sense of belonging among its members.

Looking ahead, parishioners express a desire for greater clarity regarding the implications of the One Parish Plan for St. John Vianney. The uncertainty leaves many feeling vulnerable about future changes and their potential impact on the parish community. The hope is to keep their unique community so they can continue to grow in discipleship and meet the needs of all.

Central to the continued spiritual growth of the parish is the availability of Mass and sacraments at St. John Vianney. Parishioners value the ministries and social opportunities that help to foster and sustain their faith community. These elements are seen as essential for maintaining a strong connection to God and to one another. The Youth Group’s responses were encouraging. They volunteered for parish events and expressed enthusiasm for collaborative projects, showing a willingness to engage with the whole parish family and a genuine desire to serve the greater good.

During the feedback session, concerns were raised regarding the representation of certain groups within the parish. Specifically, there was an absence of input from the Latino community highlighting a need to ensure that all voices within the parish are heard and included in future discussions.