

Markers of a Healthy Parish

It is important that we periodically assess the “health” of the parishes and quasi-parishes of the Archdiocese. Through this exercise, we may be able to identify areas of strength and weakness, allowing us to respond rather than react to the needs of our communities.

A. Completing the Form

Parish priests are asked to complete this assessment:

- for each parish, quasi-parish, and/or mission of responsibility;
- in consultation with the Parish Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council of each parish or quasi-parish;
- at least once during his tenure, usually in the final months before moving away.

B. Submitting the Completed Form

The parish priest submits the completed assessment to the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, either by email (vicargeneral.agm@outlook.com), fax (780-532-9706), or mail (10301 102 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V2W2).

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Parish				
Completed by		Date		
1. Parish Governance				
Y	N			
		There is a PFC <i>(please check as applicable)</i>		
		The PFC has Terms of Reference		
		The PFC meets four times a year (or more)		
		The PFC meets _____ times a year		
		Other:		
		There is a PPC <i>(please check as applicable)</i>		
		<i>(please check as applicable)</i>		
		There is a Constitution for the PPC		
		The PPC meets once a month/10 times a year		
		The PPC meets every _____ months/less than 10 times a year		
		Other:		
2. Parish Liturgies				
Y	N			
		There is Mass every Sunday		
		There is Sunday Mass _____ times a month		
		<i>(please check as applicable)</i>		
		Always	Usually	Sometimes
				Never

	At Sunday Mass there is/are			
	• Lectors			
	• Ushers (for collection)			
	• Greeters			
	• Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion			
	• Altar servers			
	• Music ministry/choir			
	• Other:			
	• Other:			

3. Parish Administration and Operations

Y	N	
		There is a Sunday Mass collection <i>(please check as applicable)</i>
		The collection is counted in the parish every week
		The collection is counted in the parish _____ times a month
		The collection is deposited every week in the parish bank account
		The collection is deposited _____ times a month in the parish bank account
		Other:
		The collection is not counted in the parish
		The parish pays its full share of the priest's monthly living allowance
		The parish is financially able to pay the costs related to maintaining parish buildings
		The parish can pay _____ % of costs related to maintaining parish buildings
		Other:
		Other:

4. Parish Properties and Maintenance

Y	N	
		The parish is able to provide year-round care for its property (i.e. lawn mowing, snow removal, etc.)
		The parish has at least one parishioner volunteer who takes care of routine maintenance and minor repairs
		The parish is able to meet any extraordinary costs related to its buildings (i.e. for major renovations and construction)
		The parish has proper facilities for conducting parish business and maintaining parish sacramental and financial records
		The parish is responsible for a cemetery
		The parish does not operate its cemetery
		The parish is responsible for more than one cemetery
		The parish is able to maintain the cemetery grounds

		The parish has a cemetery burial plan <i>(please check as applicable)</i>
		The burial plan is up-to-date and complete
		The burial plan is incomplete
		The burial plan is not up-to-date
		Other:
		The parish records for the cemetery comply with archdiocesan policy 3.1.7
		Other:
		Other:
5. Parish Mission & Ministries		
Y	N	
a) Evangelization		
		The parish is able to respond to requests for Christian initiation from adults (OCIA)
		The parish has a program for Outreach to fallen away Catholics
b) Social Justice		
		The parish participates in activities and education related to ministry to the poor <u>(local, national, international)</u>
		The parish participates in activities and offers education related to the dignity and sanctity of human life e.g. annual Alberta March for Life
c) Catechesis		
		The parish meets the catechetical and sacramental preparation needs of the children
		The parish offers opportunities for adult faith formation

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