1 Part 1: What in the Church fills me with life?

**Sacraments:** The Sacraments make us better at living out our faith. Regular reception of the sacrament is life giving.

Eucharist, Confession, anointing of the sick, receiving holy communion, watching or going to ordination to the priesthood, availability of confession and how it is properly set up and administered.

**Liturgy:** Beautiful liturgies, music, daily mass, inspiring homilies, catholic church/buildings, being open to Jesus at mass, feast days, participating

**Prayer:** Mass is the greatestprayer. Support in prayer, prayer impels to service, deeper prayer, Rosary, Adoration chapel, listening to God.

**Catechesis:** Reading the scriptures inspires and keeps one focused, participation in RCIA and ALPHA,

**Resources:** Bible study (St. Alice), Bible in a year, spiritual and social opportunities, study

**Orthodoxy:** Tradition, being consistent (not localized), universal. Catholic, Jesus being the focus of our life

**Faith/Practice:** Spiritual vitality experienced at a healing mass, seeing people coming to church are looking for something bigger than themselves, there is beauty in seeing people seeking and searching, parents being an example to their children in the faith, inspiring to see kids living out their faith, having that goodness inside, spirit of poverty, having opportunities to give of myself, working in the parish gives hope.

**Community:** Recognizingthe faithful around me, what they offer, how God is touching them, how to be an example. Gathering together as a community strengthens each other, like burning coals- burning together and burning brightly. Small group sharing, getting to know each other, fellowship, being with like minded community, worshiping together, people sharing their Spiritual journey, experiencing people's warmth,, community as body of Christ throughout the world, seeing children at mass, seeing people at church during the week.

1 Part 2: How is the Holy Spirit working in my life?

**Prayer:** Habits can be broken so fast and it's easy to wander away and we need to pray more to recognize that.

**Catechesis:** A lot of people have lost their way and need to come back to practices. We need to remind people the core of the Catechism and what we believe.

**Faith/Practice:** The charismatic movement has opened me up to God, reminding ourselves that the Holy Spirit is working in my life,

getting away from social media, Holy Spirit lights flame in social teaching of church especially works of mercy, to help my large family by being a witness to the faith, simple communal living should be practiced in laity as well, learn more about faith, volunteering, seek opportunities, opportunity for surprises, promote unity, inviting others to lunch, reaching out, working together, stepping out of comfort to help comfort others, listening and watching to see the need, serve and participate in our church community, being attentive to each other's needs

2. Part 1: Brought Joys:

**Sacraments:** Reconciliation, how life is better entering into the sacrament of marriage, parents getting children their sacraments was an empetus for parents to go deeper into faith, experience of grace after receiving the sacraments, bringing communion to the homebound.

**Liturgy:** beautiful building and music, prayer, Latin mass, Adoration, the way we celebrate Advent and Lent, a presence felt in the Catholic Church-never feeling alone.

**Catechesis:** Scriptures, watching certain orders of sisters increase in numbers and holiness.

**Resources:** Bible study, Father Mike Schmitz, beautiful materials on-line, learning from nun school, watching world youth day, EWTN.

**Orthodoxy:** Tradition, the absolute and certain truth that the church teaches and maintains.

**Faith/Practice:** faith of elderly, Devout KC's/Catholic Daughters, praying at abortion clinics, a vision of the Virgn Mary and the healing of a brother, sharing faith, opening up to the Holy Spirit to instruction and obedience, faith helps one to get and stay on a real path, discovered that it's never too late, open to grace, inspired by people who won't miss mass for anything, encounter with God, recognize oneself as a child of God,

**Youth:** more youth at mass.

**Community:** events, St. Vincent helping our community, more people at daily mass, helping the homeless at St. Mary, people spreading good news (after mass, ect.), sense of welcome and community, knowing personally a community of believers, synod, sharing our love for the church, the example of the best Catholics bring people into the church.

2 Part 2: Gave Wounds:

**Faith/Practice:** Lack of faith/trust/ love for God, lack of follow through and communication. Lack of invitation/outreach/evangelizing/vibrancy.

**Catechesis:** cradle Catholic, mass wasn't meaningful, unclear teaching, Annulment process, false teachers/teachings (priests, politicians, or celebrities who speak fir the church incorrectly and aren't corrected). Poor/lack of Catechesis, not being vocal enough from the ambo on hard teachings of the church, scrupulosity about liturgy

**Abuse/Insensitivity**: priest/clerical child abuse scandal and coverups, good priests not being trusted because of the bad ones, abortion, scandal of Biden scandal and company not being excommunicated.

**The Church:** wounds of the communityof believers,, perception that the boundaries of sexuality are moving into the Church, church bending to society, political-when the church gets caught up with mandates and being politically correct (particularly the Newman Center), loss of trust in leaders- pope/cardinals/certain bishops, many have betrayed the church and faith, struggle to find place in parish and having a sense of belonging, broken families. People being turned away from the church instead of meeting them where they're at. Division, misperception of "wealthy" church, not being able to attend mass during the pandemic, priest not in communion with the church, rigidity of the church. Vatican ll has caused division within the church (old form vs new form). Limiting the traditional Latin mass is divisive.

**Our Behavior:** going through the motions, people seem too easily able to stay away from the church, easily dissuaded, unwillingness to suffer, relativism in all it's forms, pandering to the current culture of death. When people have certain agendas or are looking for certain things and then get mad at the church for not fulfilling or meeting their agenda and leave the church. The same people doing the bulk of work/volunteering and growing bitter/resentful. Complacency, discord, outcasts, hypocrisy (ex Catholics become anti Catholics),

Question 3: As a Catholic community, we are expressly enjoined to invite others into a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. When we dream about how best to accomplish this, what steps is the Holy Spirit inviting the Church in western Oregon to take?

*Note: Responses broken up into categories: Education, Spirituality, Youth, Outreach, Community.*

**Education:** we need more opportunities enculturation and growth, more consistency, deepen the faith of the people who are already committed and involved. Offer classes with guest speakers. Marriage support and retreats. NFP classes. Focus on formation/continued education requirements in our Catholic schools for teachers and staff. Better formation for engaged couples. Train people how to talk about God in a secular society, how to evangelize/friendship evangelization. Better education in the faith.

More resources and money to make it more accessible. Bring speakers and retreats to all parts of OR not just Portland area. Vocation awareness; seminarians and nuns need to be more visible in parishes so they can see and have role models. 1 night per month to learn about mass/church and have Q&A. Training for greeters. More teaching and resources in Spanish. Liturgical training for music. More formation.

**Spirituality:** have people give short testimonies about their Spiritual journey. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in relationship with others. Get closer to God and have no fear. Live a true conversation and pure life, be informed and know our faith more fully, know what it means to be catholic and to live in faith, live the main commandments.

**Youth:** hearing different readers at mass (children, teens, all ages) to be more engaging. Need vibrant teachers/leaders for confirmation classes to keep teens engaged and excited about their faith. Teens performing plays/skits for fundraising.

**Outreach:** be open to reaching out. Evangelize 1st within our parishes and then outward to our community. Take Fr. Ron and the Archbishop to coffee, inviting others, welcome new people to the faith, draw back those Catholics who have left. Add personal touches; writing notes of encouragement/thank you cards/get well soon/sorry for your loss (a project to involve youth). Mission Outreach. Love people who are in difficulty. Need more clergy for ministries like prison visits. A lay clergy to be available as listeners, hospital visitors. Create more welcoming environment and be more assertive about greeting (like the protestants). Personally invite fallen away Catholics. Advertise in secular media (billboards, radio, newspapers, TV). Live our Faith more visibly and be more vocal. Give welcome packets to newcomers.

**Community:** Heal! need for healing and re-unifying the church. Don't lose yourself by trying to meet the needs of someone else. Support one another in good and bad through community and prayer, offering help to those in need, sharing and using our talents, connecting churches in our community (progressive church hop). Unite our families and then our Parish. Build up the already strong believers. Be firm/kind/bold/positive, do not accommodate the culture, meal prep for elderly/big families/the sick, children raising support. Parishwide service opportunities to combat addiction and homelessness. Opportunities for families outside of the church to connect. Strengthen our communities through prayer and worship/fellowship/service. More community activities in a social setting. Watching Catholic movies together. Have people greet those around them at the start of mass.