

## **Here's What You Told Us!!!!**

Your responses to “As a member of my parish, my opinions seem to count.”

### **If you agree with the statement above, what does Resurrection do to solicit and respond to your opinions?**

On the parish level my opinions count. The parish survey questionnaire is one example of the parish staff seeking thoughts and opinions from the rest of us. I have not joined any committees in which I would have another venue for sharing my ideas with the rest of the parish. That seems to be a problem because I have failed to become more involved. After certain community experiences we are asked for suggestions. We cannot blame staff because we don't take opportunities to make our ideas known. We need to wake up!

Hey, you have been printing my responses to this survey so I guess I feel significant and valued. But I think that this is a big, big problem in the church as a whole. People are not heard or listened to. Many people hold back their opinions about church issues because they feel they have to be positive or don't dare disagree with leaders or other views, but then things don't change or get better.

People have to be really listened to with action.

### **If you disagree with the statement above, tells us more...**

I don't believe that my opinions count. I believe the leaders listen but don't pay attention. They have their own agenda and don't want to listen to other people's ideas. I believe that's why the question received such a low score.



# Parish Survey Results

In January, 667 parish members took the parish engagement survey. Here is what their responses told us.



**“By their fruits, you will know my disciples...”**

After many years of asking people their opinions about religion, and all aspects of life, the Gallup Organization has discovered that these survey statements, if strongly agreed with, give us a way to **measure** and **promote** the most effective causes of spiritual health in our parish. These bulletin inserts serve to inform our parish of the meaning behind these statements, and to develop ways to increase the number of those who “strongly agree” with them.

<b>Gallup Survey Statement #E09</b>	<b>In Plain English</b>	<b>What this statement means...</b>	<b>% of 603 Resurrection members who strongly agree</b>	<b>% of 18,933 Americans who strongly agree</b>
<b>The other members of my parish are committed to spiritual growth.</b>	<b>The people of the parish really seem to put God first.</b>	<i>If others in your faith community are committed to spiritual growth you are more likely to view spiritual growth as a priority.</i>	<b>31%</b>	<b>27%</b>

**We invite your input:**

If you agree with the statement, in what ways do you see others pursuing spiritual growth?

If you disagree with the statement, tell us why?

Please return this form with your thoughts to the baskets at each door next weekend. We will publish everyone’s thoughts anonymously in the following weekend’s insert.