

## St. Joseph (Emmitsburg) Parish Pastoral Plan Response Survey From Hard Copies

### Q1 What is your age?

Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18	0
18-29	0
30-44	0
45-59	2
60+	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

### Q2 Are you a parishioner of St. Joseph's Church Emmitsburg?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	22
No	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

### Q3 Have you read the Archdiocese of Baltimore Pastoral Plan?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	22
No	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

### Q4 What is your first impression of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Pastoral Plan?

Answer Choices	Responses
Favorable	7
Unfavorable	3
Undecided	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

### Q5 What do you find most hopeful about the Archdiocese of Baltimore Pastoral Plan?

See written results at the end.

### Q6 What do you find most challenging about the Archdiocese of Baltimore Pastoral Plan?

See written results at the end.

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**Q7 If you live in Pennsylvania, how would a possible change in the weekend Mass schedule at St. Joseph's affect your Sunday Mass attendance?**

Answer Choices	Responses
I would continue to attend Mass at St. Joseph's Emmitsburg	4
I would attend Mass at one of the other parishes in the new pastorate	0
I would attend Mass at the Seton Shrine or Grotto	0
I would attend Mass at a Pennsylvania parish closer to my residence	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

**\*3 responses for Q7 and Q8 were not usable, and 1 with no answer at all\***

**Q8 If you live in Maryland, how would a possible change in the weekend Mass schedule at St. Joseph's affect you Sunday Mass attendance?**

Answer Choices	Responses
I would continue to attend Mass at St. Joseph's (Emmitsburg)	15
I would attend Mass at the Seton Shrine or the Grotto	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

**Q9 How important is the Vincentian presence at St. Joseph's Church to your Sunday Mass attendance?**

Answer Choices	Responses
Very important	16
Important	4
Not Important	3
	<b>23</b>

**Q10 St. Joseph's Church is planning to begin a fundraising campaign to purchase a new church organ. Does the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan affect your willingness to contribute to this fundraising campaign?**

Answer Choices	Responses
I will contribute to the fundraising campaign	10
I am not sure	12
I will not contribute to the fundraising	
	<b>22</b>

## Q 5 What do find most hopeful about the Archdiocese of Baltimore Pastoral Plan?

#	Responses
159	The overall plan is a start but too vague and general
160	I suppose if we do not have enough Priest there is no choice
161	Nothing
162	Thinking of the future of individual parishes.
163	Good to think of the future of the Church
164	Nothing!! People will no longer feel a part of a community or parish. This is like going down the road after the 60's revolution. Churches were once very full until all the changes came about. Many people left the church and never came back. I think this will happen again.
165	It speaks of a process with good benefit to combine resources. Share which is the Christian foundation and Roots! It enlivens the status quo & energizes people to reach in and reach out.
166	At least there is a plan
167	It's important masses are done with great homilies so limiting priest to celebrate no more than 3 Sunday masses is important. Also that you won't eliminate shrines like the Basilica in Emmitsburg is important. Also bible studies led by <u>priest</u> are important so people get correct information about scriptures.
168	What I find most hopeful about the Archdiocese of Baltimore Pastoral Plan is that it is facing the current situation of the shortage of priests realistically
169	No answer
170	I am blessed to live in an area where daily Mass will still be an option.
171	They are doing a sincere effort to solve the problems that arise.
172	A positive approach is underway
173	No answer
174	Uniting certain parishes (many) & giving our Priest more private time for self. Working together to solve the problems possibly making the Catholics in Md. more spiritual & closer together. Our (we) Catholics need more assoc. with each other.
175	Most hopeful is that it brings people back to church & believing in God.
176	Broadens the base of services available in respect to where services are needed. (we already do this in adult (RCIA, etc.) & teen ed/activities
177	That we will still have a pastor and available masses each weekend.
178	Not Much !!!
179	Has some more work to do
180	There will still be 3 masses-weekend & will be able to attend mass @ my parish
181	No answer.

## Q6 What do you find most challenging about the Archdiocese of Baltimore Pastoral Plan?

#	Responses
159	The write-up following the questions was very general & vague especially closing churches, pastor & priest changes, and whether all administration personal will keep their jobs.
160	I love my Church. I hate to see our Church empty. I would not like to have to go to Taneytown to go to Mass
161	Disruption
162	Locations for pastorates. Would like to see St. Joseph's remain a <u>single</u> pastorate.
163	Location of the #4 pastor's living quarters
164	The loss of a community. A small town likes to be set apart. I have nothing in common with Thurmont or Taneytown. Going away from St. Joseph's would be a hardship, especially for many older people.
165	People – Resistance Fear
166	Just the changes
167	I can see consolidating 2 churches in Emmitsburg & possible the Basilica since they are close together but the Thurmont & Taneytown churches are a long distance away. Some parishioners only walk or drive short distances to church so closing churches could cause problems. Hopefully churches have masses & not just communion services. That's what makes Catholic churches different from Lutheran churches, etc.
168	The challenge that I see is to move effectively in a "mission" philosophy now and for the future from just maintaining "maintenance" mode
169	No answer
170	The burden of one priest for four parishes
171	For all people to come together to accept the wisdom of our shepherds
172	No answer.
173	No answer.
174	Trying to merge according to distance. Hoping that parishes will work together in peace also hoping that the diocese will make the right decisions
175	Not sure
176	People getting used to the changes &/or dif. With transportation, etc
177	I think it will be most challenging to the pastor and to the committees that assist him. I feel that the people letting their egos not rule their decisions will also be a challenge to the pastor
178	Keeping a 10:30 AM mass at St. Joseph's-Emmitsburg
179	Getting all the people to agree
180	That we can maintain the Vincentian fathers, & our parish will not close, even though I would be able to attend masses in the other 3 parishes
181	No answer.