



Composite Summary Comparison Report

St. Ignatius	St. Mark	St. Mel	Sts. Philip and James	St. Vincent dePaul
VIBRANCY				
Facilities: large church, 2 school buildings, gymnasium and large parish house	Visionary staff/lay leadership and involvement	St. Mel School	Vibrant Eucharistic Liturgies and Devotions	An adequate facility that is well maintained
Religious Education	St. Mark School and staff	RCIA	Caring, welcoming and hospitable community	Weekend Liturgies
Elementary School	Outreach, both within and outside parish	CYO Sports	Sound parish facilities with easy access	Day School, PSR and Preschool of Religion
Prayerful, reverent and spiritually moving masses	Senior Group		Serving the needs of the poor/less fortunate thru SVDP	Significant endowment for the School and Parish
Cooperation with community groups to meet local needs	Sunday Worship including Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sunday Preschool, Cherub and Youth Choirs, Babysitting		Hosting and nurturing westside Lalanne Community	Outreach of St. Vincent dePaul Society and Evangelization
	Welcoming atmosphere, Catholics coming home, home visits, neighborhood presence			
AREAS OF CHALLENGE				
Building maintenance: roof and handicap accessibility	Cost of Catholic grade school education	Reaching out to non-participating Catholics	Evangelization and Re-Evangelization	Decline in the number of parishioners and volunteers
Finances typical of urban parishes who suffer with the economy and urban sprawl	Evangelizing non-registered households and bringing back fallen away Catholics	Adult Education	Interfaith socio-economic and political programs for wider area	Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Outreach to non-practicing Catholics		Spiritual Activities, Days of Recollection, Retreats	Genuine, selfless collaboration with other parishes	Lack of participation in many of the Programs
Adult education			More stable finances	Adult Education and formation
Understanding other religions			Religious education	Significant need to repair Church roof
COLLABORATION WITH OTHER PARISHES				
Education of children and adults	PSR	RCIA	Senior Group	Evangelization Program
Outreach to the poor	Pre-Baptism	PSR	Bible Study	CYO Sports
Encouragement of racial and ethnic harmony	Adult Education Series and adult certification courses	CYO Sports	St. Vincent dePaul Society/Food Pantry	PSR Program
Our church is large enough to hold collaborative events	Youth Ministry, Junior High Summer Camp, Vacation Bible School	Parish Nurse	Narcotics Anonymous	Adult Education and formation
Promotion of respect for human life	Senior Group		Music Ministry	Youth Ministry