My Local Church Community as Sacrament

**How does your local parish community make Christ’s presence and love visible?**

Sacramental Celebrations and Spirituality

Does your church offer several Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist? Is there a youth liturgy?

Is your community known for its well-prepared liturgical celebrations, such as baptisms, weddings, communal penance services, and funerals?

Is your church known for excellent preaching?

Does your community offer retreats?

Does your church offer opportunities for Eucharistic adoration?

Education for Youth and Adults

What type of ministry exists at your church for young children?

Does your parish have an active ministry for teens that you would like to participate in?

Does your community have an RCIA program for those interested in learning more about the Church and possibly becoming Catholic?

Does your parish have a ministry for returning Catholics?

Does your community offer adult education classes and social gatherings?

Social Justice and Social Outreach

Does your parish have a social justice committee, or groups that extend some form of outreach to those who are poor?

Does your church have special ministries for minority groups, such as a Hispanic ministry?

Does your community have a Knights of Columbus council or a chapter of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul?

Does your parish offer some type of women’s ministry?

Does your church have any special ministries for older members, such as a seniors group?