



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Zachary, LA

September 1 & 2, 2012

Parish-Wide Planning Assessment

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PLAN FOR OUR PARISH'S FUTURE.

The purpose of this assessment over the next three weeks is to gain the input, suggestions and advice from as many parishioners as possible. This Planning Assessment will allow us to ensure that we address the needs of the parish for today and for the future. **WE ARE NOT SOLICITING MONEY**—simply assessing our position.

This is a reminder that discussions during interviews and responses returned in the Mail Survey Questionnaire are ALL *completely confidential*, so we need your honest opinion. Following the survey period, a tabulated review of the opinions of families and parishioners will be relayed to parish leadership in a detailed report. Each individual parish family is asked to complete **only one survey**.

Guidance In Giving, our Catholic fundraising and stewardship-consulting firm, is working in cooperation with our parish staff to offer every registered family the opportunity to have their opinion recorded. The on-site representative of Guidance In Giving, Lauren Lucas, will be in the assessment office daily and will be available to help with any questions that you may have. *The opinion of every parish family is important and your confidential input will help us to create a comprehensive plan for your family and future generations.*



You Should Have Received Your Assessment Invitation By Now

We have mailed letters to ALL registered families of St. John asking for your participation in this assessment. Whether you were asked to come in for a personal interview or fill out a mail survey, your involvement in the process is vital to our success. Please do not delay; help us to meet our deadline by completing your survey or scheduling a personal* interview (*optional but if you choose a personal interview, please do not complete the online survey or the one you received in the mail) within the next 10 days—**NO LATER THAN September 16**.

Completed surveys can be placed in the weekend collection, returned by mail or personally delivered to the assessment office (inside the parish office). If you prefer to submit an electronic copy, please visit the parish website for the link to the online version.

Please plan on participating in this vital endeavor. Thanks for your help!

For more information, please contact the assessment office at (225) 654-5778 or email Lauren Lucas at assessment@sjb-ola.org.

"The very reason we named this project: 'Continuing the Legacy of Faith' is because the focus is—and always should be—on building our faith and not just bricks & mortar. The most important contribution we can make as our legacy is to be certain we pass our Catholic faith to the next generation, and to the next, and to the next."

Father M. Jeffery Bayhi, Pastor