

St. Francis of Assisi, Finleyville, PA

Survey for May 20/21, 2017.

567 in attendance received survey-stuffed bulletins.

68 returns = 12%.

Grouping #219

**St. Benedict the Abbott + St. Francis of Assisi +
St. Isaac Jogues**

ADVANTAGES TO THIS GROUPING

None	13 = 19%
Improved Youth Ministry	6
Larger Territory for Parish	5
St Bens and St Francis New Churches	6
Able to Gain New Members	3
St Bens/St Francis Churches Strong	5
Better Ministries/Outreach	5
Location/Proximity/Distance	6
St. Ben's Financial	2
Facilities/Parking	6
Music Director	2
Similar Socio Economic	1
St. Isaac/St Francis Already Tied Together	2
Less Travel for Priest	2
Increased Revenue/Combined Income	8
Combine Best Ideas from St Bens/St Francis	3
Helps Diocese Survive	3
Smaller than Other Proposals	1
Familiarity with Priest/Church	1

DISADVANTAGES/CHALLENGES TO THIS GROUPING

Socio Economic Diff. (Blue collar vs. White collar)	15 = 22%
Travel Distance	23 = 34% (N.B. With 2 'campuses,' SFA will <u>not</u> travel!)
Fewer Masses Available	5
St Bens Too Large	7
Combining/Retaining Lay Leadership	2
Youth Membership Will Drop	4
St Bens Debt	7
Older Parishioners Won't Travel	5
More Work Support Staff	1
Convincing Parishioners This is Good	3
Loss of Tradition	5
Loss of Parish Identity/Parish Name	7
St Isaac Closing	4
Will Lose Parishioners/Revenue	4

SUGGESTIONS and/or ALTERNATIVES to this grouping

Find Other Ways to Save Money	1
Pray for More Priests	2
Revisit Mass Schedule	2
Paid Deacons and More Lay Staff	2
Married &/or female Priest	5
Welcome Reception	2
Keep Priests in Present Assignments	1
Regional Worship Sites	1
Improved Communication During Implementation	2
Do Not 'Group' Parishes // 'Group' & Rotate Priests	1

(Church suggestions/alternatives to this grouping)

St Joan of Arc	20 = 29%
St Patrick	1
Mon Valley (general)	8
St Damien	5
Nativity	1