

**St. Patrick's Episcopal
Church
Survey - Details**

August 7, 2011

The St. Patrick's Survey Answers

Three Questions

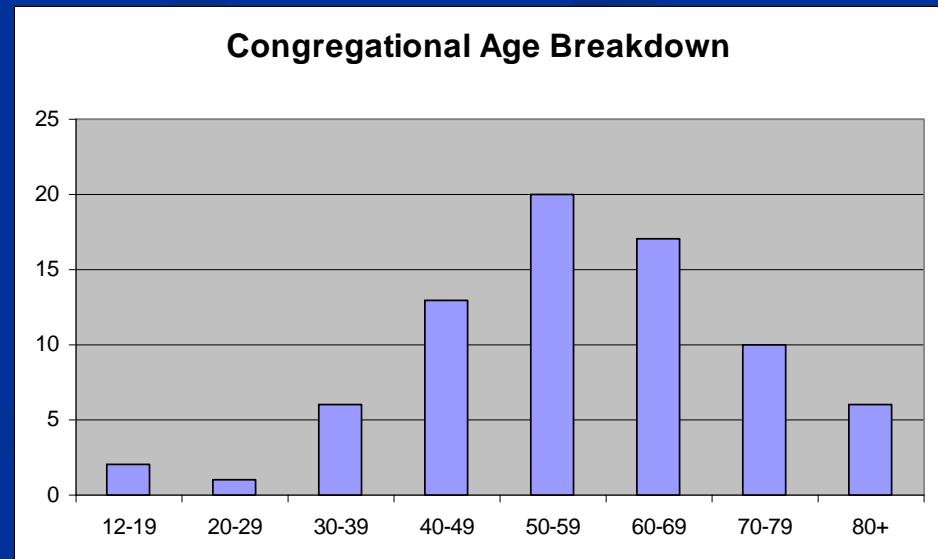
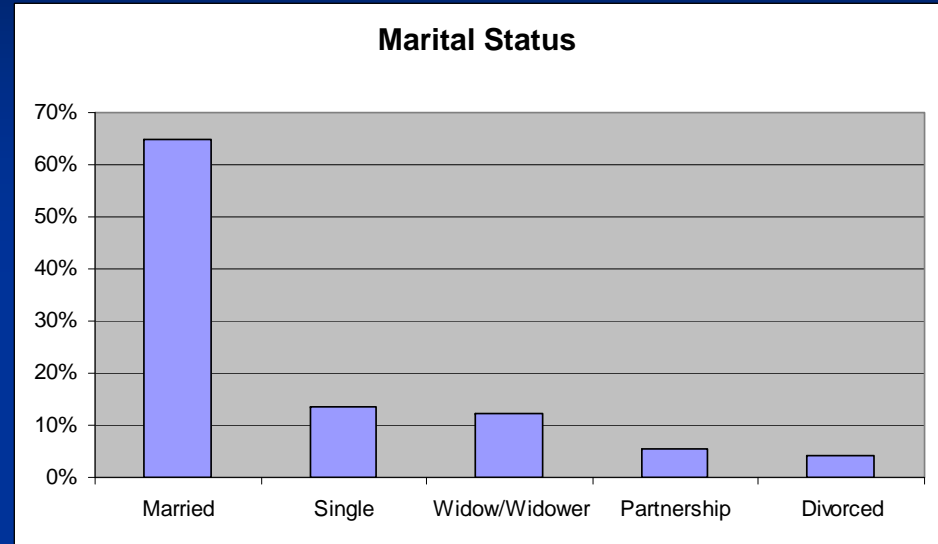
- Who Are We?
- What Do We Value?
- What Do We Want in a New Rector?

Who Are We?

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Demographics

- 75 individuals participated in the survey
 - ~60% female, 40% male
- Family oriented
 - 67% of parishioners are married or in committed relationships
- Average age is ~58 yrs old
- Average years of attendance is 6
- Vast majority are full time residents in the Jacksonville area



Who Are We?

Participation

Worship

- 70-75% of parishioners attend weekly
- 20% attend more than once a month
- 30% claim to have increased attendance since 2008
 - Compared to 8% indicating a decrease

Ministries

- 29% of have increased participation since 2008
 - Compared to 18% indicating a decrease
- Only 1/3 of St. Patrick's children attend Christian Formation or are active in our ministries

Who Are We?

General Preferences

- Just over 50% of parishioners prefer worship service to start after 8 am
 - ~1/3 of respondents have no preference
- Just under 50% of parishioners prefer service to be over before noon
 - ~1/3 of respondents have no preference

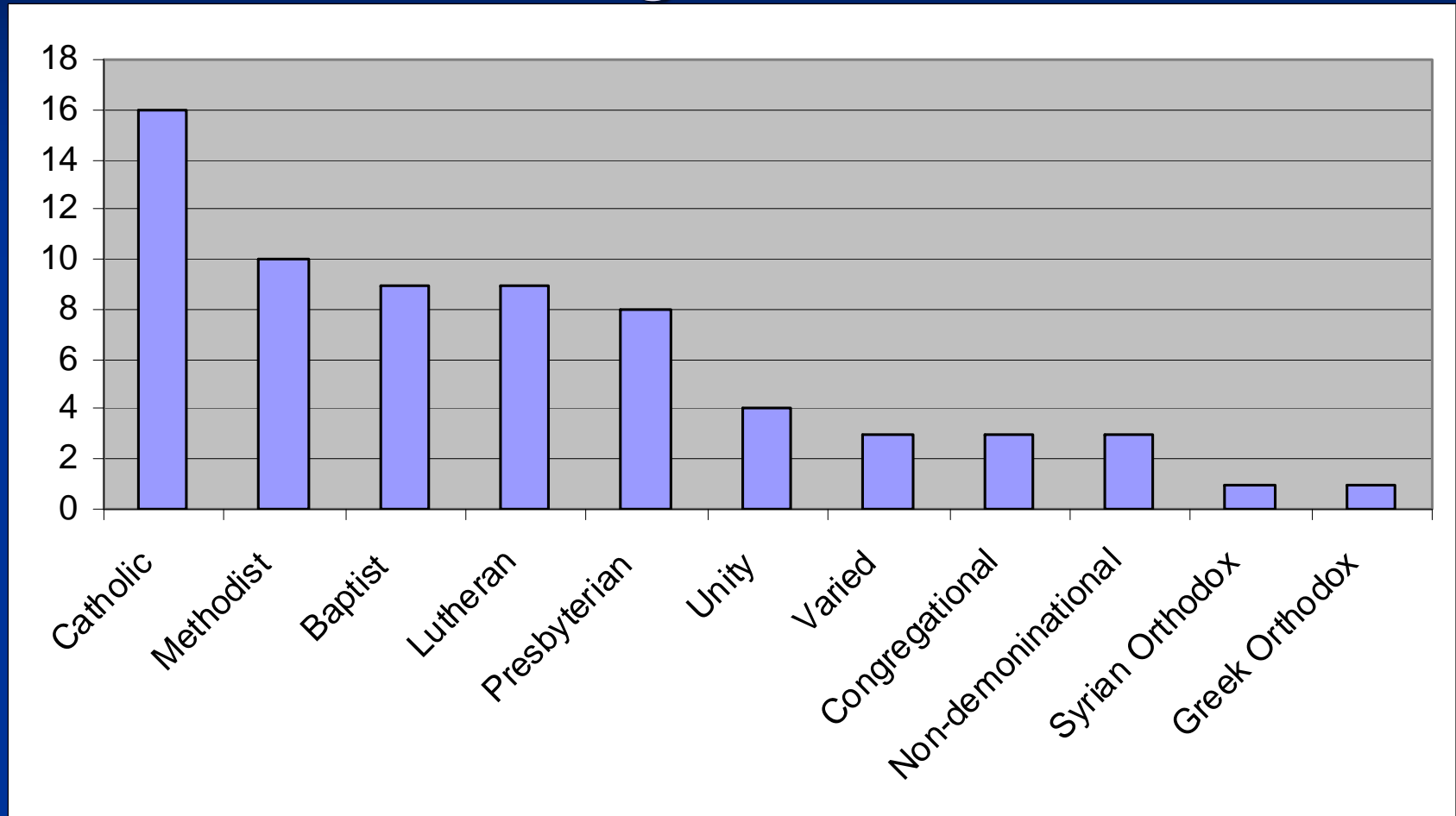
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Worship Preferences

- Survey Questions:
 - I prefer a more traditional service
 - I prefer a more contemporary/emerging service, including different art forms and Audio/Visual media
 - I prefer a blended service
 - I prefer a mix of worship service
- The people of St Patrick's prefer a mix of blended services that have both traditional and new elements
 - Although preferences were mixed to the first three questions
 - 47% prefer blended, 41% prefer traditional, 30% prefer contemporary, 41% responded "sometimes"
 - 48% expressed a desire for a mix of worship styles
 - When combined with the "sometimes" response, 84% of the people prefer a mix of worship services

Who Are We?

Other Religious Affiliations



St. Patrick's is a good mix of faiths other than Episcopal

Who Are We?

Miscellaneous

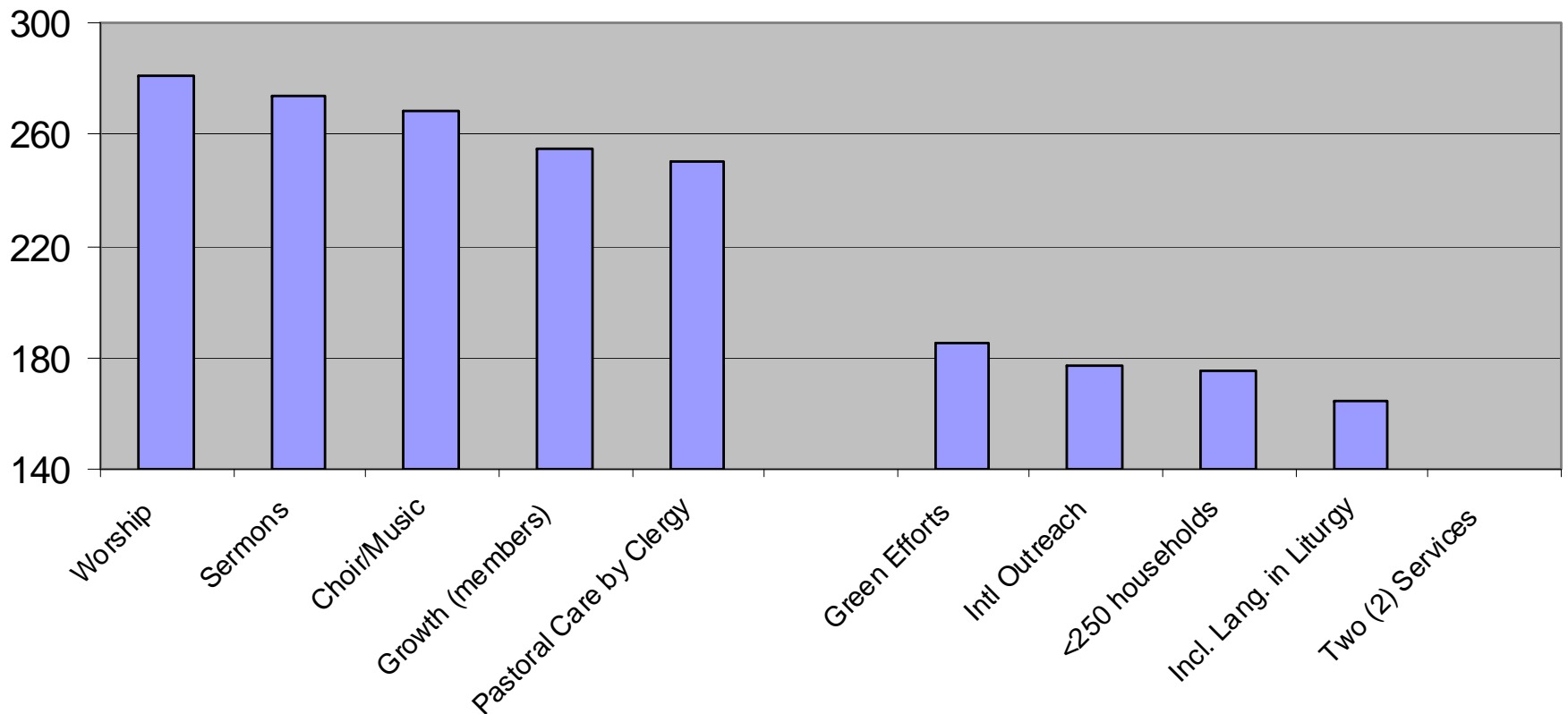
- ~62% of the respondents pledge
 - Compared with 54% of all St. Patrick's parishioners
- 20% of the respondents give without pledging
 - Quite a few respondents (17%) give in other ways
- St. Patrick's is a fairly tech savvy church
 - Much of the church uses email or the website
 - Phone contact was the second highest preferred means of communication
- Twitter and Facebook have a low usage among respondents

What Do We Value?

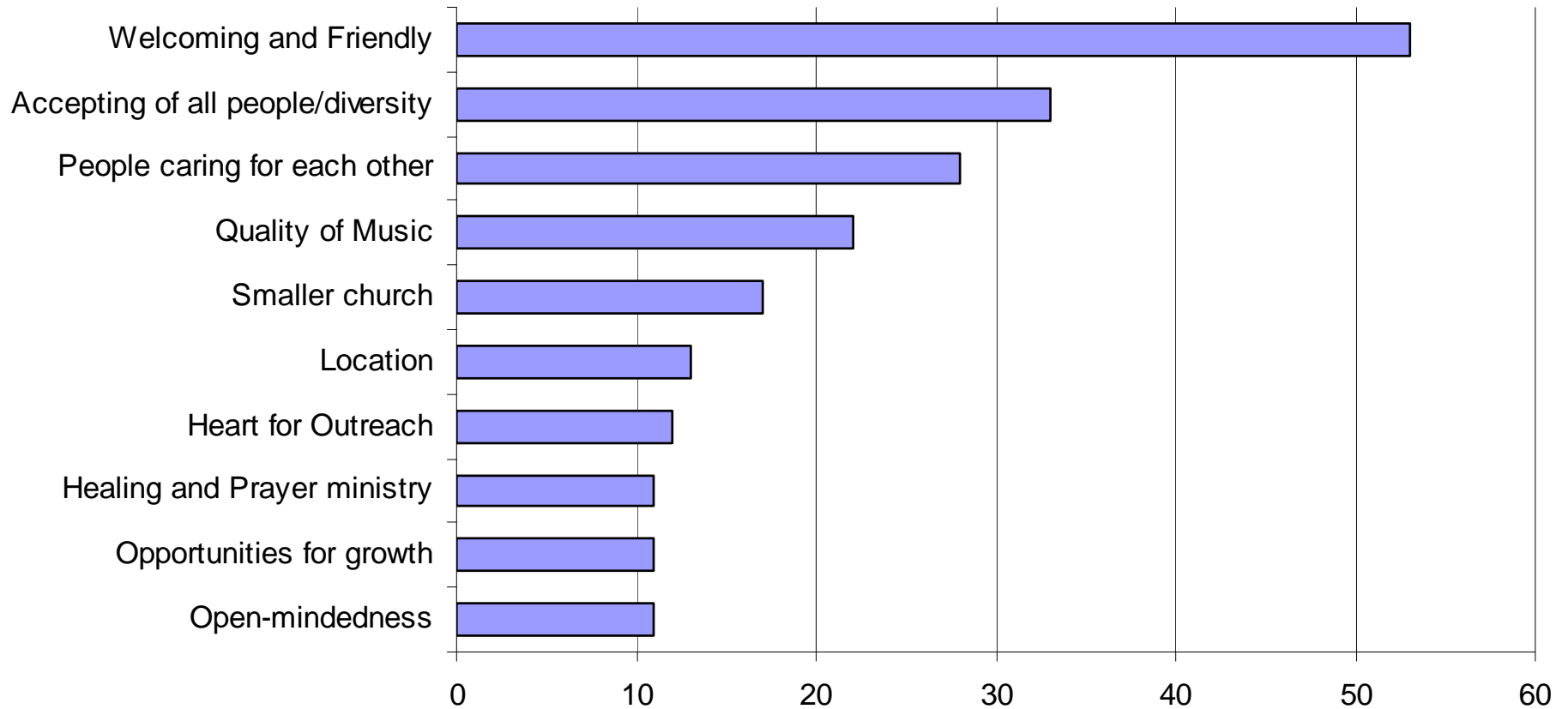
Important Aspects of St. Patrick's Church Life, Mission, and Ministry

What do the Parishioners value?

Top 5 - Bottom 5



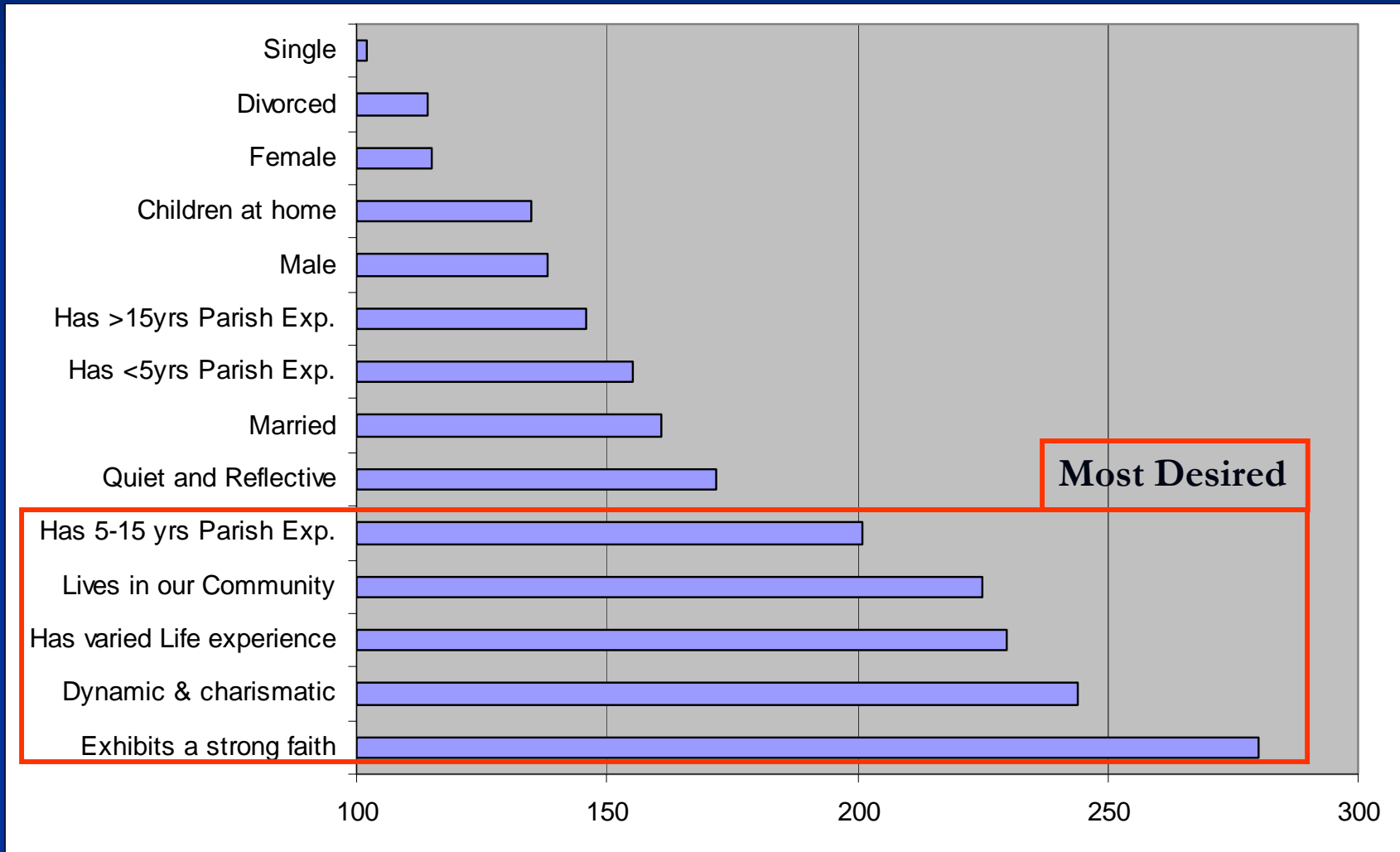
What Are St. Patrick's Greatest Assets or Strengths?



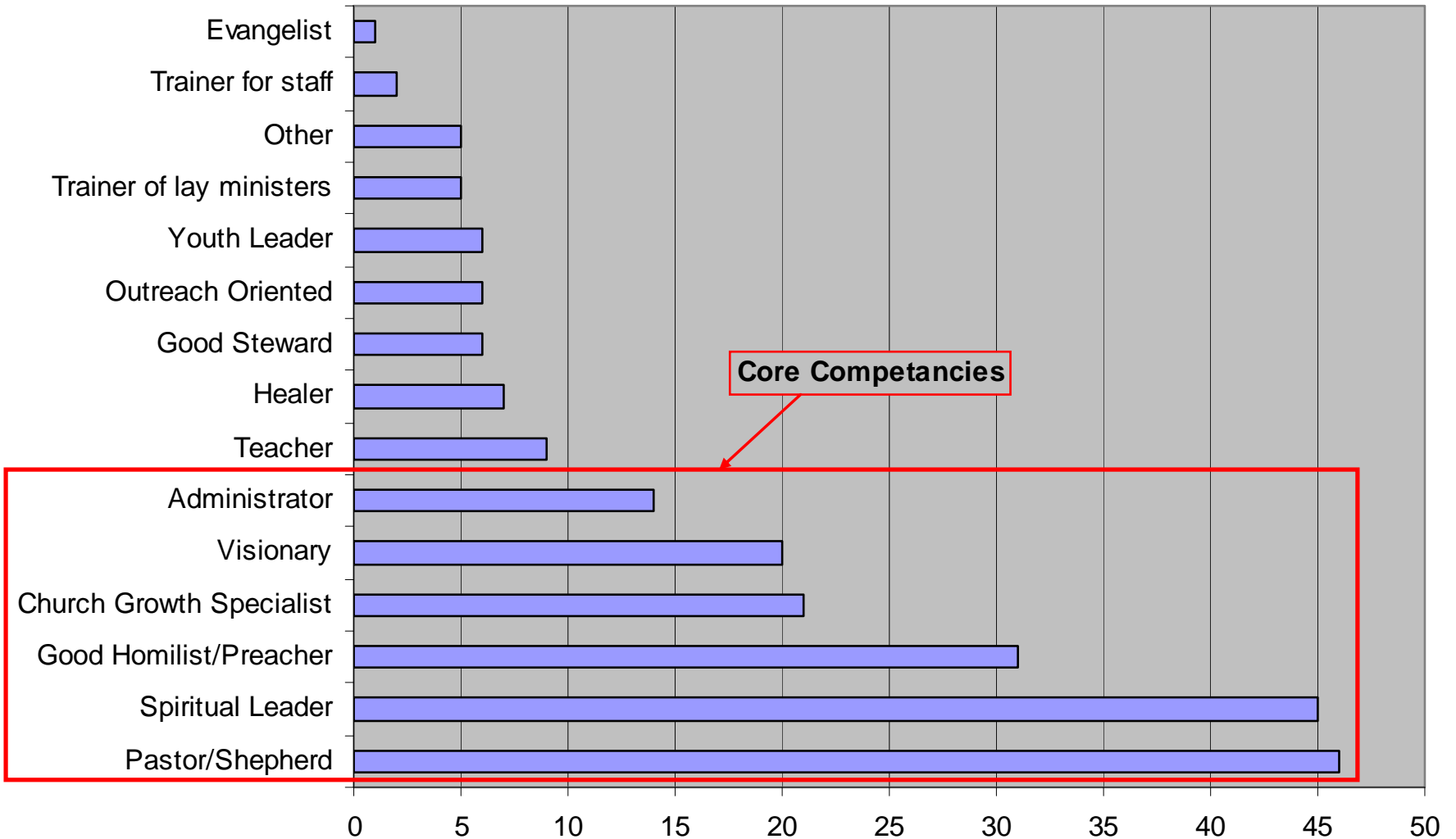
These are the Top 10 identified strengths

What Do We Want in a New Rector?

Rector Characteristics



Rector Roles - What Should the New Rector Be Good at Doing?



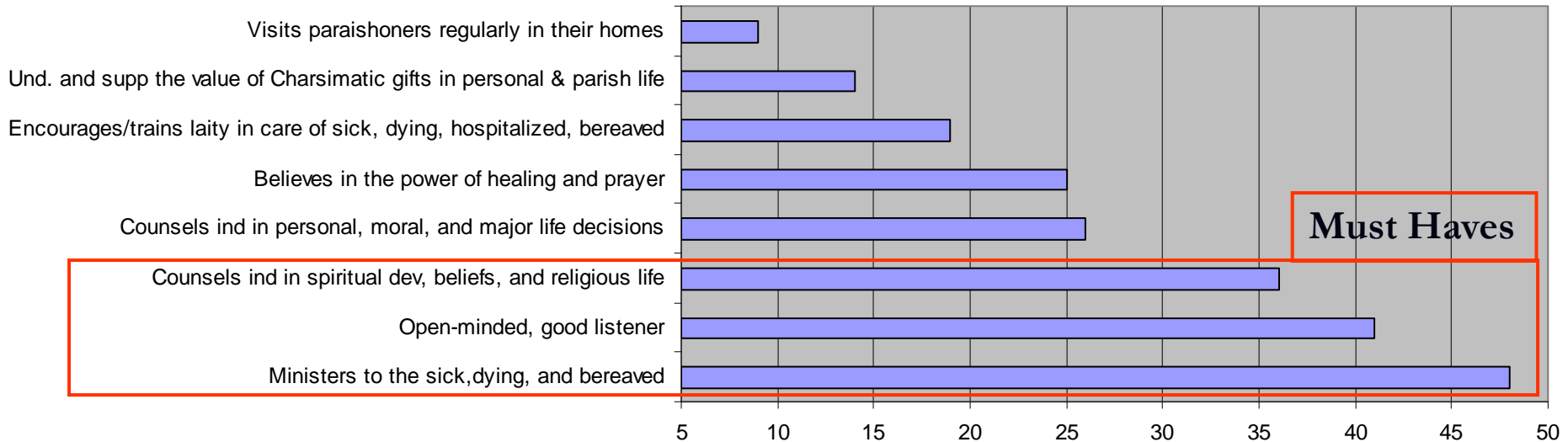
What Should Our New Rector Be Good at Doing?

Worship and Liturgy



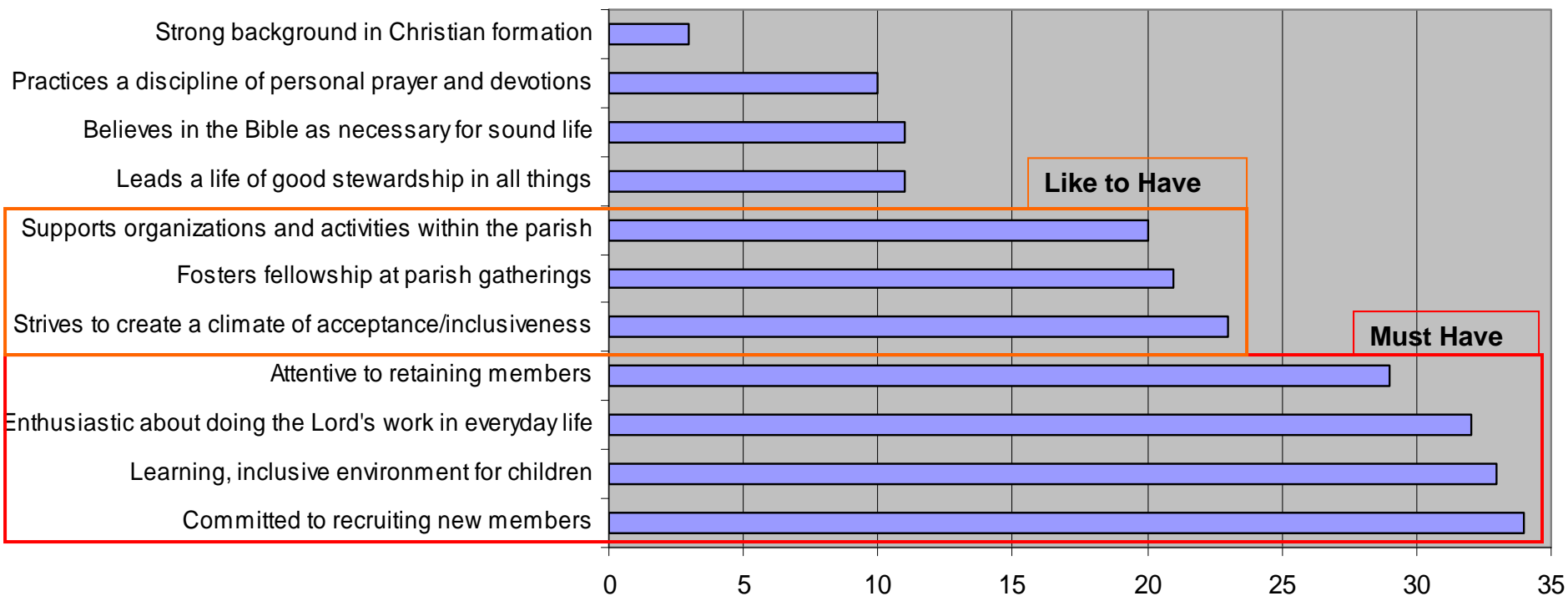
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Pastoral Care



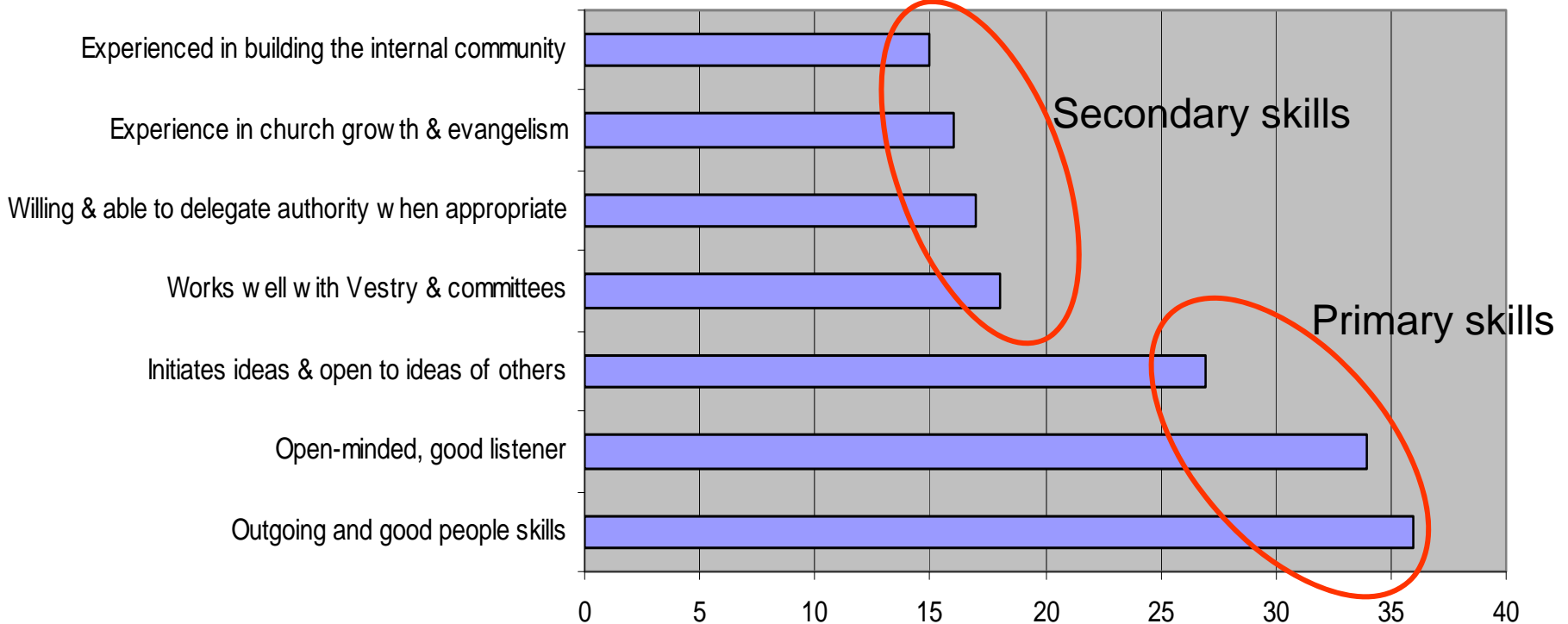
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Pastoral Life



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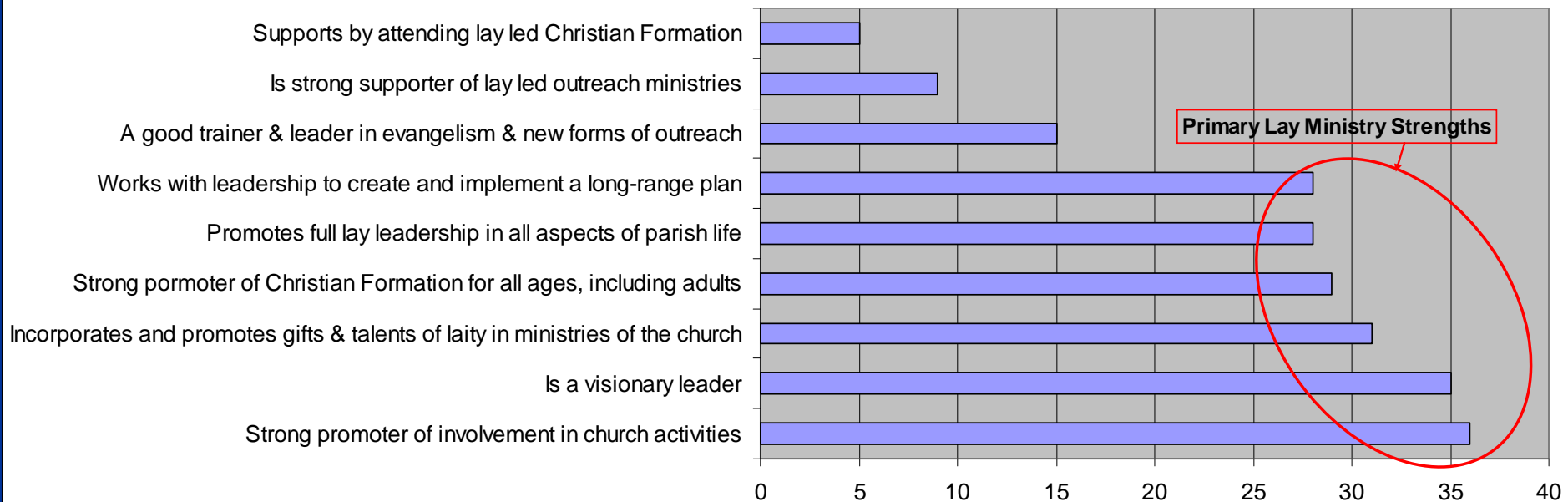
Management and Leadership Style



Other items in survey were omitted due to lower priority

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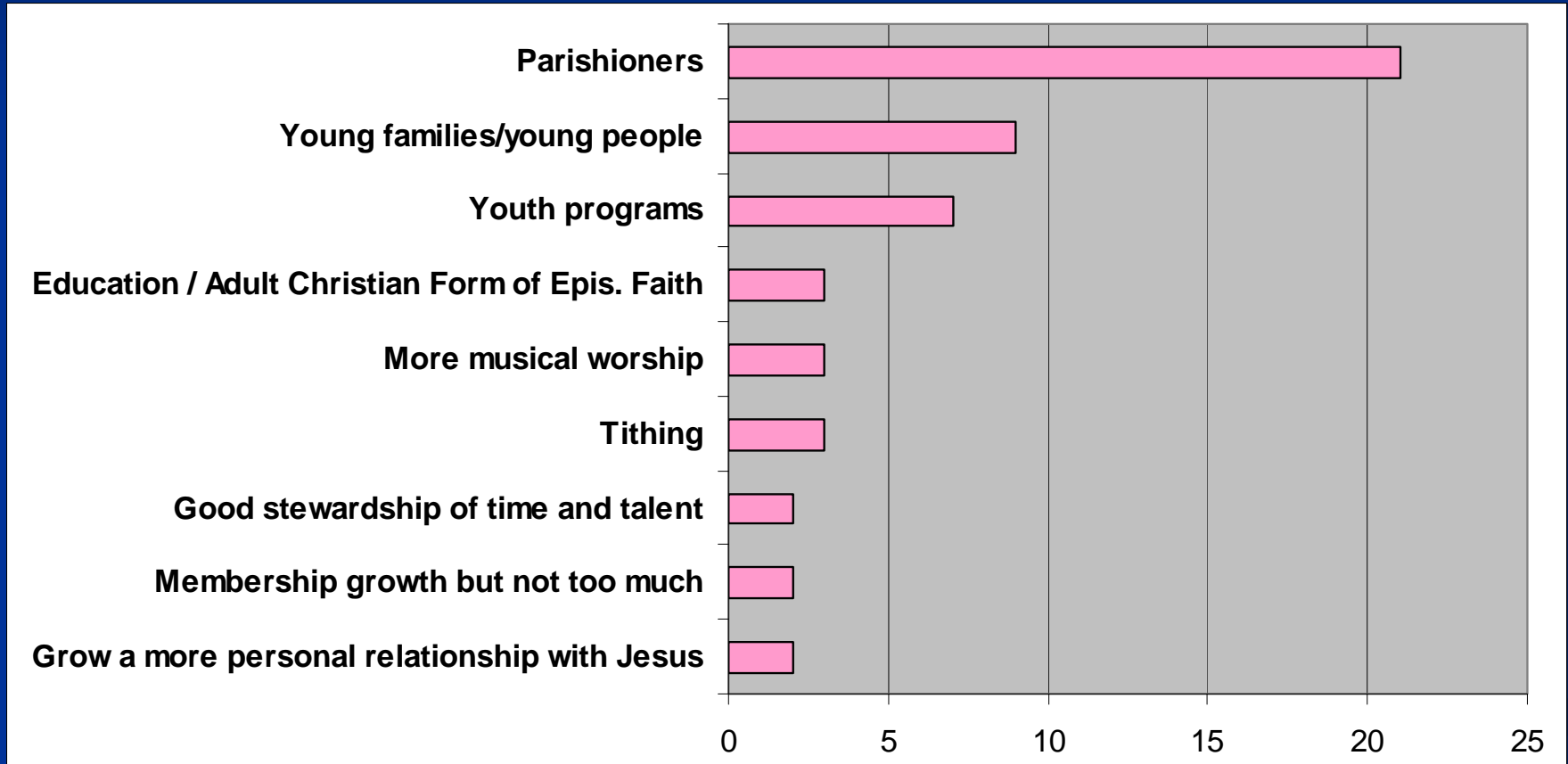
Lay Leadership / Ministry



The Questions

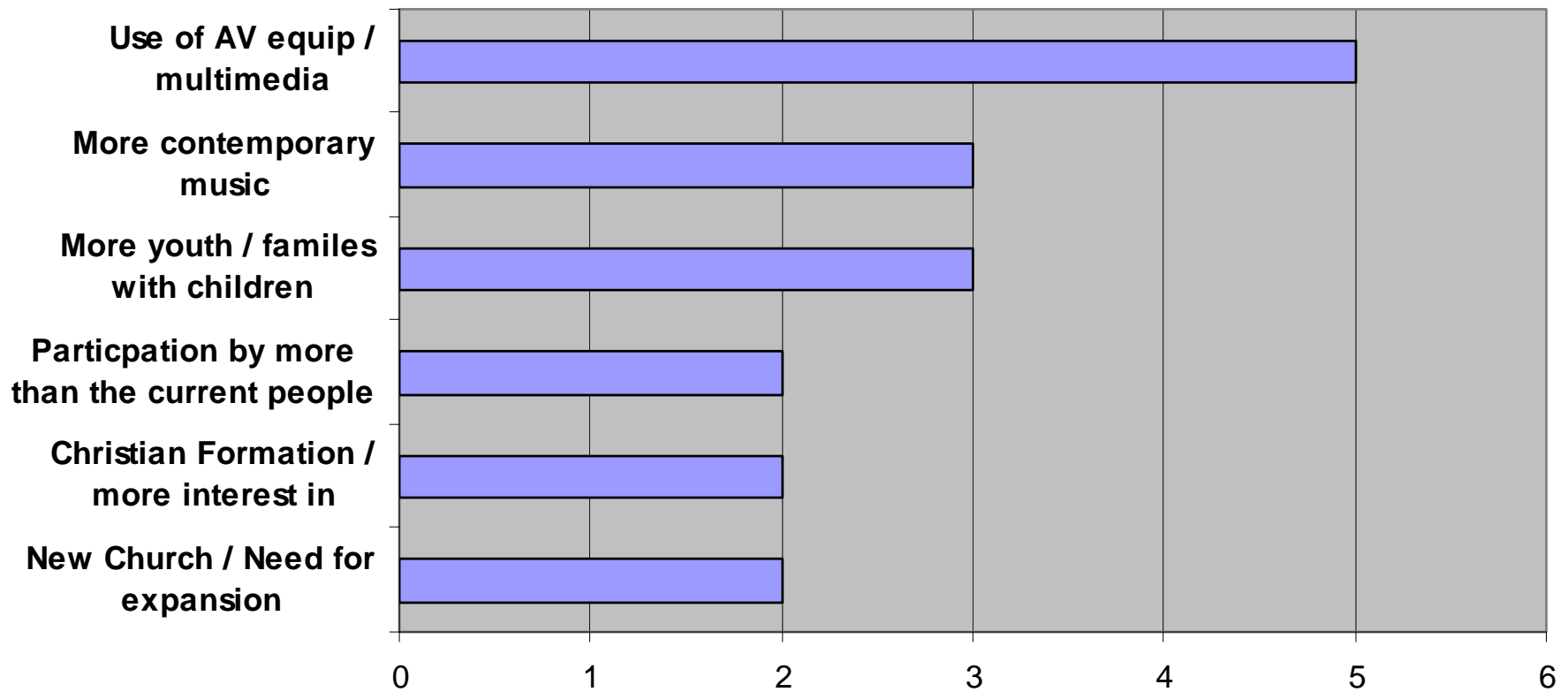
Growth, Change, and Challenges

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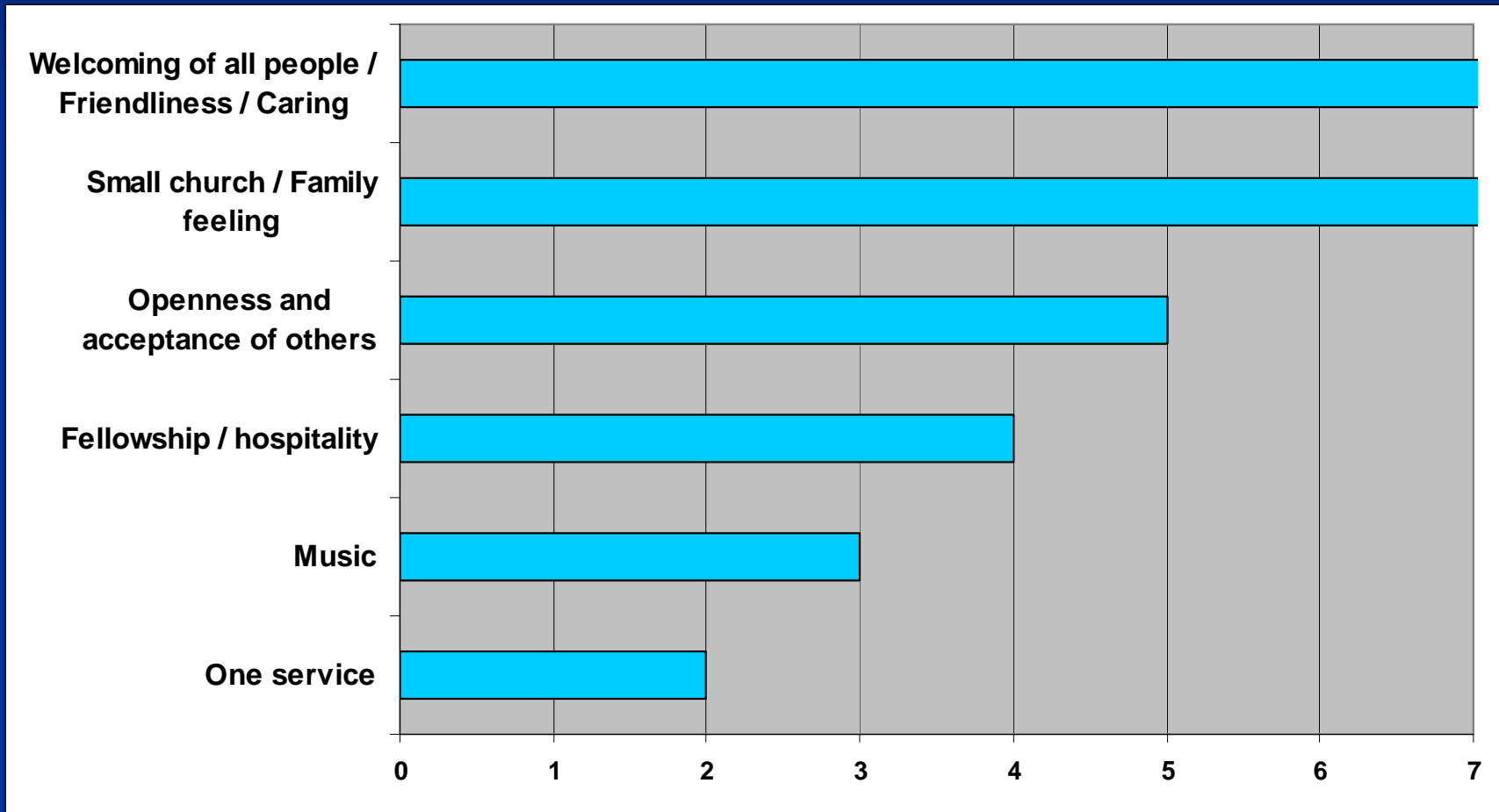
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Is there something about St. Patrick's you would change?



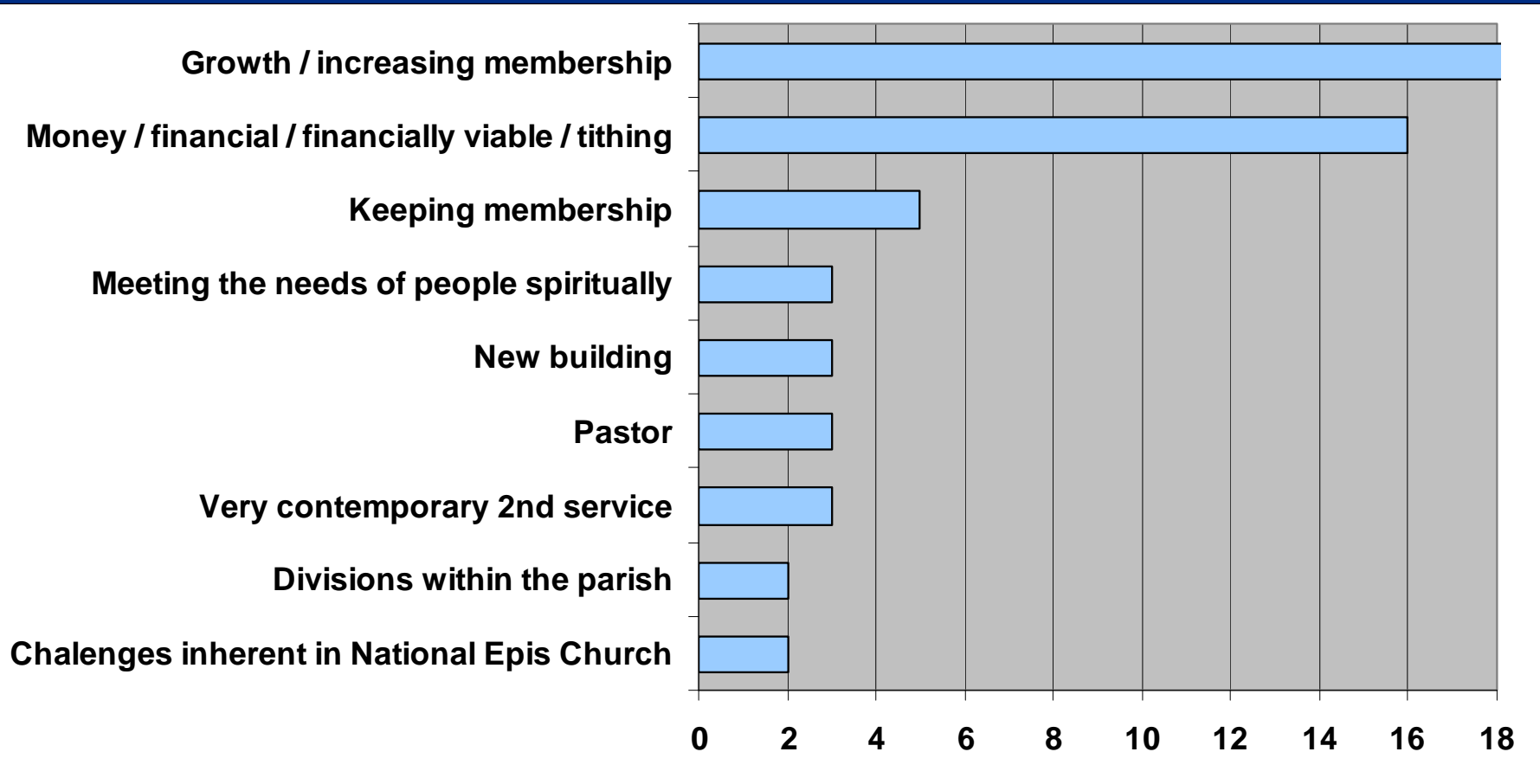
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What one thing about St. Patrick's would you not change?



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What are the most important challenges facing St. Patrick's within the next 5 years?



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Next Steps

Greer

Back-up Slides

Additional Information

Individual comments from survey
questions

In what areas do you feel St. Patrick's needs to grow?

Bible groups
Contemporary services
Acceptance of varied worship experience
Local people to consider Episcopal Church
Strong internal programs
Fellowship hall for fundraising
Physical expansion
Better people involvement
Pastoral care of new and existing members
Increased attendance at church functions
Ministry of prayer and healing
Atmosphere of inclusiveness and tolerance

Responses receiving only 1 comment

Is there something about St. Patrick's you would change?

Openness to varied liturgy	Tweak liturgy for smoother flow
More youth learning opportunities	8 am service for contemporary. 9:30 for traditional
Faster music	The notion that we need to grow
Later service times or more services	Forum for discussing parish challenges
More outreach to people in local community	Traditional service
Eating in church	More Children's activities
Clutter outside	More fundraising
Lost our openness to creative and joy liturgy planned by lay members	Reinstatement of prayer for healing and needs in rectory during worship
Casual 2nd service	Second service - vespers
Drop unauthorized use of inclusive language	Would like encouragement of congregation to pray for people

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What one thing about St. Patrick's would you not change?

Casualness

Men's night out

Cleaning and reconstruction of landscape

Its spirit and music

Healing prayer in Eucharist and all services

9:30 start time

The women's bathroom wallpaper

Core tradition of members

Liturgical Church

Commitment to our mission

Responses receiving only 1 comment

What are the most important challenges facing St. Patrick's within the next 5 years?

Accessible building space

Programs for youth and young families

Fundraising

Fellowship

keeping the family atmosphere

Relavant to people's lives

Avoiding burning out current do-ers

Broadening participation base

Staying true to ourselves

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