

Our Lady Star of the Sea - Parish Merger Questionnaire

General Background

While these questions are optional, they help us to know how representative the responses are.

1. **What is your age group?** Please circle your age band:

Under 18	18-29	30-44
45-59	60 – 67	68+

2. **How long have you been a member of your parish?** Please tick the box:

Less than 1 year

1-5 years

6-10 years

More than 10 years

3. **Please give your Parish name here:**

4. **Which of the below best describes your presence in this Parish?** Please tick the box that best describes your situation.

I consider myself a Parishioner of this Parish, and I:

live within the Parish boundary.

do not live within the Parish boundary.

live within the Parish boundary at some parts of the year (e.g., academic terms).

I do not consider myself a Parishioner of this Parish, but I:

live within the Parish boundary at some parts of the year (e.g., academic terms).

am a regular visitor to this Parish, and often participate in liturgies and services.

5. **Would you be interested in participating in focus groups or discussions about the merger in the future?** Please provide your details here for contact:

Yes

No

Name:

Phone:

Email:

6. **If the current Parishes were to come together to become the Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea, how best do you feel these statements would represent the new Parish?** Please tick the

box that best represents your views.

The new Parish...	I agree	I disagree	I'm not sure
1) Would improve Outreach and mission.			
2) Would give better opportunities for the clergy to use their talents, expertise and experience.			
3) Would harness the talents and expertise of the laity more effectively.			
4) Would cause transport and access issues for some parishioners.			
5) Would lead to a loss of identity and traditions in some current church communities.			
6) Would enable more available and accessible provision of the Mass and Sacraments.			
7) Would reduce unnecessary overlaps and costs through better sharing of resources.			
8) Would lead some communities to feel neglected.			
9) Would provide a more cohesive Catholic voice and presence in the City.			
10) Would provide me with more choice and/or opportunities to participate in parish life.			

7. **Do you have any further comments you wish to make regarding the potential merger?** Please feel free to attach any additional comments.

Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. Your insights are valuable as we consider the potential for merging with other parishes to better serve our community and advance the mission of the Church in the Southampton area.

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