



Reaching forward to what lies ahead: Vision 2025

“So we, being many, are one body in Christ.” Romans 12:5

Don't be left out.

Stand up and be counted.

We are looking for 100% participation!

2015 Parishioner Census FAQ's

1. *Why does the parish need my demographic information?*

In order to develop parish ministries and outreach programs, we need detailed information about our composition. For example, how many interfaith marriages do we have? What is the age make up of our parish? How many of our members have converted to Orthodoxy? Quantifying the answers to these and other questions will allow focused and thoughtful development of ministries.

2. *Doesn't the church already have this information in the database?*

No. Our current information is outdated and incomplete and does not provide the detailed picture of our community that we need for ministry planning. Furthermore, this new information will go into a database that will centralize and automatically update the data, serving as a resource for years to come.

3. *Who should complete the Census?*

One member of each household can complete the census for each member of that household. Our goal is for ALL stewards of SS Peter and Paul to participate.

4. *How do I complete the Census?*

The best way is to find the census at the secure page: <http://ssppglenview.org/strategicplanning>. You can also visit the Strategic Planning table at coffee hour and either fill out a paper form or use one of the laptops to complete it. **It takes only about 5 minutes to complete.**

5. *Will my information be kept private?*

Absolutely. Your data will be combined with everyone else's to provide a total parish picture of demographics. Only total numbers will be shared with members of the committee and the parish. No personal identifiers will be used in any report.

6. *How can I learn about the results of the Census?*

Demographic statistics will be summarized for the parish after all of the information is collected.

7. *I have some ideas about parish vision and ministries. How can I get involved?*

Phase 3 of the Strategic Planning process will be an Opinions & Ideas survey which will be sent to all parish stewards. Watch for announcements of this in upcoming newsletters and bulletins. Phase 4 will involve goal setting and final plan development, and we will ask for parishioners to join in that effort. In the meantime, you may speak to George Nassos (georgepnassos@gmail.com, 847-927-3526) or Elizabeth Samartzis (esamartzis@gmail.com, 312-208-3184) to share your thoughts.