

Are there other Data Points or Information that you feel are necessary to consider in this process? (2nd)

- Christ the Servant should not be compared to a parish that has a school, especially where sacraments are required.
- Couples getting married are choosing other locations than churches this could be a difficult percentage to follow for all churches.
- The size of the parish is not any criteria. What should be used, spiritual community and cooperation from all parishes. Information about all parishes is not given.
- Diocese needs to restructure some other parishes who staff multiple priests and attendance has dropped also.
- Religious education is very flexible for working parents, other local churches have only one day of the week for classes.
- The church is very bright and welcoming. If, Christ the Servant if forced to close weekly recurring offerings will stop and members will not go to another church.
- **Christ the Servant has the highest offering amount per registered member compared to the other two (2) churches. Please include relevant metrics for the committee.**
- The current value of the property.
- Why is there not “Demographic Information” for Christ the Servant?
- Calculations by percent show that Christ the Servant leads much bigger parishes in all categories.
- Why is there no data for the number of parishioners who did not return to a Catholic church after their home church was closed.
- The data of Christ the Servant as a (%) clearly outperforms Our Lady of Peace and St. Scholastica.
- As listed above, data does not represent the number leaving Our Lady of Peace and St. Scholastica and joining Christ the Servant. Many here will not return to the supporting parishes.

- Need data and input from surrounding communities on what comes to this property, it will impact the entire community.
- No data or explanation about parish member size, number to be a large parish, medium, small or tiny parish.
- We were all asked to leave our former parishes in 1990 to create/form this new parish and we built this building with just 200 families.
- Do consulting firm count attendees at the listening sessions and provide this information to the Diocese? A lot of passion of the Christ the Servant parishioners attending this meeting.
- The data points are not unique to Catholic parishes, times have changed.
- Why isn't Divine Savior and Our Lady of Mount Carmel included?
- Christ the Servant Religious Formation classes are offered Monday thru Wednesday, and remote learning, what do the other parishes offer students?
- Seems like a geographic grouping.
- Financially Christ the Servant is stable, no debt, and bills are paid, what is the financial status of other local parishes?
- Our neighborhood is changing. Aging people are moving out and younger families are buying their home and moving in. They need Christ the Servant to serve them. Wonderful to walk or ride a bike to the church.
- The age and size of the building is an advantage.
- What criteria was used to choose Christ the Servant and not another parish (s) for restructuring. There is a lot of data, so how was it used to make this decision? Was the data weighted?
- The presenter was not knowledgeable to answer any of our questions.
- How were the supporting parishes chosen? Why not Divine Savior, Holy Trinity, Mount Carmel, St. Mary of Gostyn, or St. Joseph?
- Neighboring parishes are not part of the Diocese of Joliet, Our Lady of Mr. Carmel, part of the Carmelite Bros., and Our Lady of Peace, part of the Marion Fathers, are they facing restructuring?

- Sure sad we lost 22 priests, need a breakdown of what happened to them. If we are short of priests, why wasn't Father Ed from St. Scholastica reassigned to one of the local parishes?
- The data presented show Christ the Servant has a fiscal increase much greater than Our Lady of Peace and St. Scholastica.
- Use percentages for true number of sacraments.
- Christ the Servant is the only one that makes money, per the data.
- No outstanding debt or mortgages, all are paid off.
- What methods were used to compare the data?
- How is the Diocese evangelizing to bring new priests into the fold?
- How did you select these particular parishes to be part of the 19?
- How much money is the Diocese trying to raise to pay off lawsuits brought by victims of sexual misconduct by a few past clergy members of the diocese?
- Is there data from young people saying they are confused by the Pope, Cardinals and Bishop?
- Christ the Servant has staff, business manager, bookkeeper, RE director, music director and assistant. Seems presentation said we did not have competent supporting staff. All staff members have a minimal of a BA.
- We should have visibility to the other 19 church data.
- Our demographic information is forecasted to grow more than decline.
- The data is whole numbers, if you look at the attendance today **Christ the Servant 39%, Our Lady of Peace 16% attendance, and St. Scholastica 21% attendance.**
- We have more savings per parishioner.
- Would like to see the sacraments as a percentage.
- Numbers 238 remained exactly the same from year 2020 to 2021 – how? While Our Lady of Peace and St. Scholastica double and tripled. We demand an audit!
- How could a vibrant parish be thrown away so easily?

- Christ the Servant stands out well when the raw data is expressed as a (%) of the registered parishioners.
- Is whether or not a Catholic school attached to the parish part of the consideration on what will be closed or not closed?
- How are registered parishioners counted?
- Concept of root cause too little priests. What about deacon recruitment, change education to over 65, the limitation is hurting the diocese. Can it be easier to be a deacon, priest. We have a full staff here at Christ the Servant. There is no reason to be on the list. We are an active, vibrant, financially sound parish.
- Children from other parishes come to Christ the Servant for religious education.
- Please calculate the engagement rate of each parish. For example, calculate the % of registered parishioners that attend Mass, then calculate the numbers of resisted parishioners who financially contribute to the parish.
- What is the projection of years St. Scholastica still have an open school?
- To solve the priest shortage, why not priests from other orders or countries? Why not allow priests to marry?
- The future of the church depends on expanding lay leadership, as is done in other countries.
- Convince us that the decisions to close hasn't already been made.
- Why is St. Dominic, Bolingbrook as part of the closure list?
- The diocese made us build the rectory so our priest could be next to the church. The rectory mortgage is paid off, and now you want to close us.
- Many parishioners have vocalized they will not attend any of the churches in our group, options naming other Catholic parishes and locations.
- Parish supports many local charities, is data available for the loss of funding when churches close?
- Are number of attendees based on days and hours of parish or not?
- Confused if page 5 demographic data, ex. South DuPage – Our Lady of Peace only includes Our Lady of Peace? Or does it take into consideration all South DuPage churches?

- How were the 19 (ish) parishes such as Christ the Servant selected for possible restructuring?
- If priest shortage is an issue, why are older priest sent packing and not sent to another parish?
- Is the Diocese effectely using retired priest? Are the older priests told they are no longer needed?
- If the building is not a issues, then why can't you just consolidate management for multiple parishes?
- Did not define what Lay people were Not covering. There are a ton of volunteers here and programs, plus staff costs and maintenance is minimal.
- Have someone with business experience do a financial review and identify cost savings for all parishes.
- Is the data validity vetted, and reviewed?
- Why are the years, 2020, 2021, and 2022 (Covid) years showing duplicated numbers in several categories for neighboring parishes?
- Was the data reviewed and approved for the presentation/PowerPoint?
- Does the land Christ the Servant sits on have anything to do with the decision to place this parish on the close list?
- We feel this process has already been decided.
- Send someone who can honestly answer questions. We did not need a sacrificial lamb to review the numbers.
- Is Christ the Servant being closed because we do not have a school?
- This data is misleading based on population and schools. (One (1) which was shut down!!)
- Christ the Servant is the only parish showing consistent positive numbers.