

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church

- *Building A Vision for the Future* -

Please take a moment to reflect on our faith, our sense of tradition and community, and the future of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish - one of the few institutions that has served the needs of the Hungarian Catholic community for five generations. In the new millennium, St. Elizabeth Parish is faced with a decline in attendance and participation, which could be attributed to a number of wider social trends such as the aging of the population, an overall decline in church attendance or the conflicts we see every day between secular and Christian values. In our case, we also have to deal with the language issue. To survive as a Parish, we must reach out to everyone, including our would be English-speaking parishioners who have ties to the Hungarian community. At the same time we need to focus on retaining and drawing in families, children and youth – the future of our community.

*Be part of our planning for our future. Please fill out this short survey and return it to: **St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 432 Sheppard Av. E., Toronto, M2N 3B7, or fax it to (416) 225-3814, or to the szte.iroda@gmail.com address. You can find the digital version of this survey among the Latest News on our web site (www.szenterzsebet.org).***

- (1) Do you describe yourself as a practising Catholic? Yes () No ()
- (2) Where do you mainly attend mass? St. Elizabeth? () Another parish? ()
- (3) Do you speak Hungarian? Yes () No ()
- (4) What is/are the language(s) spoken at home? Hungarian () English () Both () Other ()
- (5) How would you describe your ties to the Hungarian Community? (Please explain)

(6) Please, rank the importance of the reasons **why people do not attend or participate** at St. Elizabeth Parish from the most important (#1) to the least important (#9):

- Language ()
- Location/Distance ()
- Mass Schedule (time/days) ()
- Traditional vs. Modern Music ()
- Knowing Other Parishioners ()
- Having a sense of Community ()
- Involvement in Parish Activities ()
- Availability of Youth Programs/Activities ()
- Availability of Religious Programs ()

(7) What would be the single most important improvement or change **you** would suggest? (Please explain)

(8) What would **you** do to reach out and attract more young people to the Parish? (Please explain)

(9) Would you consider involvement in parish activities to implement suggestions? Yes () No ()

We thank you for your time and participation. If you would like to be notified of the results of the survey, or receive copies of our weekly Parish Newsletter, please provide your name and email address (optional).

Name _____ e-mail _____