

20%

Does Participation Matter? You Bet !!!!!

A **Church finance manager** once stated that a **20%** participation from registered parishioners in parish life and offertory was the norm, considered good, a success!

This got me thinking.....20%, hmmm is it really good, a success, should we be satisfied with the norm???

What if a baseball team took to the field and after filling all required positions had only **20%** of the fielded players actually play the game while the remainder stood idle and did nothing. What success would the team have in winning the game?

What if a customer went to a restaurant and after reviewing pages of meal options was informed by the server that only **20%** of the meals listed could actually be prepared and served while the remainder was just for show. What success would that restaurant have in remaining in business?

What if a doctor working to help patients survive a deadly disease used vials from a container where only **20%** of the vials contained actual medicine and the remainder a worthless placebo. What success would the doctor have in saving lives?

Well then, if a **20% rate of participation spells disaster and failure** for the baseball team, restaurant business, and doctor, why should we the Church, consider it the norm, good, and a success, regarding participation in parish life and offertory? **We can't**. We can and must do better.

Please invite and encourage parishioners who may not be participating in parish life and supporting St. Patrick Church and St. Michael Mission regularly, to prayerfully consider doing so. We need their volunteer help to strengthen our ministries and Weekly Offering to help pay our bills. Their participation and contribution matters and is important and will help our parish remain strong and financially solvent.