

# Catholic Leadership INSTITUTE

### Disciple Maker Index Survey

Diocese: Diocese of Oakland

Parish: St. Theresa Parish

Pastor: Rev. Robert McCann

#### Dear Parishioner,

Thank you for participating in the Disciple Maker Index survey. This survey will provide you the opportunity to reflect on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on the efforts of the parish to help you grow.

The survey should take you between 10-15 minutes to complete. Please do not skip questions unless instructed to do so. Please note that your responses are kept confidential. Your parish and Catholic Leadership Institute will not have access to individual survey responses.

We thank you again for your participation in this important initiative!

Cath	nolic Journey
How	lo you identify yourself?
	I am Catholic
	I was Catholic once, but no longer consider myself Catholic
	I am not Catholic
If y	ou answered "I am Catholic" for "How do you identify yourself?" please answer the following question. Otherwise, skip it.
Which	n of the following best describes your path to Catholicism?
	I was baptized Catholic as a child
	I converted to the Catholic faith
If y	ou answered "I am Catholic" for "How do you identify yourself?" please answer the following question. Otherwise, skip it.
Which	n of the following best describes where you are on your Catholic journey?
	My relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship in my life
	I have personally encountered Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple
	I practice my Catholic faith, but do not know Jesus personally like a friend
	I consider myself Catholic, though faith is not a significant part of my life
Which	n of the following best describes the pace of your spiritual growth?
	In a period of rapid spiritual growth
	Growing at a steady, continued pace
	Growing in my faith, but would like to grow more than I am
	Content staying right where I am spiritually
	Stalled in my spiritual growth

In a period of spiritual decline

#### Parish Connections

Below are several ways your parish can help you connect with others in the local Catholic community. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

My parish helps me connect with a local Cathoic community by...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Making me feel welcomed and accepted					
Providing me with opportunities to serve those in need					
Following up with me when I express interest in becoming more involved					
Providing a community to support me and/or my family in times of need					
Involving me in decisions that affect the future of the parish					
Providing transparent information to me about the finances of the parish					
Making information about the parish easy for me to find (via bulletin, web, email)					
My parish communicates effectively through online platforms, text and social media					

#### Parish Community

Below are several ways your parish community can help you grow spiritually. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

My parish helps me grow spiritually by...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Helping me develop a personal prayer life that connects me with God					
Offering vibrant and engaging Sunday Masses					
Offering music that deepens my desire to participate more fully in the Sunday liturgy					
Connecting me with a small faith- sharing group					
Preaching and homilies that connect my faith with my everyday life					
Providing retreats, workshops, and other resources to help me figure out my life's purpose					
Teaching me to read and pray with the Bible					
Preparing me/my family for the sacraments (Confirmation, Marriage, Baptism)					
Forming me as a disciple of Jesus Christ					

#### Relationship with Parish, Pastor, and Faith

The following questions ask about your likelihood to recommend your pastor, parish, and the Catholic faith.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I would recommend my pastor to a friend					
I would recommend my parish to a friend					
I would recommend the staff of my parish to a friend					
I would recommend other priests serving my parish to a friend					
My parish helps me grow spiritually as a Catholic					

#### Personal Religious Beliefs

Below are several statements regarding your personal beliefs. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

I personally believe...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	I do not know
Jesus died and rose from the dead for my salvation						
The Eucharist really is the body and blood of Jesus Christ						
Scripture is the word of God						
In the teaching authority of the Church						
The Church is critical to my relationship with God						
In Jesus' moral teachings for my life as taught by the Church						

#### Conversations about Faith

Below are several statements regarding conversations about your faith with family and friends. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

My parish equips me to have conversations about my faith with family and friends by...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Providing high-quality events and other opportunities to which I can invite people					
Growing my confidence in the Church's teachings so I can answer other's questions					
Exhibiting care to members of our community (not necessarily Catholics)					
Teaching me how to share the story of Jesus					
Teaching me how to share my personal witness story					
Helping me recognize how God is working in my life					

#### Participation at the Church

Below are several activities that you may have taken part in over the past year. Please indicate the frequency that best describes how often you have done any of these activities.

How often did you do each of the following over the past year?

	Never	Once or Twice a Year	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Invited someone to join me for an activity at the parish						
Invited someone to join me for Mass						
Invited a man to consider a vocation to the priesthood						
Invited someone to consider a vocation to religious life						
Answered another person's question about a teaching of the Catholic Church						
Volunteered to serve a member of our community (not necessarily a Catholic)						
Shared the story of Jesus with another person						
Shared my personal witness story with another person						
Prayed with another person outside of Mass						

How often did you participate in or attend each of the following over the past year?

Individual prayer time with God  Bible study or Prayer group (in person or online)  Mass  The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)  Pastoral Counseling or Spiritual Direction  A class or workshop about the Catholic faith (in person or online)  A parish social event  A retreat  Eucharistic adoration – time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament  Catholic Devotions (e.g. pray the rosary, novenas, special feast days)		Never	Once or Twice a Year	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
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	Is this parish your primary plac	e of worsh	nip?				
Is this parish your primary place of worship?	Yes						
	Yes, but only for part of th	ne year (sea	sonally)				
	No						

How r	nany years have you been a member at this parish?
	20+
	11 - 20
	6 - 10
	3-5
	1-2
	<1
	erage and outside of Sunday Mass, how many hours per week do you spend leading or participating in cries within the parish (councils, ministries, bible studies, Knights of Columbus, etc.)?
	0 - 4
	5 - 14
	15 - 24
	25 or more
	select the phrase that best describes the relationship between your parish elementary/middle school and rish from your perspective?
	Of one mind and heart! I think our parish families and school families consider themselves one in the same and there is excellent integration between the two.
	Of one heart! There are some distinct "school families" and "parish families" but everyone believes in the importance of the school.
	Of one mind! We share space and resources but as our parish changes, there seems to be a need to build a stronger bridge between the school families and the parish families
	Of one space! Most of the families in the school don't belong to the parish and they really are two different communities.
You	r Child's Religious Education
Below	are questions regarding your child's religious education.
Do yo	u have school age children?
	Yes
	No.

## If you answered "Yes" for "Do you have school age children?" please answer the following question. Otherwise, skip it.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding your child's faith journey.

journey.					
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I have adequate support from my parish to help my child(ren) grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ					
One of my most important responsibilities as a parent is helping my child(ren) to know Jesus					
If you answered "Yes" for "I	Do you have sci O	hool age childr therwise, skip	en?" please answer it.	the followi	ng question.
Which best describes how you cho	oose to educate	your children?			
I send all my children to Cath	olic school				
I send all my children to Publ	ic school				
I homeschool my children					
I choose separately for each	child				
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Please indicate the extent to which	ı you agree or d	lisagree with tl	ne following statem	ent.	
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I would recommend the parish Catholic school to a friend.					

If you answered "Yes" for "Do you have school age children?" please answer the following question.

Otherwise, skip it.

Do you currently send your child	ren to religious	education at th	is parish?		
Yes					
No					
If you answered "Yes" for "Do y			en to religious edu Otherwise, skip it.	cation at thi	s parish?" please
Please indicate the extent to which	h you agree or d	lisagree with tl	ne following statem	ient.	
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I would recommend my parish's religious education to a friend					
Demographic Information Please tell us a little bit about your Your responses to these questions composition of the parishes involuntally analyzed anonymously. Your responses urvey responses. Please answer as	rself. s will be used or ved in this stud oonses will neve	y. Your respon r be identified	ses are completely	confidential	and will be
What is your sex?					
Male					
Female					

Which	of the following best describes you?
	Black or African-American
	African-American
	Asian-American
	Caucasian
	Hispanic/Latino
	Middle-Eastern or North African
	Native American
	South American, Central American, or Caribbean
	Other
Please	indicate your age bracket.
	Under 18
	18 - 25
	26 - 35
	36 - 45
	46 - 55
	56 - 65
	66 - 75
	Over 75
Please	indicate your household status.
	Single
	Married
	Divorced
	Widowed

#### Financial Information

Below are questions regarding you/your family's personal finances and charitable giving.

Your responses are completely confidential and will be analyzed anonymously. Your responses will never be identified as yours and will be aggregated with other survey responses. Please answer as many questions as you

can.

For statistical purposes only, please select the category	corresponding to your household's ar	proximate total
annual pre-tax income.		

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	0 - \$24,999
	\$25,000 - \$49,999
	\$50,000 - \$99,999
	\$100,000 - \$149,999
	\$150,000 - \$199,999
	\$200,000 - \$249,999
	Greater than \$250,000
	I prefer not to respond
	atistical purposes only, please select the category corresponding to your household's approximate total l contributions to your parish.
	\$0 - \$99
	\$100 - \$499
	\$500 - \$999
	\$1,000 - \$2,499
	\$2,500 - \$4,999
	\$5,000 - \$9,999
	\$10,000 - \$24,999
	Greater than \$25,000

I prefer not to respond

Which	n best describes your approach to providing financial support for your parish?
	I do not support the parish financially at this time
	I usually give when the collection basket comes around or in response to specific appeals
	I determine a total dollar amount to give to my parish each year
	I give a percentage of my income to my parish
	ou answered "I give a percentage of my income to my parish" for "Which best describes your approach to providing financial support for your parish?" please answer the following question. Otherwise, skip it.
What	percentage of income do you contribute to your parish? (If any)
	None
	< 10%
	10%
	> 10%
In the in?	last year, how many different parish-based ministries or parish-based organizations have you participated
	0-3
	4-6
	6-10

10+

	the below factors that might keep someone connected in the life of a parish, check 3 that are most ntial in your current experience with the parish:
	Relationship with the pastor(s)
	Relationship with other parishioners
	Parish-hosted or sponsored retreats
	Parish-hosted social events
	Parish-organized service and outreach to the community
	Parish-supported faith sharing opportunities (e.g. small groups, bible study)
	Celebration of the Eucharist
	Hospitality and Welcome
	Prayer and Worship (outside of Mass)
	Regular access to Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
	Intentional Invitation (e.g. by pastor or parish staff, ministry sign-up weekends)
	Parish care and support for life events (e.g. death/illness, weddings, family issue)
What	is the most important reason to encourage community service in my parish?
	Jesus calls us to serve the poor
	It builds community
	It creates an opportunity for encounter
What	is the Mass time you most frequently attend at your parish on the weekend?
	Saturday Evening
	Sunday Early Morning (start time on or before 8:55 am)
	Sunday Mid-Morning (start time between 9:00 am and 10:25 am)
	Sunday Late Morning (start time between 10:30 am and 11:55 am)
	Sunday Early Afternoon (start time between 12:00 pm and 1:55 pm)
	Sunday Afternoon (start time between 2:00 pm and 4:55 pm)

Sunday Evening (start time on or after 5:00 pm)

	could only select 5, which of the following expectations of a pastor for your community would be most tant: (check 5)
	Providing spiritual direction/counsel
	Providing pastoral care
	Preaching homilies
	Teaching the faith
	Forming your people
	Promoting Stewardship
	Raising money
	Managing staff and volunteers
	Managing finances
	Managing Catholic Schools
	Overseeing care for the facilities
	Setting Vision and Direction
	Celebrating the sacraments
	Modeling personal prayer life
	Empowering service and outreach to the poor
Select	the two most important things you would want to take away from a homily at your parish.
	Joy
	Норе
	Truth
	Relevance
	Knowledge
	Call to Action
	Desire to Grow Spiritually
	Love for Scripture

Beside	s the pastor and any other priests in the parish, who is the most visible staff member at the parish?
	Deacon
	Religious Sister
	Secretary/Receptionist
	Office Manager
	Bookkeeper
	Business Manager / Finance Director
	Facilities Director / Coordinator
	Director / Coordinator of Religious Education
	Youth Minister
	Music Minister
	Social Minister
	There are no staff members at the parish
	The most visible staff member is not listed above
The m	ost important role of the Pastoral Council is:
	Representing the parish community
	Serving as an advisor to the pastor
	Creating and Implementing the parish strategy
A bish	op wears many hats. Select the two most important hats that he wears.
	Spiritual shepherd to the faithful
	Spiritual father to priests
	Guardian of the faith
	Voice of social conscience
	The Chief Executive of the Diocese

_	ishes have opportunities for growth. If you could only select 3 of the following things that the parish more of, which would they be.
	More young people involved
	More money for parish needs
	More volunteers participating in ministries
	More lay involvement in decision making and leadership
	More clarity on parish vision, direction, and goals
	More transparency (e.g. finances and decisions)
	More paid professional staff
	More catechesis on Church teaching
	More inclusive spirit and welcome
	More contemporary forms of worship
	More traditional forms of worship
	More savvy communication strategies

Rank the community values that would best describe the culture of your parish community. (rank in order, 1 being the highest rank)

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Whic	h would best describe your assessment of the physical shape of your Church building?
	Lots of Beauty! Recently renovated and/or really-well maintained
	Lots of Character! Really nice structure and "bones" but needs some normal cosmetic renovation or improvement
	Lots of Work! Really nice structure and "bones" but has significant deferred maintenance and needs a lot of cosmetic and structural improvements.
	Lots of Memories! The Church has a lot of deferred maintenance and isn't the most welcoming or attractive of spaces.
	h would best describe your assessment of the physical shape of the other buildings and property outside hurch building (e.g. rectory, parking lot, parish center, etc)?
	Great! We have sufficient space for our needs and everything is in good shape
	Good! We could use some more space and there are a few projects that need attending to, but it is well within the parish's reach
	We make it work! Our current space limits us in our ministries and communities and we don't have sufficient resources to improve it at this time
	Help! We need significant work to continue to make this a welcoming and fruitful place for our community
What	is your most preferred method of bringing others closer to Christ?
	One-to-one conversation
	Leading by example
	Going door to door to invite others
	Being visible in the community
To w	hat degree do you think your parish needs to change in order to best fulfill its mission in the next 5 years.
	In a really good place right now and need to do more of what is working
	On the right track and need some minor tweaks
	Getting a little complacent, time to look toward the future
	Need to shake things up significantly now