

Reporting on Recent Parish Survey

In Fall 2020, our parish family was invited to participate in a parish-wide survey, also known as the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. This survey gave us an opportunity to reflect on our spiritual growth, level of involvement in the parish, as well as our evaluation of the parish and parish-related activities. There were 526 total responses to the survey, representing roughly 25% of pre-Covid average weekend Mass attendees. It is important to note that the survey was conducted during the pandemic, as this most likely affected the responses of those participating.

Responses from the DMI survey have provided some insight into how we are living out our mission: **to serve God, serve others, and make disciples in our community.** To live our lives as **missionary disciples** is to follow directly in the steps of the original disciples who were commissioned by Jesus Christ to “make disciples of all nations.” In this great commissioning, Jesus Christ promised the disciples his constant guidance and support, stating, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Mt. 28:19-20). Based on the survey data, our top parish strengths and areas of opportunity are:

Parish Strengths

- We indicated a strong belief in our core Catholic teachings.
- We view the parish as a welcoming community and as a place that helps our spiritual growth.
- We recommend the parish and Holy Cross Regional Catholic School to others.
- We recommend our Pastor and our other priests and believe that we grow through their preaching.

Parish Opportunities

- We would like to grow more spiritually.
- Opportunities for this kind of spiritual growth currently exist in our parish, including: adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, involvement in Bible study and other spiritual initiatives, and participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- An additional way for us to grow spiritually involves being missionary disciples, which entails sharing our personal relationship with Jesus (our witness story) and inviting others to attend Mass or participate in a parish activity.

Monsignor McCulken invited a team of parishioners to serve as an Envisioning Team to review the survey results and offer their insights. The members of this team are:

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| • Elizabeth Calabro | • Frank Giesa | • Monsignor McCulken |
| • Guy Chetta | • Laura Jusko | • Catherine Wilson |
| • Linda Coyne | • Joan Mattiola | |

The Envisioning Team will continue meeting over the next few months to pray and discern priorities/goals for our parish. However, the team does not walk alone on this journey. We invite you to offer your thoughts and ideas for our future **by emailing church@stleanor.com**. Please hold the team and our parish family in prayer that we may all be guided by the Holy Spirit to advance our mission: **to serve God, serve others, and make disciples in our community.**