

Discipleship Indicator Assessment

Thanks for taking time to complete this short questionnaire! Your honest self-reflection about your faith life and relationship with your parish will help your parish leaders better serve you. There are no right or wrong answers. Your individual answers are anonymous.

[Customization is highlighted in green]

MY FAITH JOURNEY

1. **Which of these options best describes your faith journey?** (please select one)
 - a. I'm growing in my faith
 - b. I'm not growing in my faith, but also not struggling
 - c. I'm struggling in my faith
 - d. I'm not on a faith journey

2. **How would you describe your relationship with Jesus Christ?** (please select one)
 - a. We are family
 - b. We are close friends
 - c. We are casual friends
 - d. We are distant
 - e. None/I don't have one

3. **Who or what has had the greatest influence on your faith?** (please select one)
 - a. A family member
 - b. A friend
 - c. A member of my parish
 - d. A Priest
 - e. A major event in my life (e.g. - crisis, illness, great blessing)
 - f. A stranger
 - g. The Bible or other books/readings
 - h. Other, please specify

4. **[If Q1b, 1c, 1d] What is your biggest challenge with growing in faith?** (please select one)
 - a. Parish support
 - b. Community or family support
 - c. Finding time
 - d. Contentment
 - e. Desire
 - f. Questions about Church teachings
 - g. Other

5. **How often do you...** [scale: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Often, Frequently]
 - a. Pray
 - b. Give financially to support the parish's work
 - c. Forgive others

- d. Share your faith with others
- e. Welcome and accept others, even if they look and think differently than you
- f. Serve those in need
- g. Stand up for what the Catholic Church teaches
- h. Read the Bible
- i. Go to Confession
- j. Receive the Eucharist

6. How have these elements of your faith journey changed over the past 12 months.

[Scale of 5 where 1 is 'Significant Decline,' 3 is 'No Change' and 5 is 'Significant Growth']

- a. Forming deep, meaningful relationships
- b. Giving financially to support the parish's work
- c. Giving time and talents to God
- d. Talking about my faith with others
- e. Pursuing a daily prayer life
- f. Leading others to deepen their faith
- g. Inviting others to my parish
- h. Learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches and applying it to my life
- i. Attending Mass regularly
- j. Engaging in the Mass
- k. Participating in the Sacraments

7. Please select 3 areas where you MOST want to grow over the next year. (select 3)

- a. Praying
- b. Giving financially to support the parish's work
- c. Forgiving others
- d. Sharing your faith with others
- e. Welcoming and accepting others, even if look or think differently than you
- f. Serving those in need
- g. Standing up for what the Catholic Church teaches
- h. Reading the Bible
- i. Going to Confession
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You're about halfway through. Just a few more questions! Thank you!

8. Please rate the following statements on the scale below... (1-5 scale where 1=Strongly

Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Undecided, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree)

- a. Jesus Christ was fully human and fully divine
- b. Jesus Christ died for our sins
- c. Jesus Christ rose from the dead
- d. Jesus Christ forgives our sins (through the Sacrament of Confession)
- e. Jesus Christ is the way to salvation
- f. Jesus Christ wants a relationship with me
- g. It is our responsibility to tell others about Jesus Christ
- h. The Eucharist is Jesus' body and blood

HOW MY PARISH SUPPORTS MY JOURNEY

9. Do you feel you belong in the [pipe church name from leader intake] community? (please select one)

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Somewhat

10. How would you describe your relationship with your parish community? (please select one)

- a. We are family
- b. We are close friends
- c. We are casual friends
- d. We are distant
- e. None/I don't have one

11. Do you feel your parish helps you grow in your faith? (please select one)

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Somewhat

12. What do you MOST desire from your parish? (please select one)

- a. Nothing
- b. A sense of community
- c. Acceptance
- d. Support on my faith journey
- e. Education about Catholic teachings
- f. A place to attend Mass and worship
- g. A place to participate in the Sacraments
- h. Support in times of struggle
- i. A place to serve with others of my faith
- j. Spiritual direction

13. What is MOST challenging about your parish? (please select one)

- a. Nothing is challenging about my parish
- b. Institutional flaws/errors
- c. Parish leadership/staff flaws/errors
- d. Parishioners' participation and/or engagement
- e. Relationships with other parishioners
- f. Outreach
- g. Consistency of teachings
- h. Other _____

14. What are the top 3 things your parish does to help your relationship with Jesus Christ? (please select 3)

- a. Teaches me how to live as a follower of Jesus Christ
- b. Is consistent in their Catholic teachings
- c. Uses their authority as leaders in appropriate ways
- d. Teaches me how to see Jesus in all aspects of my life
- e. Loves me when I most need it
- f. Prays for me and/or with me
- g. Offers vibrant Mass
- h. Provides opportunities to receive the Sacraments

- i. Offers Adoration
- j. Creates fellowship opportunities with other parishioners
- k. Gives me opportunities to serve others
- l. Welcomes me and those I love without judgment
- m. Sets a good example of discipleship

15. What are the top 3 things your parish could do better to help your relationship with Jesus Christ? (please select 3)

- a. Teach me how to live as a follower of Jesus Christ
- b. Be consistent in their Catholic teachings
- c. Use their authority as leaders in appropriate ways
- d. Teach me how to see Jesus in all aspects of my life
- e. Love me when I most need it
- f. Pray with me and/or for me
- g. Offer vibrant Masses
- h. Provide more opportunities to receive the Sacraments
- i. Offer Adoration
- j. Create fellowship opportunities with other parishioners
- k. Give me opportunities to serve others
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CATEGORY QUESTIONS

16. What is your date of birth? (Use the date picker, or enter in 01/01/2023 format)

17. Are you...? (please select one)

- a. Female
- b. Male
- c. Prefer not to answer

18. What is your marital status? (please select one)

- a. Single, never married or Annulled
- b. Married
- c. Divorced
- d. Widowed
- e. Prefer not to answer

19. What is your highest level of education? (please select one)

- a. High school/GED
- b. Some college
- c. College Degree
- d. Advanced Degree
- e. Prefer not to answer
- f. Other

20. Please select your ethnicity from the list below. (select all that apply)

- a. American Indian or Alaska Native
- b. Asian or Pacific Islander
- c. Black/African-American
- d. Hispanic/Latino or Latin American
- e. Middle Eastern

- f. White/Caucasian
- g. Prefer not to answer
- h. Other (please specify): _____

Thank you so much for your time and your answers!