



“ **The good shepherd walks with the flock: sometimes ahead, to mark the way; sometimes in the midst, to encourage them and sometimes behind, to accompany those who may be struggling.**

Pope Francis

The ongoing journey of discipleship is not a destination but a pilgrimage, with each step contributing to the ongoing formation of individuals as dedicated followers of Christ. How can parishes and dioceses best support their parishioners in this ongoing formation? How can you understand where your parish is now and recognize steps you can take to enhance your ministries to help them grow?

With the Discipleship Indicator from ACST Catholic.

Developed by experts and Church leaders across the country and thoroughly tested by Catholic parishes, the Discipleship Indicator is the new, transformative tool that will allow you to measure your ministry effectiveness and know where your parishioners are on their journey as disciples.

The Discipleship Indicator also allows your parish family to self-evaluate and consider where they are now in their walk with Christ—and where they would like to go next with the help of the parish.

What It Is

The Discipleship Indicator is a facilitated service consisting of an online survey and consultation on the results. The survey consists of twenty straightforward questions covering topics such as faith, challenges, parish experiences, and aspirations for spiritual growth. As parish leaders, you invite your parishioners to take the survey online via a unique link—all responses are anonymous.

What It Does

For parishes, the Discipleship Indicator answers these critical questions:

- **Is our parish changing lives?**
- **Is our parish enabling a personal relationship with Christ?**
- **Are we equipping our parishioners to deepen their faith?**
- **Are we seeing growth in missionary discipleship?**

With the data collected from the Discipleship Indicator, parishes can evaluate the state of parish ministries and determine what improvements or modifications can be made to help meet the needs identified through the survey.

How it Works

1. We'll schedule a call to learn more about your parish and goals.
2. We'll set up the Discipleship Indicator and send you a unique link.
3. You promote the Discipleship Indicator and encourage your parishioners to participate!
4. The survey is open for four weeks to allow for maximum participation.
5. We provide a detailed report and three virtual meetings to interpret the results and establish the next steps.

How We Help

In addition to the support you receive during the process, ACST Catholic has prepared content you can use to encourage participation in the Discipleship Indicator. We provide content for bulletin announcements, website blurbs, a one-page handout, email blasts, social media, and pulpit announcements. Each message can be customized with your parish name as well as the name of your parish priest. It's a turnkey solution to help you maximize participation!

To learn more, visit acstcatholic.com/discipleship-indicator

MinistryPlatform

MinistryPlatform offers the most robust, flexible platform to manage your parish's data in one location. Customize the experience and data structure to your parish's needs while choosing what information is available for small groups.

MISSIONINSITE

MissionInsite leverages multiple sources such as Experian, the US Census, and our proprietary Quadrennium Survey Religious Beliefs, Preferences, and Practices to provide insights into parishes and their communities. Reports and visualization capabilities show parishes and dioceses exactly where opportunities exist for growth in their ministries.

ABOUT ACS TECHNOLOGIES®

Our mission is to enable every Catholic diocese and parish with personalized ministry resources that help you see, serve, and know your community more.

We can equip you to engage more meaningfully with people in their faith journey today while planning for the future through data-informed, mission-driven ministry. Together, we can change lives forever.