



Catholic Leadership  
INSTITUTE

## **Disciple Maker Index Survey 2017** **Diocese of Portland**

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.

**In order for your responses to be recorded, this survey must be received by Catholic Leadership Institute no later than Friday, March 24, 2017.**

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

---

**As a unique identifier for research purposes only, please enter your primary email address. It will not be provided back to your parish or identified in an individual way.**

---

## Parish Selection

**Please select your Parish\***

- All Saints Parish (Brunswick, Bath, Newcastle, Richmond, and Boothbay Harbor)
- Cathedral (Portland)
- Christ the Divine Mercy (Millinocket & East Millinocket)
- Our Lady of Hope (Portland)
- Parish of the Holy Eucharist (at Holy Martyrs - Falmouth)
- Parish of the Holy Eucharist (at Sacred Heart - Yarmouth)
- Parish of the Holy Eucharist (at St. Gregory - Gray)
- Parish of the Holy Eucharist (at St. Jude - Freeport)
- Sacred Heart / St. Dominic (Portland)
- St. Benedict (Benedicta)
- St. Christopher (Peaks Island)
- St. Leo (Howland)
- St. Louis (Portland)
- St. Mary (Lincoln)
- St. Peter (Portland)

# Catholic Journey

## How do you identify yourself?

- I am Catholic
- I was Catholic once, but no longer consider myself Catholic
- I am not Catholic

*If the answer to the above question is “I am Catholic”, please answer the following two questions. Otherwise skip.*

## Which of the following best describes your path to Catholicism?

- I was baptized Catholic as a child
- I converted to the Catholic faith

## Which of the following best describes where you are on your Catholic journey?

- I consider myself Catholic, though faith is not a significant part of my life
- I practice my Catholic faith, but do not know Jesus personally like a friend
- I have personally encountered Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple
- My relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship in my life

## Which of the following best describes the pace of your spiritual growth?

- In a period of spiritual decline
- Stalled in my spiritual growth
- Content staying right where I am spiritually
- Growing in my faith, but would like to grow more than I am
- Growing at a steady, continued pace
- In a period of rapid spiritual growth

## 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 Catholic 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)	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )

## 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	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
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?**

	<b>Never</b>	<b>Once or Twice a Year</b>	<b>Quarterly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Daily</b>
Individual prayer time with God	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
Bible study or Prayer group	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
Mass	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
Pastoral Counseling or Spiritual Direction	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
A class or workshop about the Catholic faith	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
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)	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )

## Membership at Your Parish

**Is this parish your primary place of worship?**

- No
- Yes

**How many years have you been worshipping at this parish?**

- <1
- 1-2
- 3-5
- 6-10
- 11-20
- 20+

## Your Child's Religious Education

Below are questions regarding your child's religious education.

**What is the age of your eldest child?**

- I do not have children
- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-14
- 15-18
- Over 18

*The remaining questions in this section should only be answered if you have children, otherwise skip to the Demographic Information.*

**Do you currently send your children to Catholic school?**

- No
- Yes

*The following question should only be answered if you currently send your children to Catholic school.*

**Is the Catholic school a part of this parish?**

- No
- Yes

**Do you currently send your children to religious education at this parish?**

- No
- Yes

*The following question should only be answered if you currently send your children to Catholic school.*

**Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement.**

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
I would recommend the parish Catholic school to a friend.	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )

*The following question should only be answered if you currently send your children to religious education at this parish.*

**Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement.**

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
I would recommend my parish's religious education to a friend	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )

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

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
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	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )

## Demographic Information

**Please tell us a little bit about yourself.** *Your responses to these questions will be used only for statistical purposes to gain an accurate picture of the composition of the parishes involved in this study. Your responses are **completely confidential** and will be analyzed anonymously only by Measuring Success. 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, what is your five-digit zip code?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your sex?**

- Male
- Female

**Which of the following best describes you?**

- African-American
- Asian-American
- Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Middle-Eastern or North African
- Native American
- 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 only by *Measuring Success*. 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 approximate 2016 total pre-tax income.**

- 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

**For statistical purposes only, please select the category corresponding to your household's approximate 2016 total 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 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

*Only answer this question if you give a percentage of income to your parish. Otherwise skip.*

**What is the approximate percentage of your annual income that you give to your parish? \_\_\_\_%**



## Open Ended Questions

*While this section is not required, this is your opportunity to expand upon your experience with the parish or to further explain responses to prior questions.*

**What has had the most significant impact on your faith journey so far?**

---

---

---

---

**If you would like someone from your parish to follow-up with you, please enter your contact information here.**

*Please note: Your information will not be linked in any way to the survey or any responses that you have submitted. Your survey responses will remain completely anonymous.*

	<b>Your Information</b>
Name	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

**Thank You!**