Engaging People as Disciples and Stewards

Our Desire

To draw people to Christ through our parish communities, leading them to live as disciples and stewards.

How does stewardship help us get there?

• Gratitude
• Gift
• Generosity
• Faith
• Trust
• Living the Eucharist
**Engagement**

*In a word or a phrase:*

- What does “engagement” mean to you?
- Why is this important to us as pastoral leaders?

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**What Does an Engaged Community Look Like?**

- Take a Stand
- Find Inner Peace
- Speak Words of Kindness
- Believe!
- Pray
- Forgive
- Live Faith
- Find Meaning
- Invite
- Thank
- Serve
- Give

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**The Engaged**

Engagement is a deep emotional and psychological connection to the parish.

People who are engaged are vastly more likely to be:

- More likely to be more spiritually committed.
- More likely to invite friends, family and coworkers to parish events.
- Giving significantly more in both time and talent.

Source: “Growing an Engaged Church”, Albert Winseman 2006
The Not Engaged

- Attend regularly but are not psychologically connected to their parish family.

People who are not engaged are vastly:

- Less likely to invite friends
- More likely to leave
- Less likely to give & volunteer

Source: "Growing an Engaged Church", Albert Winseman 2006

The Actively Disengaged

Two Groups

- The Flower People (Mostly Absent)
- C.A.V.E. Dwellers (Consistently Against Virtually Everything)

Source: "Growing an Engaged Church", Albert Winseman 2006

Engagement in the Catholic Church

- Actively Disengaged: 35%
- Engaged: 16%
- Not Engaged: 49%

Source: "Growing an Engaged Church", Albert Winseman 2006
How has belonging made a difference?

How? Questions We Ask

First step: Meeting Needs

“As a member of my parish, I know what is expected of me”

Fourth step: Mission!

Third step: Being part of the community

Second step: Making a contribution

First step: Expectations & Needs

Source: “Growing an Engaged Church”, Albert Winseman 2006

First step: Meeting Needs

“In my parish, my spiritual needs are met.”

Meeting Needs

- How Can We Grow?
- Do I Belong?
- What Do I Give?
- What Do I Get?

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Learning from the Spiritual Needs Survey

www.CatholicLifeandFaith.net/spiritual-needs-survey

What helps you grow spiritually?
1. Participation in Mass
2. Daily prayer
3. Belonging to my parish
4. Good friends who share faith with me

What helps you find meaning or purpose in life?
1. Family
2. Faith
3. Friends

For faith that needs strengthening, you would participate in:
1. A faith mentor
2. Parish gatherings to explore spiritual life

Reaching out to others
My parish

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Second step: Making a contribution

“In my parish, I regularly have the opportunity to do what I do best.”

Making a contribution

- How Can We Grow?
- Do I Belong?
- What Do I Give?
- What Do I Get?

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What are Your Thoughts?

What one thing stands out as something that likely contributes to engagement in your parish now?

How might you build on that for the future?