



Disciple Maker Index Results

for

St. Francis of Assisi Church

in Victorian Village

Survey Time Frame: February 17— March 21, 2021
Parish Administrator: Fr. Fritzner Valcin

THE DMI SURVEY EXAMINED FOUR PRIMARY AREAS:

—Attitudes & Beliefs —Participation —Overall Satisfaction —Demographics

DMI Survey Gives Helpful Feedback to Our Parish

During Lent our parish had the opportunity to participate in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. **135 adults in our parish - or about 65% of parishioners** - took the time to give their feedback. The national participation average is between 7-10 percent, so this puts St. Francis well above the national average. The Disciple Maker Index contained 75-questions designed to provide an opportunity for parishioners to reflect on their individual spiritual growth and overall parish effectiveness. Almost 300,000 Catholics at more than 1,500 parishes throughout 40 dioceses have taken the DMI since 2013, providing not just valuable data for each parish, but for the Church nationally, as well. Of the 135 surveys that were completed, 122 were done online, and 13 were done on paper at St. Francis. The majority of respondents were women, representing 57% of the total respondents.
(St. Francis' mix is more balanced than the diocesan average).

KEY STRENGTHS TO CELEBRATE

People like the Mass — and the parish!

Key Observations:

- 75% of respondents said they grew via the Mass.
- Both men (88%) and women (93%) said St. Francis parish was welcoming.
- Both 'cradle Catholics' (85%) and people who converted to the faith (87%) say St. Francis helps them grow spiritually.
- Most parishioners feel there are opportunities to serve, including 84% of men and 82% of women.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES

More catechesis, confidence is needed

Key Observations:

- Only 53% of women & 50% of men said they were confident in the Church's teachings.
 - Only 63% of respondents believe in the authority of the Church; 69% believe the Church is key to a relationship with God.
 - Only 79% of Catholic converts and 81% of life-long Catholics believe the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
 - Only 52% of women and 46% of men pursue sacramental devotions (rosary, etc.) even as much as quarterly.
- ⇒ However, 83% of women and 82% of men pray individually at least weekly.



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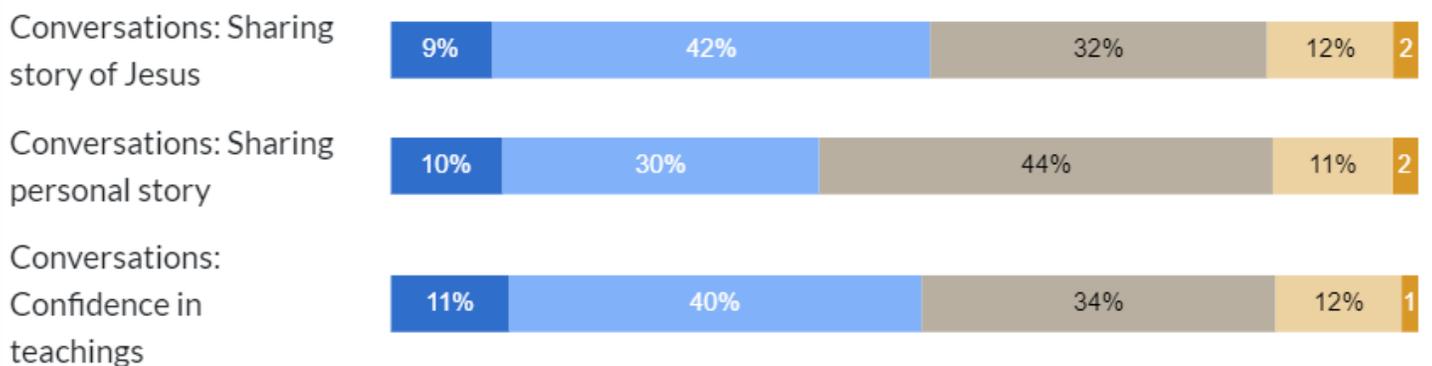
STRENGTHS

Top 3 by Highest Percentage Strongly Agree



OPPORTUNITIES

Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Strongly Agree



WHAT'S NEXT?

- ◆ DMI results have been reviewed & considered along with other information to draw a more complete picture of our parish/parish life.
- ◆ The Key Leader Team sent feedback about our parish to the diocese in mid-June.
- ◆ In conjunction with CLI, and based on our parish feedback, the diocese will draft models that will be reviewed by clergy over the summer.
- ◆ These models will be designed to help the parish and diocese meet the needs of its people in the coming years.
- ◆ This fall 2 identical Zoom feedback sessions will be offered to our parishioners. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to register to give feedback on the draft models.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER FRITZ

Concerned with the mission of the Church in this present moment, recently, our parish was invited to take part in a diocesan wide initiative called Disciple Maker Index survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI). Most of you responded to that survey which touched on some great aspects of our parish and parish life and examined your personal and spiritual growth.

Through the results, I sense the community's connected strength as well as different opportunities to do better as a parish. Your important feedback, which has given a sense of mission from and within the church, has been your opportunity to evaluate the current reality of the parish by bringing its future to light.

This work, that is not intended to be an overall report of the survey, is rather, a summary of some key observations, disclosing specifically our 3 top strengths and opportunities whether by highest or lowest percentage of agreement. Your cooperation in taking the survey covers some great areas of our faith life in which I find especially our "Welcoming Community" relevant. That is not only a legacy of the past but a rich possession of the present and a guarantee of the future.

I thank our Point of Contact and our 5 Key Leaders for their work in producing this survey summary and key report findings. I know that whoever we are and whatever we believe, in each and every one of us, no matter how it may seem, God must be present now and always through St. Francis of Assisi parish.

I encourage you to pay attention to the entire summary, to pray for the initiative of the diocese and to continue to engage in our parish life.

—In Christ, Fr. Fritz