

The 2019 Disciple Maker Index Survey Results



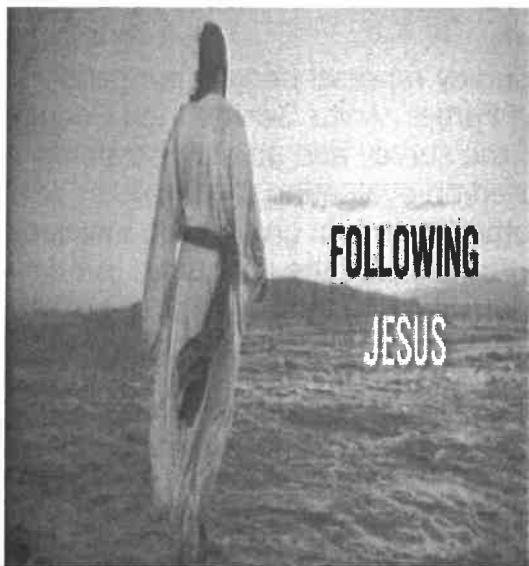
Mater Dei Parish parishioners drove the ball out of the ballpark in personal acceptance of the basic tenets of our Catholic faith. 78% strongly agree and an additional 20% agree that Jesus died and rose again. 74% strongly agree and another 23% agree that the Eucharist is the body and blood of Christ. 70% strongly agree and 26% agree that Scripture is the sacred Word of God.

The strength of these responses forms a firm foundation for our Parish and valuable building blocks as we move forward to become more vibrant and dynamic Catholics.



Your responses to "what drives a parishioner to grow spiritually & recommend their parish to a friend" suggest possible areas for further development. Only 27% find our parish community welcoming, and the rate was particularly low among the 25 to 35-year old age group. 61% of parishioners have never attended a retreat, and 64% have not participated in a class or workshop.

The survey results seem to indicate that our parishioners have not been taking advantage of opportunities already available for growth and development.



Based on the survey results, the Mater Dei Action Team identified three priorities to focus on as we work together to build a more vibrant, active, and committed parish community.

1. Maintenance of Spiritual Growth by increasing devotional opportunities.
2. Improving the Mass Experience by implementing welcoming procedures that target both parishioners and visitors.
3. Forming Discipleships by increasing parish knowledge and understanding of discipleship, by learning about discipleship, forming discipleships, and sharing faith experiences.

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MATER DEI PARISH



St. Mary
Star of the Sea



St. Edward the Confessor



St. James the Greater



St. Benedict Labre

Based on the 2018 Synod Priorities of Evangelization, Building Vibrant Parishes & Communication

Mater Dei Parish was invited earlier this year to participate in a study of Catholic parishes under the guidance of Catholic Leadership Institute. Measuring Success, an independent company, received the confidential responses, scored the results and tabulated the responses.

A total of 231 parishioners of Mater Dei Parish completed the survey in March 2019. The survey was designed along the following themes:

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

- Age
- Gender
- Income Level
- Charitable Giving
- Parish Membership

GENERAL THEMES

- Spiritual Growth
- Relationships
- Personal Beliefs
- Conversations about Faith
- Activities / Ministries

PERCEPTION QUESTIONS

Focused on:

- Behaviors
- Activities
- Perceptions
- Personal Spiritual Beliefs

Catholic Leadership Institute identifies those who rate their responses to the survey questions as "strongly agree" as *Promoters of the Catholic Faith* and those who rate their responses lower than "agree" as *Detractors*.

An Action Plan Team was formed after the completion of the survey representing all four parish churches. Mater Dei's Action Plan Team Members are Theresa Forbes, Anita Gervais, Ann Gonyaw, Sherry Lefebvre and Mary Nolin. After receiving the results of the survey and attending training conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute, the team focused on evaluating the results, identifying ways our Parish already effectively supports each other's spiritual growth and developing opportunities to improve. The ultimate goal is to create an action plan for the next three to five years aimed at increasing our faith and developing more *Promoters of the Catholic Faith*.

Thank you to all who participated in the Disciple Maker Index Parish Survey. Your thoughtful responses to the survey questions provided important information to help our team determine effective ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to form Missionary Disciples.

Please pray for the Action Plan Team as we continue our work, and prayerfully consider whether the Lord is calling you to assist our parish in completing our goals. Thank you for your dedication to Mater Dei Parish.