



Disciple Maker Index Survey



Our Lady of Victory Parish Results

Spring DMI survey gives helpful feedback to the Priority Planning Process

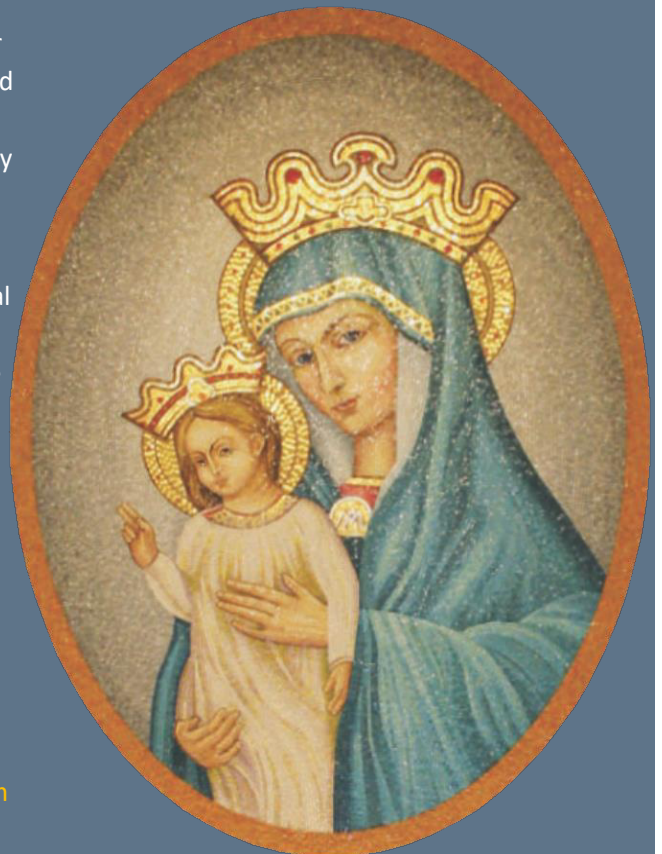
This Lent, our parish had the opportunity to participate in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. More than 200 parishioners - or about 40 percent of our pre-Covid parishioners that regularly attend Sunday Mass - took the time to give their feedback. The national participation average is between 7-10 percent, so this puts Our Lady of Victory (well above) the national average.

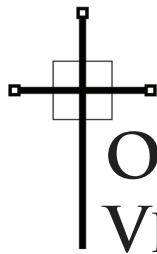
The Disciple Maker Index contained 75-questions designed to provide an opportunity for parishioners to reflect on their individual spiritual growth and overall parish effectiveness. Almost 300,000 Catholics at more than 1,500 parishes throughout 40 dioceses have taken the DMI since 2013, providing not just valuable data for each parish, but for the Church nationally, as well.

Nearly 90% of OLV respondents believe Jesus died and rose again and believe that scripture is the word of God. Furthermore, more than 80% of OLV respondents believe the Eucharist is the body and blood of Christ.

It was encouraging to see that 84% of respondents support child discipleship and 77% of respondents recommend the religious education program at OLV.

OLV RPRF Committee Team





OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH

Key Findings

Sunday Experience

Key Observations

- 64% of those regularly attending Mass found our parish community welcoming.
- 41% of those regularly attending Mass experience spiritual growth through preaching.
- 28% of those regularly attending Mass experienced a deepened spiritual experience through music.

Connecting me with the Catholic Community

Key Observations

- 68% of survey respondents felt there were opportunities to serve in the parish community.
- 51% of respondents feel supported in their time of need.
- 67% of respondents were satisfied with information availability though only 43% of respondents were satisfied with online communication.

Parish Fosters my Spiritual Growth

Key Observations

- 50% of respondents felt the parish helps with their spiritual growth.
- 63% of respondents experienced spiritual growth through sacramental preparation.
- 28% of respondents felt in a state of spiritual decline or stalled in their spiritual growth.

Supporting Children in the Catholic Faith

Key Observations

- 84% of respondents support child discipleship.
- 77% of respondents would recommend the OLV religious education program.
- 87% of respondents believe that parents are primarily responsible for the religious education and spiritual growth of children.

Demographics

203

Total number of surveys completed, representing 40% of the parish that regularly attends Sunday Mass
(Based on the Pre-Covid October 2019 weekend Mass attendance average of 491)

68%

Of Respondents Are Women

32%

Of Respondents Are Men

55%

Of Respondents Are Age 55+

67%

Of Respondents Have Been Parishioners for 10+ Years

766

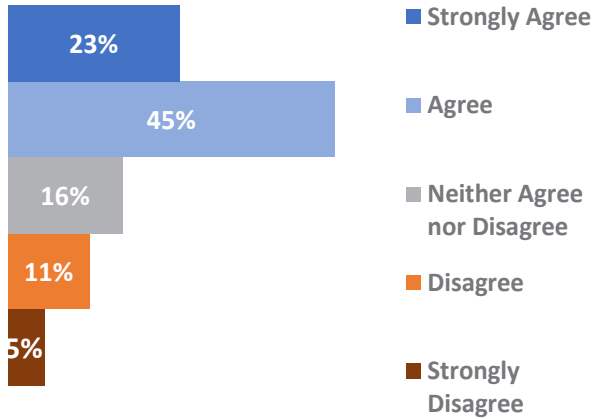
Total number of registered families at Our Lady of Victory

The DMI Survey examined four primary areas:

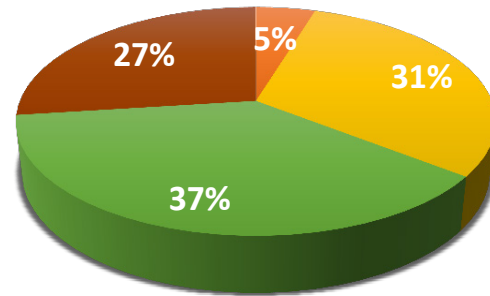
Attitudes & Beliefs
Participation
Overall Satisfaction
Demographics

Key Stats

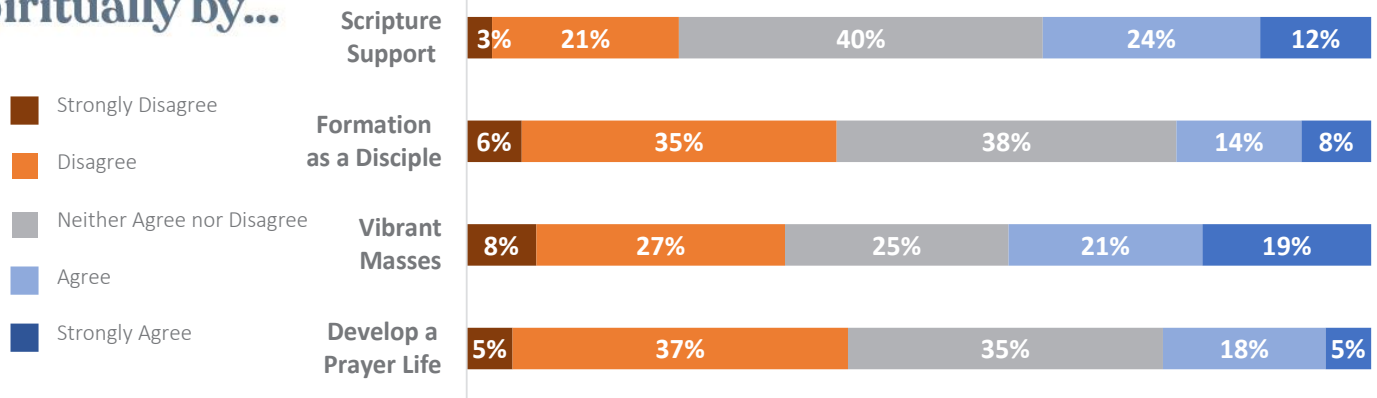
I would recommend my parish to a friend.



Personal Faith Life



My parish helps me grow spiritually by...



What's Next?

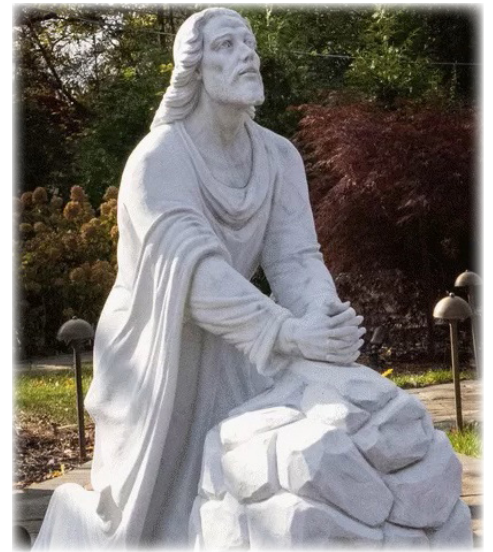
- DMI results have been reviewed and considered among other information to draw conclusions about the current state of the parish and parish life.
- **OLV Parishioners are invited to participate in one of the two sessions to be held on Monday, September 20th or Wednesday, September 22nd (both at 6:30 PM and both sessions will present the same material) to learn more about the RPRF initiative and strategies specific to OLV. Participation can be either on-line or in-person at the PLC. See the parish website for links to participate on-line and for additional information.**
- Along with feedback from parishioners, OLV leadership will deliver recommendations to the Bishop.
- The Diocese commission will approve recommendations (both for OLV and Diocese wide) in year 2022.

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Dear Parishioners of OLV,

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the Disciple Maker Index Survey during Lent. About 40% of our Mass going parishioners responded, which from a statistical standpoint, means that the results accurately reflect the views of those who attend Mass at Our Lady of Victory. These results are important not only for me as pastor but also for the parish staff and volunteers as we work to shore up our strengths. It also shows those areas where we have the most room for improvement and it gives information to our Diocese of Columbus during the strategic planning process that is already underway.

The results in this report are only a small sample of the total survey results, but offer some key findings from your responses. You can see some of these in the Key Findings and Key Stats charts that are on the previous pages. I was happily surprised to find that in a couple categories the results are not only good but rank high with other parishes around the country. Some of those being:

- 64% of those regularly attending Mass found our parish community welcoming.
- 68% of survey respondents felt there were opportunities to serve in the parish community.
- 67% of respondents were satisfied with information availability
- 63% of respondents experienced spiritual growth through sacramental preparation.
- 84% of respondents support child discipleship.
- 77% of respondents would recommend the OLV religious education program.

We do have some room for improvement. To cite a few:

- Only 28% of those regularly attending Mass experienced a deepened spiritual experience through music. *N.B. The survey was taken during the Covid time when we were without music and singing and a music director and regular organist. The resumption of music at Sunday Mass and the hiring of our new music director and organist, Pandora Porcase, should greatly help address this concern.*
- Only 43% of respondents were satisfied with online communication.
- Offering tools for parishioners to grow in their spiritual life and their personal relationship with Jesus came through as an ongoing goal for our parish.

Again, my thanks for your feedback on how OLV is doing well and where we can focus our efforts to grow! There are many more helpful insights to be gained from the survey results, and I look forward to sharing more of them with you in the future. I also welcome and look to your input in this planning process for our parish and the Diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father William A. Metzger