

Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Summary Results

This past February, the Christ Our Light family was asked to complete the Disciple Maker Index survey. The DMI 75-question survey tool invites parishioners to reflect on where they are on their journey of discipleship and enables Family leadership to make data-driven decisions to help parishioners grow in their faith. The tool is being widely used across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is helpful in understanding the growth opportunities of a family of parishes.

We were very happy to receive 2,224 completed surveys which is very close to half of the average weekly Mass goers in the Family **so thank you!** All of the results are helpful, but the following are at the heart of guiding us in our journey towards our vision. The results are encouraging, but also indicate we have lots of room for growth.

Summary of responses on critical issues in gauging spiritual health:

No.	Question	% of Responses		
		COL	Archdiocese	
1	“The Eucharist is really the body and blood of Jesus Christ.”			
		Strongly Agree	74	72
		Agree	20	17
2	“My parish helps me grow spiritually by offering vibrant and engaging Sunday masses.”			
		Strongly Agree	38	36
		Agree	40	40
3	“I would recommend my parish to a friend.”			
		Strongly Agree	52	53
		Agree	40	33
4	“My parish makes me feel welcomed and accepted”			
		Strongly Agree	39	43
		Agree	49	39
5	“My parish helps me grow spiritually by forming me as a disciple of Jesus”			
		Strongly Agree	14	25
		Agree	59	45
6	“Which of the following best describes where you are on your catholic journey?”			
		My relationship with Jesus is the most important in my life	26	37
		I have personally encountered Jesus and am growing as a disciple	35	35
		I practice my Catholic Faith but do not know Jesus as a friend	36	24

Our next steps involve creating a COL Strategic Plan based on the Vision and Impact Statements developed earlier and guided by the DMI survey results. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, so we will always be developing opportunities for improving on responses to question 1. The COL vision includes being a strong inviting community so we will certainly include actions aimed at driving stronger responses to questions like 2-4. We also are committed to cultivating faith, so part of the strategic plan will certainly include actions to drive spiritual growth for stronger responses to questions like 5-6.

Thanks again to all who participated in the survey and please watch for further communications on the development of our strategic plan!

CHRIST OUR LIGHT FAMILY VISION

Christ our Light Family of parishes, rooted in the Eucharist and Sacraments, strives to be an inviting community of believers by: cultivating faith, knowing, loving and serving God. We will joyfully radiate the Light of Christ to all through love, compassion and example on our journey towards heaven.