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# Demographics

Lists the demographic data about parishioners who have taken the DMI

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Surveys received: 169

## Ethnicity/Race

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### Legend

- Black or African-American
- Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- Other

## Spiritual identity

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### Legend

- I am Catholic
- I was Catholic once, but no longer consider myself Catholic
- I am not Catholic

## Survey Language

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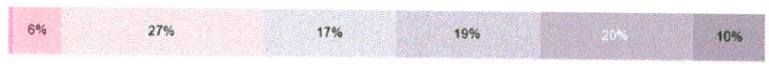
### Legend

- English
- Spanish

## Demographics

### Age

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### Legend

- 18 - 25
- 26 - 35
- 36 - 45
- 46 - 55
- 56 - 65
- 66 - 75
- Over 75

### Sex

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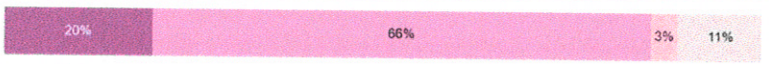


### Legend

- Male
- Female

### Marital status

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### Legend

- Single
- Married
- Divorced
- Widowed

## Children

### School Age Children

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### Legend

- Yes

amount to give to my parish  
each year  
Give a percentage of my  
income to my parish

Giving Percentage

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Legend

- < 10%
- 10%
- > 10%

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# Strengths & Opportunities

Questions for which your parish had the strongest positive and negative results based on strongly agree or high frequency

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(Optional) Filter the responses to this question by a particular demographic by selecting a question and associated response below

Select a question

Select a response

Hide data with low responses

## Strengths

### Top 3 by Highest Percentage Strongly Agree

Belief: Eucharist is body/blood of Christ  
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Belief: Scripture is word of God  
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Recommend Parish  
 Show table



**Legend**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
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- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I Do Not Know

### Top 3 by Highest Percentage Monthly or More Often

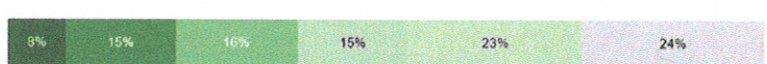
Frequency: Mass attendance  
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Frequency: Individual prayer time  
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Frequency: Catholic devotions  
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**Legend**

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## Opportunities

### Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Strongly Agree

Conversations:

Confidence in teachings

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Legend

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
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- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Growth via: Forming as a Disciple

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Recommend Other Priests

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### Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Monthly or More Often

Frequency: Invited man to priesthood

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Frequency: Retreat

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Frequency: Invited another to religious life

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# Sunday Experience

Questions directly related to the Sunday experience

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Select a question

Select a response

Community: Welcoming

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Legend

- Strongly Agree
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- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Growth via: Mass

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Growth via: Music deepens participation

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Growth via: Preaching

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## Belief in Core Catholic Teaching

Questions related to parishioners' degree of belief in core teachings of the faith

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Select a response

Belief: Jesus died and rose again

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Belief: Eucharist is body/blood of Christ

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Belief: Scripture is word of God

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Belief: Authority of the Church

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Belief: Church critical in relationship with God

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Belief: Jesus moral teachings

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### Legend

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# Leadership Indicators

Questions most directly related to parish leadership

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Community: Involved in decisions

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Legend

- Strongly Agree
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- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Community: Financial transparency

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Community: Follow up on involvement

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Community: Opportunities to serve

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Recommend Pastor

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Recommend Parish

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Recommend Parish Staff

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Recommend Other Priests

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## Spiritual Practices

Questions related to the faith practices of your people

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Select a question

Select a response

Pace of spiritual growth

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**Legend**

- In a period of rapid spiritual growth
- Growing at a steady, continued pace
- Growing in my faith, but would like to grow more than I am
- Content staying right where I am spiritually
- Stalled in my spiritual growth

Catholic Journey

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**Legend**

- My relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship in my life
- I have personally encountered Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple
- I practice my Catholic faith, but do not know Jesus personally like a friend
- I consider myself Catholic, though faith is not a significant part of my life

Frequency: Bible study/prayer group

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Frequency: Individual prayer time

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Frequency: Mass attendance

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Frequency: Confession

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Frequency: Pastoral counseling/spiritual direction

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Frequency: Class/workshop

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Frequency: Social event

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Frequency: Retreat

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Frequency: Eucharistic adoration

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Frequency: Catholic devotions

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## Key Leader Perspective

Additional insights from parishioners who report being heavily involved in the life of the parish.

By default, the report shows the responses of these parishioners. To see the responses of all parishioners who responded, regardless of their involvement with the parish, check the "show all respondent answers" checkbox.

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Show all respondent answers

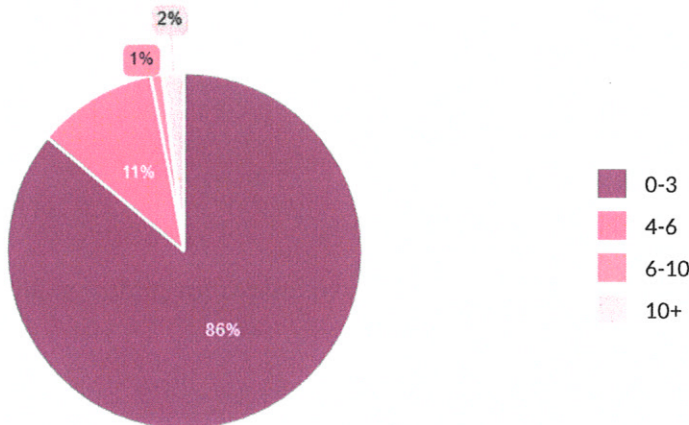
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Select a response ▾

## About You

1. In the last year, how many different parish-based ministries or parish-based organizations have you participated in?

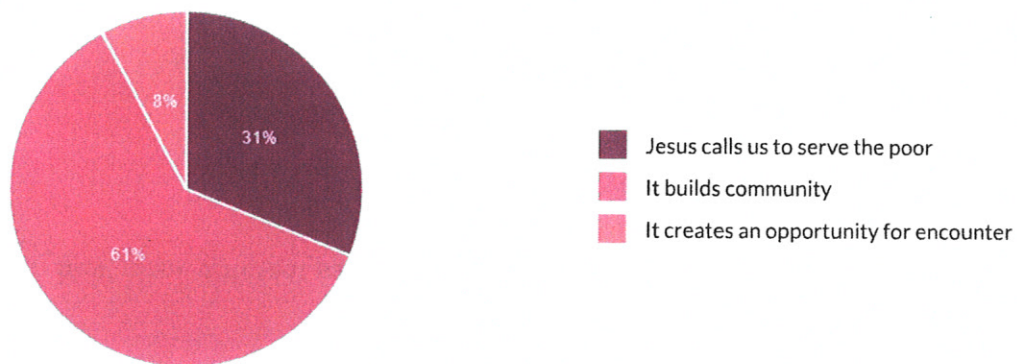


2. Of all the below factors that might keep someone connected in the life of a parish, **check 3** that are most influential in your **current experience** with the parish:

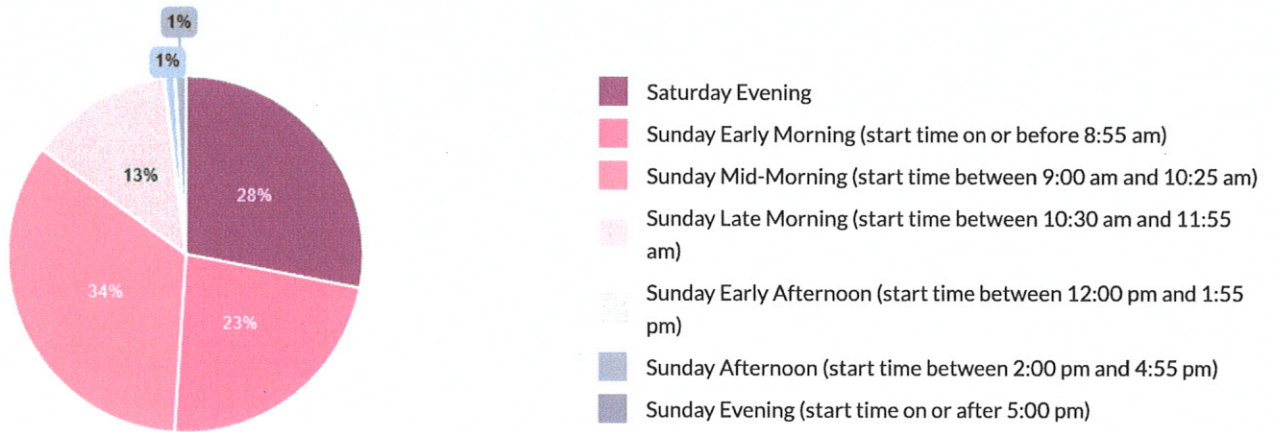
- 93 Relationship with other parishioners
- 78 Relationship with the pastor(s)

- 56 Celebration of the Eucharist
- 42 Parish-hosted social events
- 36 Parish care and support for life events (e.g. death/illness, weddings, family issue)
- 23 Hospitality and Welcome
- 14 Parish-organized service and outreach to the community
- 13 Regular access to Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
- 11 Prayer and Worship (outside of Mass)
- 10 Parish-hosted or sponsored retreats
- 6 Intentional Invitation (e.g. by pastor or parish staff, ministry sign-up weekends)
- 5 Parish-supported faith sharing opportunities (e.g. small groups, bible study)

3. What is the most important reason to encourage community service in my parish?



4. What is the Mass time you most frequently attend at your parish on the weekend?



## About Leadership

5. If you could only select 5, which of the following expectations of a pastor for **your community** would be **most important**: (check 5)

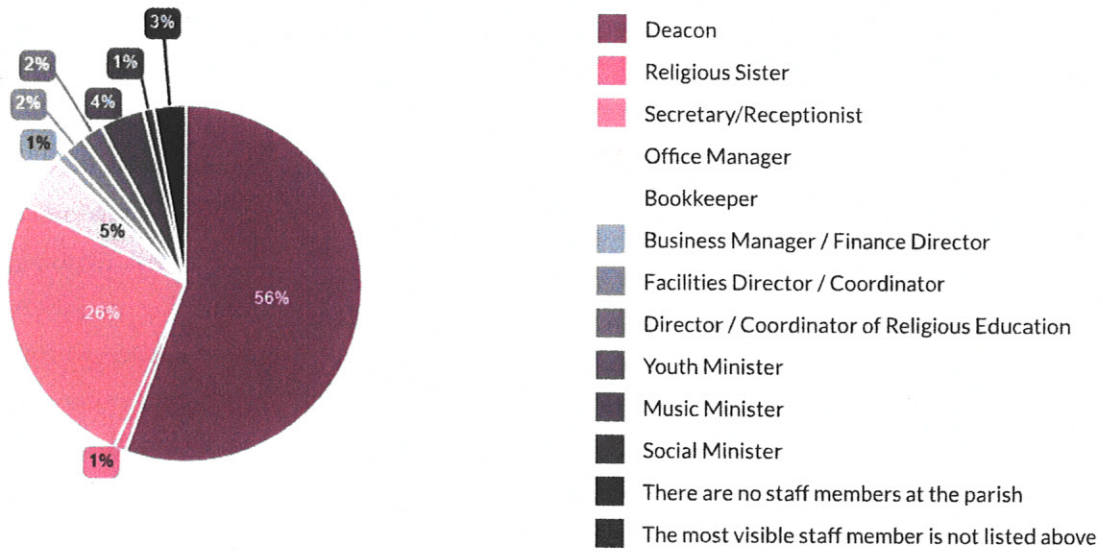
- 96 Providing spiritual direction/counsel
- 88 Teaching the faith
- 73 Celebrating the sacraments
- 69 Preaching homilies
- 48 Setting Vision and Direction
- 45 Providing pastoral care
- 33 Empowering service and outreach to the poor
- 29 Managing Catholic Schools
- 26 Forming your people
- 26 Managing finances
- 25 Promoting Stewardship
- 23 Overseeing care for the facilities
- 20 Modeling personal prayer life
- 16 Managing staff and volunteers
- 12 Raising money

6. Select the **two** most important things you would want to take away from a homily at your parish.

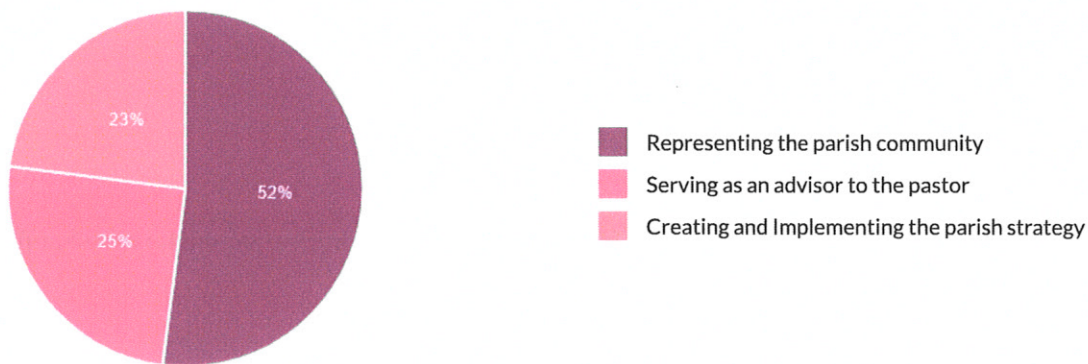
- 60 Desire to Grow Spiritually
- 58 Hope

- 47 Relevance
- 38 Knowledge
- 23 Truth
- 17 Joy
- 17 Call to Action
- 4 Love for Scripture

7. Besides the pastor and any other priests in the parish, who is the most visible staff member at the parish?



8. The most important role of the Pastoral Council is:



9. A bishop wears many hats. Select the **two** most important hats that he wears.

- 82 Spiritual shepherd to the faithful
- 54 Guardian of the faith
- 53 Spiritual father to priests
- 40 The Chief Executive of the Diocese
- 25 Voice of social conscience

### About the Parish

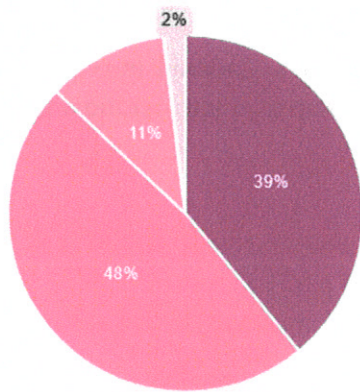
10. All parishes have opportunities for growth. If you could **only select 3 of the following things** that the parish needs more of, which would they be.

- 100 More young people involved
- 44 More volunteers participating in ministries
- 39 More clarity on parish vision, direction, and goals
- 35 More lay involvement in decision making and leadership
- 31 More inclusive spirit and welcome
- 30 More money for parish needs
- 20 More contemporary forms of worship
- 16 More catechesis on Church teaching
- 16 More traditional forms of worship
- 15 More savvy communication strategies
- 10 More transparency (e.g. finances and decisions)
- 10 More paid professional staff

11. Which would best describe your assessment of the financial health of the parish?

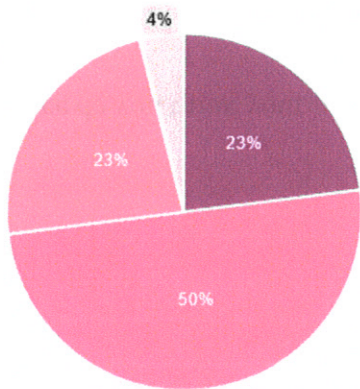


12. Which would best describe your assessment of the physical shape of your Church building?



- Lots of Beauty!** Recently renovated and/or really-well maintained
- Lots of Character!** Really nice structure and "bones" but needs some normal cosmetic renovation or improvement
- Lots of Work!** Really nice structure and "bones" but has significant deferred maintenance and needs a lot of cosmetic and structural improvements.
- Lots of Memories!** The Church has a lot of deferred maintenance and isn't the most welcoming or attractive of spaces.

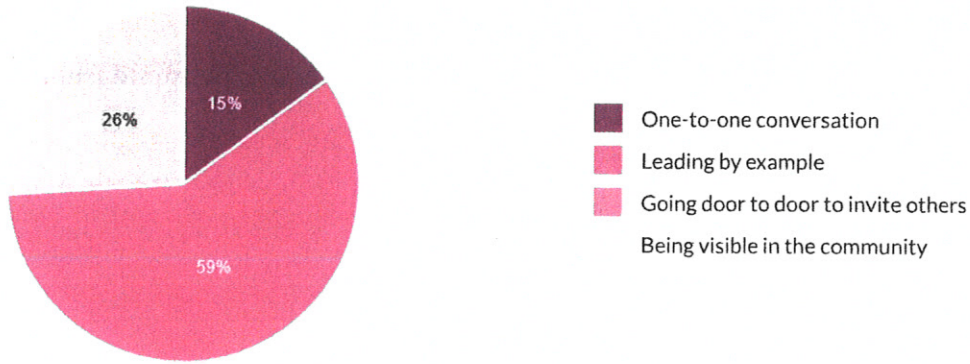
13. Which would best describe your assessment of the physical shape of the other buildings and property outside the Church building (e.g. rectory, parking lot, parish center, etc)?



- Great!** We have sufficient space for our needs and everything is in good shape
- Good!** We could use some more space and there are a few projects that need attending to, but it is well within the parish's reach
- We make it work!** Our current space limits us in our ministries and communities and we don't have sufficient resources to improve it at this time
- Help!** We need significant work to continue to make this a welcoming and fruitful place for our community

14. What is your most preferred method of bringing others closer to Christ?

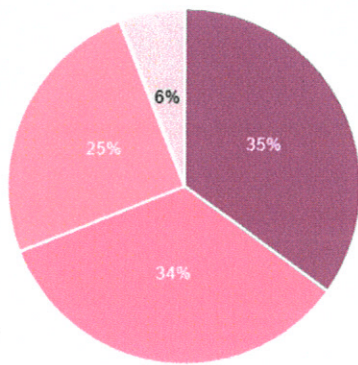




15. To what degree do you think your parish needs to change in order to best fulfill its mission in the next 5 years.



16. Please select the phrase that best describes the relationship between your parish elementary/middle school and the parish from your perspective?



- Of one mind and heart! I think our parish families and school families consider themselves one in the same and there is excellent integration between the two.
- Of one heart! There are some distinct "school families" and "parish families" but everyone believes in the importance of the school.
- Of one mind! We share space and resources but as our parish changes, there seems to be a need to build a stronger bridge between the school families and the parish families
- Of one space! Most of the families in the school don't belong to the parish and they really are two different communities.

17. Rank **the community values** that would best describe the culture of your parish community. (1 being the highest preference)

- 2.6 Parish Traditions
- 3.0 Access to the sacraments and worship
- 3.2 Family Focused
- 3.6 Prayerfulness
- 5.4 Sharing the Faith with others
- 5.7 Service and Outreach
- 5.8 Social Justice
- 5.9 Stewardship
- 7.3 Diversity and Inclusion

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## Key Drivers

Questions that are statistically significant with respect to a parishioner's likelihood to recommend the parish, say the parish is helping them grow spiritually, and frequency with which they are sharing their faith

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Select a response

### What drives a parishioner to recommend their parish to a friend and to indicate the parish is helping them grow spiritually?

Recommend Pastor

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**Legend**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Community: Welcoming

Show table



Growth via: Preaching

Show table



Growth via: Mass

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Conversations: God's work in my life

Show table



Growth via: Forming as a Disciple

Show table



Community: Information availability

Show table



### What drives a parishioner to share a personal witness story?

Belief: Scripture is word of God

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**Legend**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree

Conversations:  
Confidence in teachings  
 Show table



- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I Do Not Know

Conversations: Sharing  
personal story  
 Show table



Conversations: Sharing  
story of Jesus  
 Show table



Frequency: Invited  
someone to Mass  
 Show table



- Legend**
- Daily
  - Weekly
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Frequency: Invited  
someone to parish  
activity  
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Frequency: Pastoral  
counseling/spiritual  
direction  
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# Missionary Impulse

Questions related to the missionary discipleship practices of your people

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Select a question

Select a response

Frequency: Invited someone to parish activity  
 Show table



Frequency: Invited someone to Mass  
 Show table



Frequency: Invited man to priesthood  
 Show table



Frequency: Invited another to religious life  
 Show table



Frequency: Answered someone's spiritual question  
 Show table



Frequency: Volunteered to serve someone  
 Show table



Frequency: Shared story of Jesus  
 Show table



Frequency: Shared personal story  
 Show table



**Legend**

- Daily
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Frequency: Prayed with someone

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Frequency: Social event

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Parents responsible for growth of child

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**Legend**

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- Agree
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# Effectiveness of Parish Support

Questions related to how well the parish supports parishioners personally and spiritually

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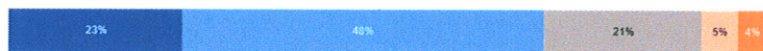
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Conversations: Care for community

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Legend

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## Connecting me with Catholic Community

Community: Opportunities to serve

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Legend

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
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Community: Follow up on involvement

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Community: Support in time of need

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Community: Information availability

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Community: Online Communication

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## Fostering my Spiritual Growth

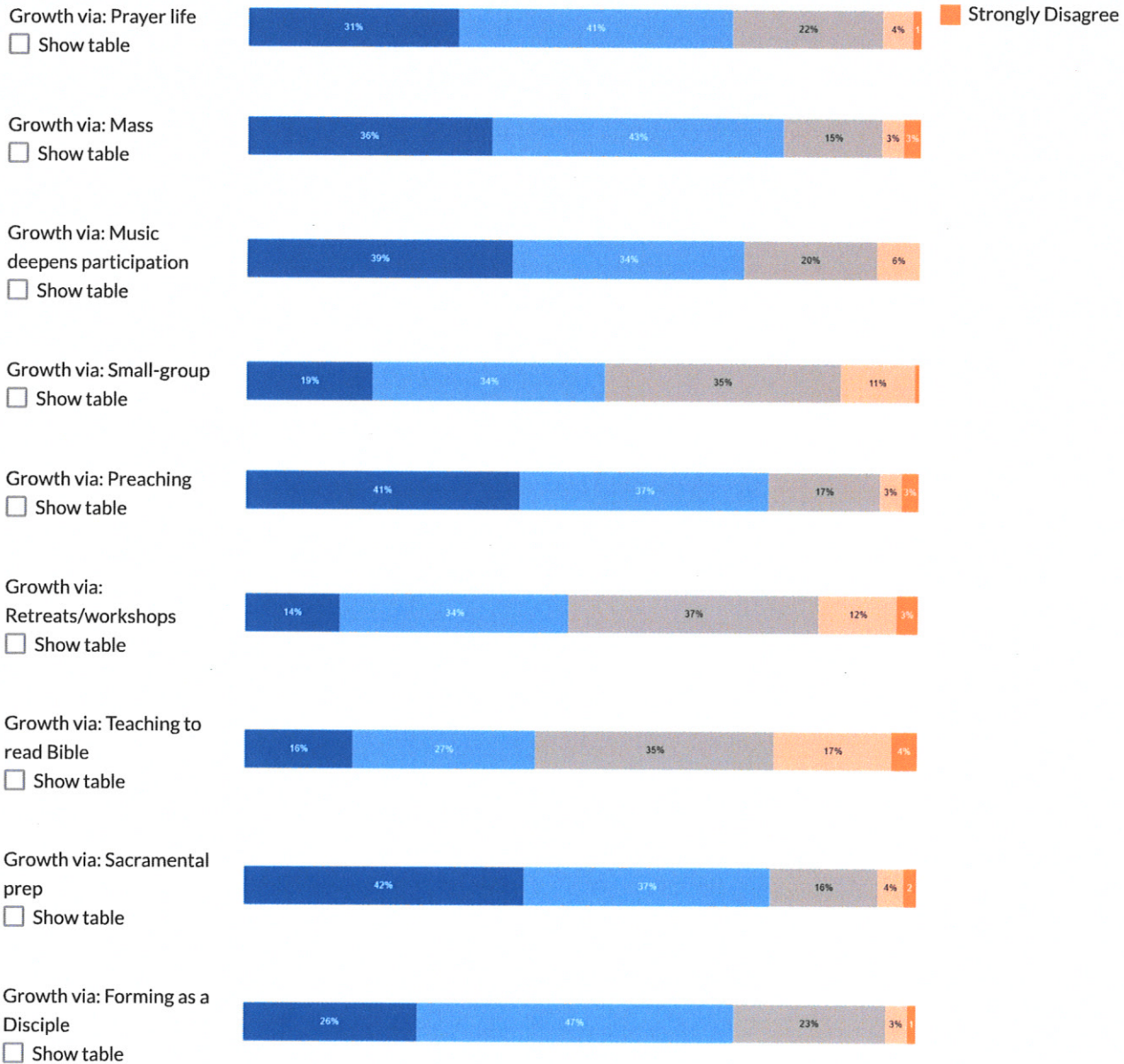
Parish helps spiritual growth

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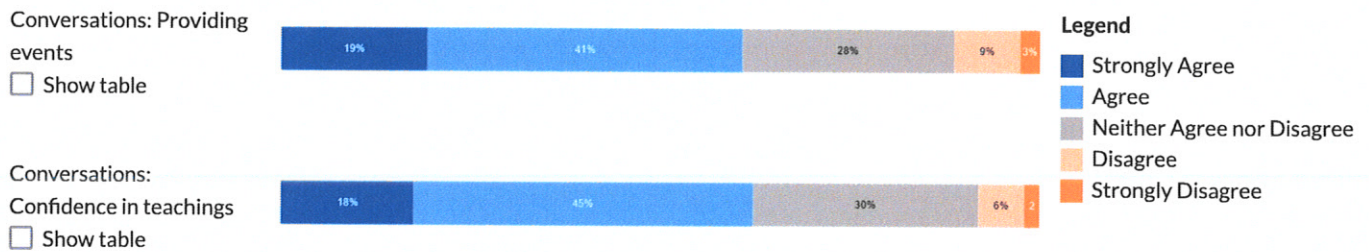


Legend

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- Disagree



### Equipping me to talk about Faith



### Supporting and Educating children in the Catholic Faith





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Recommend parish  
religious education

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