



# Disciple Maker Index Survey



## *Immaculate Conception Parish Results*

## Spring DMI survey gives helpful feedback to the Priority Planning Process



Last spring our parish had the opportunity to participate in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. More than 490 of adults in our parish took the time to give their feedback.

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 490 surveys that were completed, 476 were done online and 14 done on paper at the parish.





## The DMI Survey examined four primary areas:

Attitudes & Beliefs  
Participation  
Overall Satisfaction  
Demographics

## Strengths

### *Belief in Core Catholic Teaching*

- Overall, 63% of parishioners believed that the Eucharist is the Body/Blood of Christ.
- Additionally, 64% believe scripture is word of God and 48% believe Church is critical in relationship with God.

### *Emphasis on Prayer & Mass Attendance*

- Survey results are very strong for people taking personal prayer time: daily (61%) and weekly (21%).
- The frequency of Mass attendance for all survey respondents is very high: 71% weekly and 7% daily.

### *Educating Children in the Catholic Faith*

- The support and love of the school is very evident as 83% of survey respondents would recommend the parish school.
- Overall, 76% would also recommend parish religious education from Immaculate Conception.

## Areas for Growth

### *Retreats*

- Retreats are rarely talked about or prioritized and if someone has never been on one, the value of a retreat is not well understood.
- 74% have never been on a retreat per DMI.

### *Missionary Impulse*

- There is a need to create an environment that encourages people to share one's personal story and the story of Jesus.
- We have opportunities to grow in depth of intentional relationships with one another in the community. This is a desire for more opportunities for follow-up.

## Parish Demographics

# 18-45

Age range of 57% of registered adults

# 56-75

Age range of 36% of registered adults

# 3,033

Total # of registered adults at IC

## DMI Survey Demographics

# 490

Total number of surveys completed

# 18-45

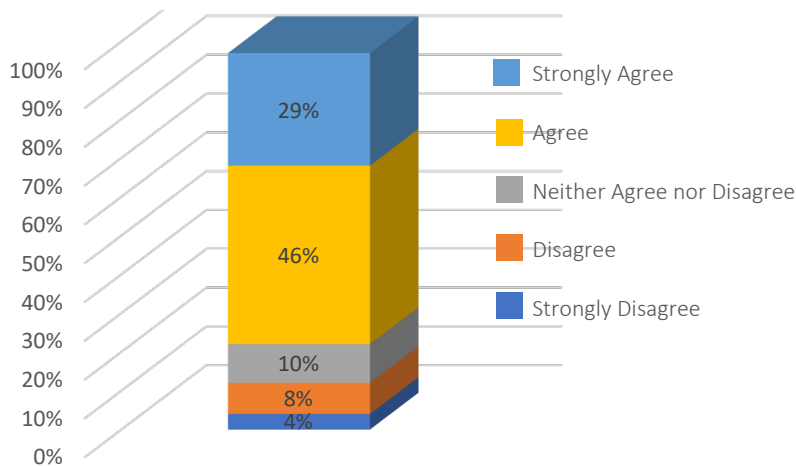
Age range of 34% of parishioners who completed the DMI

# 56-75

Age range of 37% of parishioners who completed the DMI

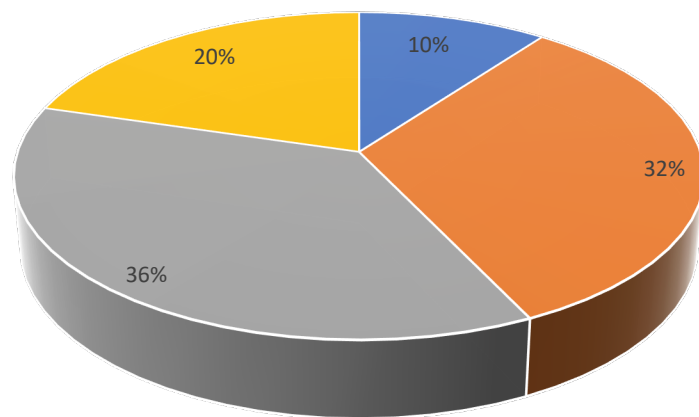
# Key Stats

## I would recommend my parish to a friend.



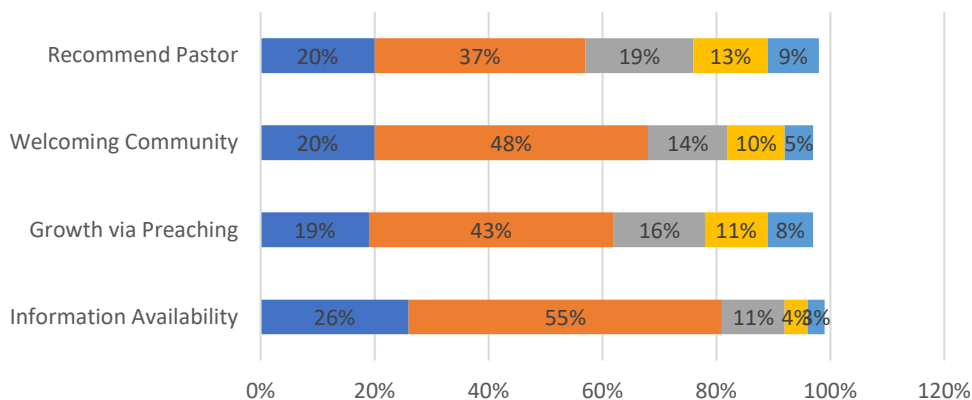
## Personal Faith Life

- I am Catholic, though faith is not significant
- Practice faith, don't know Jesus as friend
- Growing as disciple
- Relationship with Jesus most important



## My parish helps me grow spiritually by...

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



# 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.
- The Priority Planning Team will continue to meet to work on the Parish Purpose Statement, Values and Goals for the next five years.
- The draft plan will be submitted to the diocese for review and feedback.

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# Let us be reminded, the purpose of this journey is to reclaim and refocus our ministry towards making missionary disciples to follow Jesus!”

First, I want to thank each one of you for your active engagement as we reflect on our Catholic faith journey and focus attention on our future by making disciples for Jesus Christ. It is exciting to realize that we at Immaculate Conception are joining together with all people of faith in our diocese and with our Bishop Robert Brennan. Many have responded to our discipleship survey (DMI), which began in February. Along with continuous conversations throughout the diocese among clergy, pastors and deacons, and the laity we have begun a new adventure in developing the vision (Real Presence Real Future) for the renewal of the church of Columbus! As Bishop Brennan has reminded us this will mean change. These are exciting times, not something to be fearful of, but rather eager to participate in as Christian disciples.

As you review the information summarized from the DMI survey, it is more an invitation to reflect on where we are going and how we can grow as a community of faith and for the larger community we live in.

The DMI Survey examined four primary areas: attitudes and beliefs, participation, overall satisfaction, and demographics. The report identified various strengths and areas of growth that we as a parish should explore. Belief in core catholic teaching was especially strong at IC. Overall, 63% of parishioners believed that the Eucharist is the Body/Blood of Christ. Additionally, 64% believe scripture is word of God and 48% believe the Church is critical in relationship with God. Educating children in the Catholic faith was clearly evident since 83% respondents would recommend IC School.



Like many parishes in the Diocese, we have certain areas for growth. According to the DMI Survey, retreats are rarely talked about or prioritized; 74% have never been on a retreat. Additionally, sharing one’s personal story and the story of Jesus (or creating environments) is a great opportunity for growth.

A Summary of Strengths and Areas of Growth is included. Two town hall meetings will be held in the fall for all parishioners to share thoughts and pray about our next steps. For more information, please keep an eye out for messages from the Bulletin, FlockNote, the IC website and our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram). The Diocese of Columbus already released the diocesan-wide information, which is available on their website [www.columbuscatholic.org](http://www.columbuscatholic.org).

Let us be reminded, the purpose of this journey is to reclaim and refocus our ministry towards making missionary disciples to follow Jesus! We pray asking for wisdom and understanding as we seek to renew parishes and apostolates as centers of formation and evangelization for the future.

Yours in Christ through Mary,

Father Matthew Hoover