



## Disciple Maker Index Parish Results

I would like to thank all who participated in the Disciple Maker Index earlier this year. In total, 27% of weekly mass attendees at Our Lady of Hope Parish completed the Survey.

The Disciple Maker Index provides our community with a deep analysis of attitudes and beliefs, participation, relationship/satisfaction, and demographics. At the same time, the DMI will assist us in assessing our greatest opportunities and strengths while developing a pastoral plan to move into the future by cultivating a deeper missionary spirit within the community.

Our Envisioning Team, composed of members of the parish, continues to study the data and use the results to help create a pastoral plan with specific goals and priorities for our parish community to focus on in the coming years. I am excited for where the Holy Spirit will lead Our Lady of Hope Parish.

Gratefully,  
Father John Skirtich



### FOUR FACTORS OF A THRIVING PARISH

The DMI Survey collected responses on key areas of parish life that will allow us to continue to work toward becoming a more vibrant, thriving parish:

- **Leadership Indicators** - 80% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they are provided opportunities to serve at the parish
- **Sunday Experience** - 77% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the parish makes them feel welcome and accepted
- **Spiritual Practices** - 71% of respondents state that they have personally encountered Jesus Christ and are growing as a disciple
- **Missionary Impulse** - 92% of parents said that they strongly agree/agree that one of their most important responsibilities is helping their child to grow in faith

### STRENGTHS OF THE PARISH

The DMI Survey also provided us information on what respondents saw as strengths of the parish:

- **The Mass/Spiritual Growth** - 68% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the parish offers vibrant and engaging liturgies, while 77% strongly agree/agree that the parish helps me grow spiritually as a Catholic
- **Preaching** - 68% of respondents strongly agree/agree that homilies connect their faith with every day life
- **Belief** - 90% of respondents strongly agree/agree that that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ
- **Information Availability** - 89% of respondents strongly agree/agree that information via the bulletin, website, and social media is easy to find, while 74% of respondents strongly agree/agree that parish leadership is transparent regarding finances

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The DMI Survey also provided us areas of opportunity for growth:

- **Discipleship** - 66% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the parish is helping to form them as a disciple of Jesus Christ
- **Formation** - 56% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they feel confident that they could share the teachings of the Church with others
- **Leadership** - 53% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they are involved in making decisions that affect the future of parish and 50% strongly agree/agree that the parish follow up with me when I express interest in becoming involved

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