

Be Missionary Disciples



April-May 2016

Update

Survey Returns

- Just over 28,000 responses
- About 23% of average weekend Mass attendance in the Archdiocese
- Varied rates of participation

Product of Review

Parish Mission Readiness Statement

- In light of your review and reflection, describe the parish's greatest opportunities and challenges to "mission readiness" and personal and pastoral "missionary conversion." (2-3 pages maximum)
- List the parish planning team members who participated in the review and reflection, and briefly (no more than one paragraph) describe the process you used to do your review and reflection, including any input sought from parishioners or people other than the planning team.

“Mission Readiness”

Mission readiness = the degree to which someone or a group of people are prepared to take up the mission of the Body of Christ to love God, love and serve each other, and make disciples for Christ.

Two-part equation:

- cultivation of personal and communal faith life
- active engagement in the mission of the Church to spread the Gospel message of God’s saving love

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)

Then Philip opened his mouth and, beginning with this scripture passage, he proclaimed Jesus to him.



“Missionary Conversion”

*...I hope that all communities will devote the necessary effort to advancing along the path of a pastoral and **missionary conversion** which cannot leave things as they presently are. “Mere administration” can no longer be enough...*

I dream of a “missionary option”, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation...

Evangelii Gaudium, §25,

Linking Reflection with Planning

- Review & Reflection not planning, but *creating readiness* for planning
- Conversation = < capacity for evangelization and missionary conversion
- Statements will result in:
 - Greater parish self-understanding of opportunities and challenges
 - Insight that will aid in cluster planning

Survey Review & Reflection Transmittal

- Guidance for Survey Review and Reflection
- Original survey
- Parish-level survey results (full report)
- Parish-level survey results (text answers)
- Multi-parish-level survey results (full report) *(shared pastor only)*
- Region-level survey results (full report)
- Parish Data Executive Summary
- Multi-parish Parish Data Executive Summary *(shared pastor only)*

A Walk Through the Reports

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez (Woodstock)

Woodstock, MD

316 responses



Total # of responses for parish

Survey question #

of responses for that question

Reflection questions for each section that relate directly or generally to survey responses



REFLECTION AND NOTES

Response tallies for youth ages 11-17 are reported separately at the end.

When you reflect on the age, ethnic, and gender distributions of respondents, do they accurately reflect the people in the pews and/or know to be parishioners?

Do they accurately reflect the people in the parish boundaries? Where do you note discrepancies?

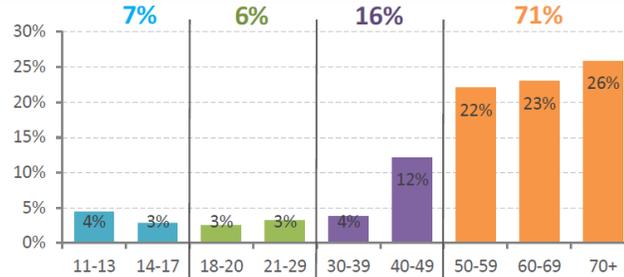
How does the parish invite people from other faith traditions to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith?

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Basic Demographics

AGE GROUP (n=313)

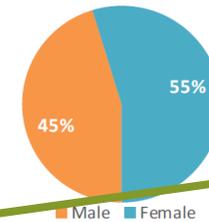
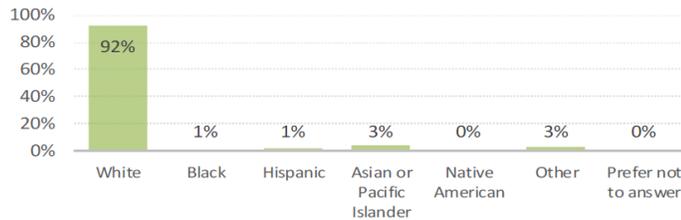
Q3



71% of respondents are over 50 years of age

ETHNICITY (n=301) and GENDER (n=285)

Q10, Q9



(multiple selections possible)

CATHOLIC STATUS (n=288)

Q8



Hints for Review

- Read text answers
- Consider majority and minority answers
- Consider who is not represented in the responses
- Use region and Archdiocesan reports to supplement responses
- Draw on additional material for insight
 - Parish data Executive Summary
 - Online mapping app
 - National studies
 - Parish surveys, observations, plans

Next Steps for Parishes

- Gather Planning Team
- Undertake Review & Reflection
 - Consider Ways To Share Info With Parish And Gather Their Feedback
- Prepare Parish Mission-Readiness Statement – due end of September

Next Steps for Planning Process

Spring 2016

- Review & Reflection begins

Summer 2016

- Parish clusters preliminarily defined through iterative and collaborative process

Fall 2016

- Parish Mission Readiness Statements Sent to Office of Pastoral Planning
- Cluster arrangements continue to be refined
- Phase II cluster planning process defined

Winter 2016-17

- Phase II cluster planning begins