### Basic Demographics

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29% of respondents are over 50 years of age.

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68% Male, 32% Female

#### CATHOLIC STATUS (n=587)

- 89% Raised Catholic
- 10% Converted to Catholicism (RCIA)
- 10% No longer Catholic
- 1% Never Catholic

#### LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME (n=830)

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### REFLECTION AND NOTES

The parish planning survey was administered by parishes and schools between October and December 2015 in support of the Be Missionary Disciples planning process. The survey was designed to complement Archbishop William E. Lori’s pastoral letter, *A Light Brightly Visible: Lighting the Path to Missionary Discipleship*, as a way to help understand how people would answer key questions laid out in the letter.

The survey was not designed to achieve a statistically random or complete sample of respondents, so it will yield only partial and somewhat biased results. In this light, the results are meant to be used in conjunction with parish statistics and demographics to provide a more complete picture of challenges and opportunities to missionary discipleship and evangelization-based planning. A copy of the survey can be found online at [www.BeMissionaryDisciples.org/planning/pastoral-planning-tools/](http://www.BeMissionaryDisciples.org/planning/pastoral-planning-tools/). For more information on the survey or the Be Missionary Disciples planning process, contact the Daphne Daly, Director of the Office of Pastoral Planning at 410-547-5545 or Daphne.Daly@archbalt.org.
Family Demographics

Q12: Family Demographics

MARITAL STATUS (n=590)

- 79% are married or have been married
- 71% Married
- 5% Widowed
- 3% Divorced
- 1% Single
- 1% Unmarried, living together

Q13: Children under 18 in Household?

- 60% No children under 18 in household
- 40% Have children under 18 in household

HOW DO YOUR CHILDREN RECEIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION? (n=340)

- Parish-based (through 8th grade): 45%
- In home: 42%
- Catholic school: 26%
- Catholic Youth Ministry (Middle or High): 15%
- Other religious ed. (through 8th grade): 7%
- Other formal programs: 6%

GREATEST CHALLENGES PASSING FAITH TO CHILDREN (n=261)

- Swimming against the tide in a society that does not value faith: 46%
- Children are not interested enough: 14%
- I do not feel prepared or knowledgeable enough about the faith: 8%
- No good opportunities to bring up faith matters: 9%
- I am not interested enough: 1%
- Other: 6%

FAITH ACTIVITIES WITH CHILDREN (n=1,243)

- Attend Mass regularly: 87%
- Point out the many ways in which we are blessed: 68%
- Prepare them for sacraments: 69%
- Pray together as a family (bedtime, mealtime, etc.): 72%
- Teach prayers, hymns: 64%
- Use Christ as the reference point for decision-making: 49%
- Enroll them in religious education classes: 52%
- Encourage participation in youth groups: 37%
- Enroll them in Catholic schools: 33%
- Read the Bible and spiritual reading together: 27%
- Other: 5%
**WILLINGNESS TO SHARE FAITH (n=581)**

- **74%** would proactively share their faith in some way.
- **24%** would welcome the opportunity.
- **19%** would be happy to share, but not debate.
- **50%** would be willing to share, but only if asked.
- **62%** would not share, do not know enough about faith.
- **77%** would not share, faith is private.
- **55%** would avoid the conversation.
- **None of the above**: **56%**

**HOW WOULD SOMEONE KNOW YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN? (n=1,663)**

- **Be kind, charitable, respectful, and forgiving to all**: **77%**
- **Mention attending church in conversation**: **62%**
- **Serve those in need**: **50%**
- **Talk about God in my life**: **29%**
- **Discuss words of Pope France or from Church**: **21%**
- **Share faith through social media**: **14%**
- **Other**: **5%**
- **None of the above**: **1%**

**WITH WHOM DO YOU TALK ABOUT FAITH? (n=1,463)**

- **Adult family members**: **76%**
- **Friends**: **68%**
- **My children**: **54%**
- **Co-workers, neighbors**: **40%**
- **Strangers**: **14%**
- **No one**: **3%**

**GREATEST OBSTACLES TO SHARING FAITH? (n=992)**

- **Don't want to push beliefs**: **41%**
- **Not encouraged by society**: **35%**
- **Others not interested**: **24%**
- **No good opportunities**: **12%**
- **Not knowledgeable enough**: **7%**
- **Afraid to offend, made fun of**: **5%**
- **Other**: **2%**

**WHAT IS EVANGELIZATION? (n=1,159)**

- **Bearing witness through way I live my life**: **60%**
- **Talking about God and Jesus**: **55%**
- **Sharing faith story**: **56%**
- **Trying to convert others**: **24%**
- **Something preachers do on TV, street corners**: **12%**
- **Other**: **2%**
Do we personally have the qualities of mind, heart, and spirit to take up this task?

REFLECTION AND NOTES

RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS (n=562) and SPIRITUAL GROWTH (n=560) — Q21, Q22

FAITH ACTIVITIES (n=1,755) — Q23

FREQUENCY OF CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES (of those who participate) — Q23

REASONS FOR NOT ATTENDING MASS AT MAIN PARISH (n=1,520) — Q27
**Parish-Life Demographics**

**SELF-IDENTIFICATION (n=733)**
- Parishioner: 78%
- Regular attendee: 19%
- Visitor: 9%
- Ministry Volunteer: 3%
- Parish Leadership: 2%
- Deacon: 2%
- Parish Staff Member: 1%

**REGISTERED? (n=588) and FOR HOW LONG? (n=571)**
- Registered: 78%
- Not Registered: 22%
- Don't Know: 18%

**TRAVEL TIME TO PARISH (n=588) and ATTENDANCE (n=587)**
- Travel less than 20 minutes: 90%
- Travel 20-30 minutes: 7.5%
- Travel 30-45 minutes: 1.6%
- Travel 45+ minutes: 0.6%
- Attend Mass daily: 79%
- Attend Mass once a week or more: 88%
- Attend Mass once a month: 10%
- Attend Mass seldom or never: 8%

**ARE VOICATIONS PROMOTED? (n=526)**
- No: 7%
- Don't Know: 28%
- Yes: 65%

**MULTI-CULTURAL PARISH? (n=494) and if so, INTEGRATED? (n=315)**
- Yes: 22%
- Somewhat: 21%
- No: 57%

**Are our parishes ready to respond to the challenges of the mission in our times? (Part I)**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE**

Baltimore, MD

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- Don't Know: 28%
- Yes: 65%

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- Somewhat: 21%
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Are our parishes ready to respond to the challenges of the mission in our times? (Part II)

**PARISH INSIGHTS** (4 or 5 on 5-point scale)

- **Q31, Q32, Q33**
  - My spiritual needs are being met here (n=536)
  - I feel like I am a valued member of this parish (n=533)
  - Encouraged in spiritual growth by someone in the parish (n=529)

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**PARISH ASPECTS: IMPORTANCE x SATISFACTION** (4 or 5 on 5-point scale)

- **Q28**
  - Imp. Sat. Diff.
  - Christ-centered parish 50% 44% 6.0%
  - Engaging homilies 48% 38% 10.1%
  - Feeling of warmth and welcome 45% 37% 7.3%
  - Holy, reverent worship experience 41% 32% 8.8%
  - Service-oriented parish 35% 35% 0.5%
  - Joy and excitement in parishioners 48% 39% 9.1%
  - Dynamic, lively worship experience 41% 32% 9.1%
  - Inspiring adult faith formation 37% 30% 6.6%
  - Engaging children’s ministry 38% 28% 9.9%
  - Outstanding music 40% 31% 8.5%
  - Welcomes immigrant families 43% 37% 6.8%
  - Fun social gatherings 22% 34% -11.8%
  - Beautiful architecture and grounds 28% 30% -1.7%

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**WHERE COULD THE PARISH GIVE THE MOST SUPPORT?** (n=1,624)

- **Q35**
  - 1 - Spiritual guidance and care
  - 2 - Grief and loss
  - 3 - Aging and care for the elderly
  - 4 - Sickness and long-term health issues
  - 5 - Parenting and care for the family
  - 6 - Marital issues
  - 7 - Depression or mental illness
  - 8 - Education needs
  - 9 - Separation/Divorce
  - 10 - LGBT support for individuals and families
  - 11 - Addiction (substance abuse, gambling, pornography)
  - 12 - Unemployment
  - 13 - Lack of housing/food
  - 14 - Access to healthcare
  - 15 - Care for immigrant families
  - 16 - Legal assistance
  - 17 - Domestic violence
  - 18 - Immigration assistance
  - 19 - Prisoner re-entry
  - 20 - Other

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**PARISH INSPIRING (n=537) & WOULD RECOMMEND? (n=543)**

- **Q29, Q30**
  - Absolutely!
  - Yes
  - To some degree
  - No
  - Not at all

- **Q29, Q30**
  - Very Likely
  - Likely
  - Undecided
  - Unlikely
  - Very Unlikely

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**REFLECTION AND NOTES**

- Are our parishes ready to respond to the challenges of the mission in our times? (Part II)

- **Q35**
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**Archdiocese of Baltimore**

Baltimore, MD
**What decisions need to be made so we can marshal the resources the Lord has given us?**

**TIME AND TALENT CONTRIBUTIONS (n=495)**

- **Q37**: 45% are seeking to contribute but are not currently doing so.
- **Q38, Q39**: Perceptions of God’s Gifts
- **Q40**: Reasons for Financial Contributions (n=798)
- **Q41**: Rating of Parish’s Financial Health (n=507)
- **Q42**: Rating of Size and Condition of Parish Facilities (n=930)

**PERCEPTIONS OF GOD’S GIFTS**

- I have thought about the gifts God has given me and how they might be used (n=500): 13% Strongly Disagree, 44% Disagree, 40% Neither, 4% Agree, 2% Strongly Agree.
- I consider the time and talent I contribute to be a form of ministry (n=484): 19% Strongly Disagree, 42% Disagree, 37% Neither, 3% Agree, 5% Strongly Agree.

**REASONS FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

1. My contributions support the ongoing presence and work of this particular parish (55%)
2. My contributions support the core mission of the Church to spread the Gospel, form disciples, and serve others (53%)
3. It is my obligation as a Catholic to support the Church (43%)
4. I cannot make financial contributions at this time, but would like to (5%)
5. I do not make financial contributions (4%)

**RATING OF PARISH’S FINANCIAL HEALTH**

- 6% Do not know, 19% Excellent, 49% Good, 21% Fair, 6% Poor.

**RATING OF SIZE AND CONDITION OF PARISH FACILITIES**

- worship space: 37% Excellent, 48% Adequate, 13% Needs Attention, 18% Do not know
- fellowship space: 38% Excellent, 45% Adequate, 8% Needs Attention, 7% Do not know
- outdoor areas: 40% Excellent, 40% Adequate, 8% Needs Attention, 11% Do not know
- parking: 37% Excellent, 48% Adequate, 13% Needs Attention, 18% Do not know
How can we reach out more dynamically to those who have left or are searching?

### REASONS WHY YOU THINK PEOPLE LEAVE THE CHURCH (n=1,320)

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<td>Gradual loss of interest</td>
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<td>Dissatisfied with atmosphere in church</td>
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<td>Not feeling welcomed</td>
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<td>No longer believe</td>
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### HOW TO HELP RECONNECT PEOPLE WITH THE FAITH? (n=1,907)

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<td>Be open to their questions about the Church and its</td>
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<td>Let them know they are missed and always welcome</td>
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<td>Share why you remain a committed Catholic</td>
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<td>Listen to their pains and concerns and accompany them in</td>
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<td>Offer a personal invitation to attend Mass with you</td>
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<td>Invite them to parish social events</td>
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Are there ways we can pull together as a Catholic community to proclaim the Gospel more effectively?

### WAYS TO COLLABORATE WITH ANOTHER PARISH? (n=1,479)

| Service and outreach ministries | 46% |
| Evangelization                  | 43% |
| Youth ministry                  | 40% |
| Young adult ministry            | 34% |
| Adult faith formation           | 34% |
| Religious education             | 37% |
| Sacramental preparation         | 22% |
| Parish and/or pastoral staff    | 19% |
| Music ministry                  | 19% |
| Other                          | 23% |
| Do not know                     | 4%  |

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Youth Survey

ETHNICITY (n=517) and GENDER (n=325)

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Male: 46%  Female: 54%

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME (n=459)

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HOW DO YOU LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH? (n=578)

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WHICH FAITH ACTIVITIES DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN? (n=1,523)

1. Attend Catholic school/religious education classes 66%
2. Attend Mass regularly 72%
3. Talk to God 58%
4. Prepare for sacraments 54%
5. Pray with my family 58%
6. Participate in service projects 37%
7. Make decisions based on my faith and religious beliefs 37%
8. Read the Bible or other religious writings 41%
9. Attend youth groups 32%
10. Other 3%

(multiple selections possible)

DIRECTLY TALKING ABOUT FAITH (n=326)

94% would share their faith in some way
- Not have a problem doing it 69%
- Do it, but only if I was with friends from church 24%
- Not do it at all 6%

“If you were in a situation where speaking about God, Jesus Christ, or your personal faith seemed appropriate, you would…”
Youth Survey

MASS ATTENDANCE (n=334)  QY4

- Once a week or more: 40%
- 2-3 times a month: 20%
- Once a month: 6%
- Several times a year: 8%
- Seldom or Never: 5%
- 60% are not attending Mass weekly

REASONS FOR NOT ATTENDING MASS (n=791)  QY14

1. Sports or other activities: 64%
2. If my family doesn’t come: 41%
3. Working or in school: 42%
4. Lack of transportation: 28%
5. Health problems or disability: 24%
6. Don’t feel I need to come to church every week: 17%
7. Church is not that meaningful to me: 10%
8. Don’t feel like I belong: 5%
9. Other: 12%

DOES THIS PARISH INSPIRE YOU?

Statements of inspiration and reasons for not attending Mass.

HOW DOES YOUR PARISH INSPIRE YOU?

- Does this parish inspire you to follow Jesus?
  - Absolutely!: 21%
  - Yes: 33%
  - Sort of: 41%
  - No: 3%
  - Not at all: 5%

- Would you tell your friends to come to this parish?
  - Absolutely!: 9%
  - Yes: 23%
  - Sort of: 32%
  - Not sure: 34%

- Do you feel welcome and valued in this parish?
  - Yes: 75%
  - Sort of: 20%
  - Not sure: 5%
  - No: 0%