

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. How was the Disciple Maker Index survey created?

a. Catholic Leadership Institute gathered 100 bishops, priests, diocesan officials, parish leaders and authors/thought leaders (Sherry Weddell, Matthew Kelly, etc) to a 2-day "think tank" on parish engagement which produced some initial hypotheses. CLI then took a smaller group of the same constituents and crafted the survey. After that, CLI shared the survey with 15 bishops for feedback and edit. The survey was first administered in 2014 and to date has received more than 226,000 responses.

2. How will the Disciple Maker Index results be shared with parishioners?

a. Those staff and parishioners who the pastor invites to be a part of the consultation session or planning process will get the full survey report. The parish will share a summary of the report highlighting successes and opportunities for growth.

3. What about confidentiality? With whom will my parish's results be shared? How about individual parishioner's responses?

a. We take parishioners' confidentiality very seriously. We want them to provide honest feedback. No one in the diocese or on your parish staff - including the pastor - will have access to individual parishioner responses. As for your parish's results, your results will be shared with you and those key leaders you bring with you to the consultation session or planning process. Catholic Leadership Institute will not share your parish's individual data without your expressed written permission.

4. What is the needed response rate from the parishes?

a. We hope to see an 8-10% response rate from your parishioners. Getting a high count of responses is the ultimate goal.

5. How do I access the Disciple Maker Index survey?

a. The link to the online version of the survey can be found on our website at sainti.org (beginning January 21) and will also be mailed out through Flocknote. The survey can be completed on a computer or via a mobile device such as a cell phone or tablet. The survey will be active between Jan 21 - Feb 27 at 11 p.m. A paper version of the survey is also available. Saturday and Sunday, January 21 & 22, team members will be available at the doors of church after all Masses to share the survey link/QR Code and a paper version.

6. Who is the staff position point contact?

a. Amy Lesko, parish director of communications, alesko@sainti.org

7. How long does the survey take to complete?

a. 10-15 minutes

8. What is the youngest age able to complete the survey?

a. Keeping in mind local diocesan and civic policies, Catholic Leadership Institute recommends that only individuals 18 years of age and older complete the survey, however in some cases, it may be beneficial to have children take the survey.

9. I have more questions. Who can I contact?

a. Please call Catholic Leadership Institute at 610-363-1315 or send an email to DMI@catholicleaders.org