



## AND THE SURVEY SAYS... OUR PARISH-WIDE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!

You may recall that earlier this year our parish, along with the other parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland, participated in the Catholic Leadership Institute's *Disciple Maker Survey*. CLI is a non-profit Catholic apostolate that does leadership training and development. Our results came back in late May and the entire set of results is now available on our parish website at [www.sjohio.org/survey](http://www.sjohio.org/survey). Fr. Joe and our follow-up team are greatly appreciative of those who took them time to complete the survey, whether on-line or through a paper copy!

While we encourage you to take some time to look at the entire results, as we have and still plan to explore these more fully, we thought it would be good to offer a brief summary of our results:

- 16% of our average pre-pandemic average Mass attendance took the time to complete the survey. CLI designed the survey that a 10% response rate would yield a statistically significant survey. So we are able to say that we indeed have one...
- 90% either agreed or strongly agreed that they “would recommend the parish to a friend”, while the Diocesan average was 84%.
- Our Top 3 Strengths by Highest Percentage who chose “Strongly Agree”:
  - 75% “would recommend their pastor to a friend”
  - 73% believe that “the Eucharist is really the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ”
  - 72% believe that “Scripture is the Word of God”
- Our Top 3 Strengths by Highest Percentage of participation at least Monthly:
  - 95% attend Mass
  - 92% take time for individual prayer with God
  - 50% participate in devotions (praying the Rosary, special feast days, novenas)
- Our Top 3 Opportunities for Growth by Lowest Percentage who chose “Strongly Agree”:
  - 16% “teaching me how to share my personal witness story”
  - 19% “teaching me how to share the story of Jesus”
  - 20% “growing my confidence in the Church’s teachings so I can answer other’s questions”
- Our Top 3 Opportunities for Growth by Lowest Percentage of participation at least monthly:
  - 0% took a retreat
  - .48% invited someone to consider Religious Life
  - .48% invited a man to consider Priesthood

Our follow-up team consists of members of the Parish Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council and Finance Council along with Fr. Joe. Obviously the above data serve to mark the “extremes” of the survey with a great deal of data in between. Given that the survey was done throughout the Diocese, we are able to compare ourselves to others using CLI’s online portal. Our team will look at the various data points and see what recommendations may be needed. Again, thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!