



DMI SURVEY PARISH RESULTS

The Diocese of Allentown

Saint Peter, Coplay

I would like to thank all of you who participated in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey earlier this year. In total, 76% of weekly Mass attendees at our parish, St. Peter, Coplay, completed the Survey.

The DMI successfully captured a snapshot of our parish, offering our community a comprehensive analysis of attitudes and beliefs, participation, relationships, satisfaction, and demographics. The Survey has helped us assess our greatest strengths and opportunities, providing a valuable foundation for developing a pastoral plan that enhances the spiritual and communal life of our parish.

The following is a summary of the most important results of the DMI Survey for our parish.

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 and thriving parish:

Leadership Indicators: 78% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they are provided opportunities to serve at the parish.

Spiritual Practices: 25% of respondents state that they have personally encountered Jesus Christ and are growing as a disciple.

Sunday Experience: 85% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the parish makes them feel welcome and accepted.

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.



The DMI Survey is a tool developed by the Catholic Leadership Institute.

STRENGTHS OF THE PARISH

The DMI Survey highlighted three primary strengths of our parish:

The top three strengths for our parish all fell into the category of "Belief."

- Belief: 94% of respondents strongly agree/agree that Scripture is the Word of God.
- Belief: 91% of respondents strongly agree/agree that Church is critical in a relationship with God.
- Belief: 91% of respondents strongly agree/agree that that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The DMI Survey identified areas of opportunity for our parish's growth:

- Music: 55% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the music offered at Mass deepens their desire to participate more fully in the Liturgy.
- Formation: 61% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they feel confident that they can share the teachings of the Church with others.
- Discipleship: 71% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the parish is helping to form them as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

WHAT'S NEXT?

With the insights from the DMI survey, we are now ready to take the next steps towards building a stronger, more vibrant parish community.

Our newly formed leadership team will review the survey data to create a strategic plan for our parish. I extend a heartfelt thanks to the team members for offering their time to support our parish in this capacity.

In a few years, we will retake the DMI survey to assess our progress and see how far we've come. Thank you for your continued support as we work together towards a future filled with hope and enthusiasm for our parish.

Gratefully,

Mrs. David James