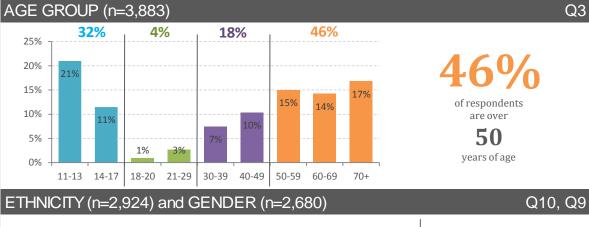
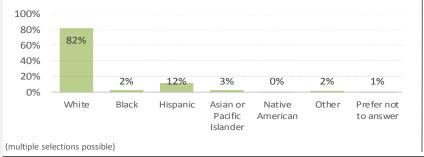
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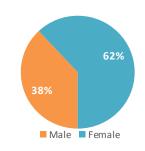
3,997 responses











# CATHOLIC STATUS (n=2,707) Raised Catholic Converted to Catholicism (RCIA) No longer Catholic Never Catholic

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME (n=2,924)

Q11

Q8

Language	% of Respondents
English	92.6%
Spanish	12.3%
Other Options	0.8%
"Other"	2.3%

(multiple selections possible)

#### BACKGROUND ON THE SURVEY AND ITS USE

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 <a href="https://www.BeMissionaryDisciples.org/planning/pastoral-planning-tools/">www.BeMissionaryDisciples.org/planning/pastoral-planning-tools/</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:Daphne.Daly@archbalt.org">Daphne.Daly@archbalt.org</a>.

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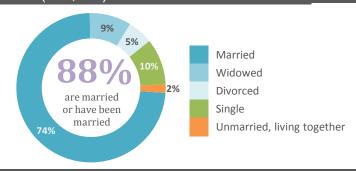




REFLECTION AND NOTES

MARITAL STATUS (n=2,699)

Q12



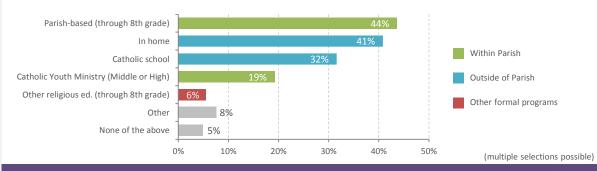
## CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN HOUSEHOLD? (n=2,672)

Q13

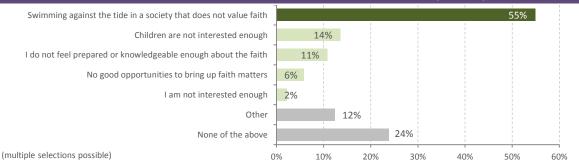
No children under 18 in household

30% Have children under 18 in household

#### HOW DO YOUR CHILDREN RECEIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION? (n=1,194)



#### GREATEST CHALLENGES PASSING FAITH TO CHILDREN (n=901)



#### FAITH ACTIVITIES WITH CHILDREN (n=4.285)

90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 11

- 1 Attend Mass regularly
- 2 Point out the many ways in which we are blessed
- 3 Prepare them for sacraments
- 4 Pray together as a family (bedtime, mealtime, etc.)
- 5 Teach prayers, hymns 6 - Use Christ as the reference point for decision-making
- 7 Enroll them in religious education classes
- 8 Encourage participation in youth groups
- 9 Enroll them in Catholic schools
- 10 Read the Bible and spiritual reading together
- 11 Other

(multiple selections possible)

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## Are we equipped to fulfill the great commission to make disciples of all nations?

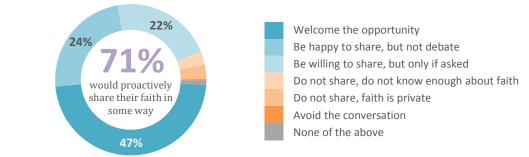
WITH WHOM DO YOU TALK ABOUT FAITH? (n=7,001)

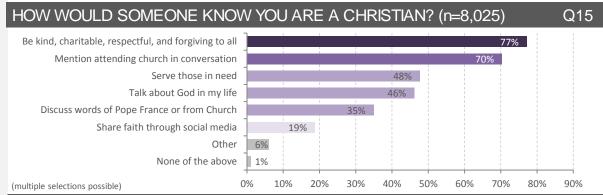


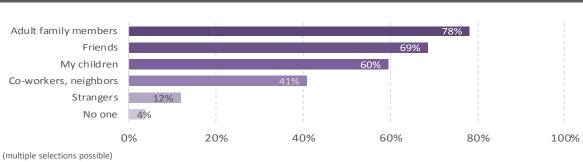
## WILLINGNESS TO SHARE FAITH (n=2,671)

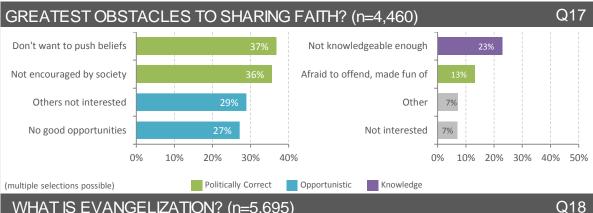
Q14

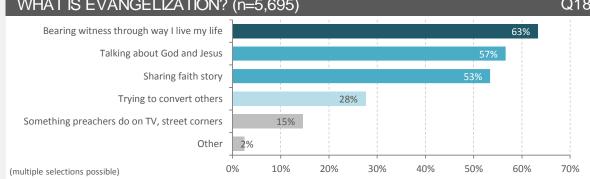
**Q16** 









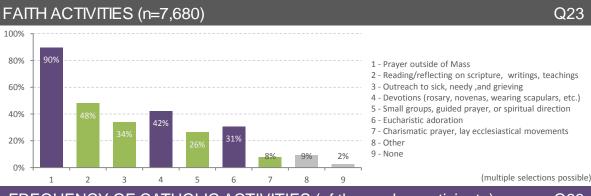


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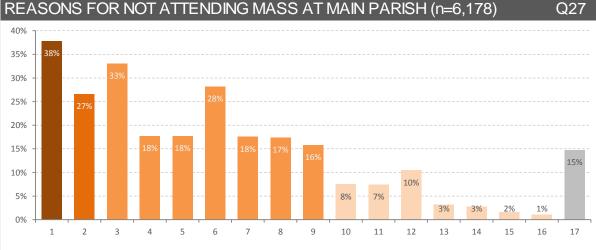
## Do we personally have the qualities of mind, heart, and spirit to take up this task?



RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS (n=2,619) and SPIRITUAL GROWTH (n=2,616) Q21, Q22 Jesus at the center 34% Relationship, growing Practice, no relationship 13% Growing steadily Growing slowly Relationship, but do not practice 3% Neither Spiritual, but do not practice 2% in their Declining Do not practice or feel spiritual 0% spiritual life 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% Relationship AND Practicing Relationship OR Practicing Neither







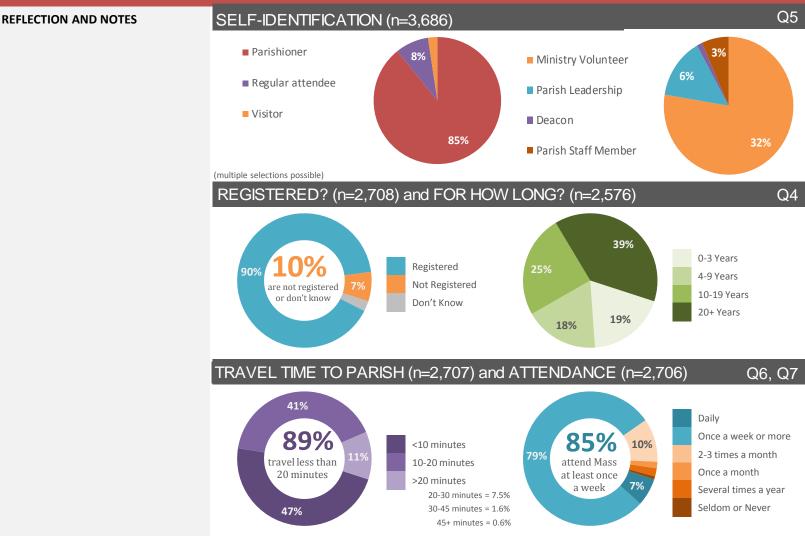
- 1 Sports or other activities
- 2 Don't feel I need to come to church every week
- 3 Working or in school
- 4 Also attend church elsewhere
- 5 Church is becoming less relevant in my life
- 6 Health problems or disability
- 7 Spiritual needs are not being met here
- 8 Divorce or marriage outside Church
- 9 Poor preaching

- 10 Parish is not welcoming
- 11 Priest is not welcoming
- 12 Lack of transportation
- 13 Lack of children's ministry
- 14 Parish does not reflect my language/ethnic/cultural identity
- 15 No special needs ministry
- 16 Church not accessible
- 17 Other

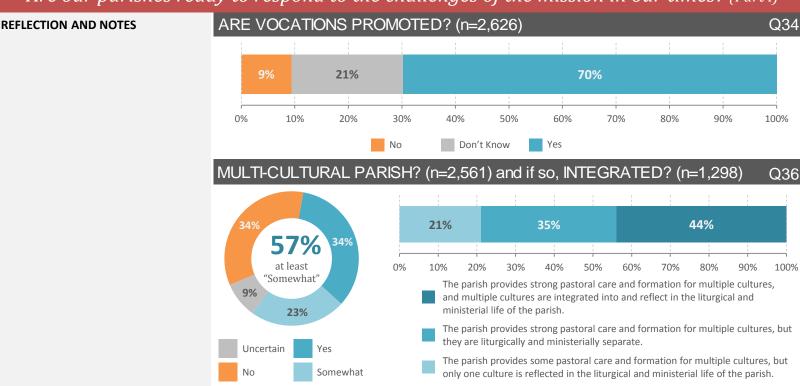
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## Are our parishes ready to respond to the challenges of the mission in our times? (Part I)

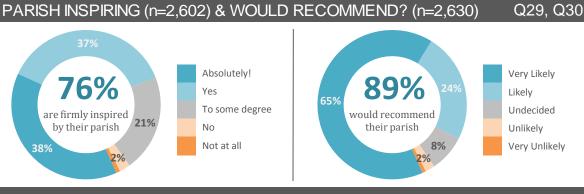


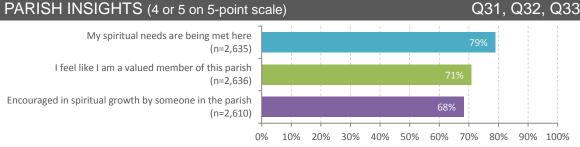
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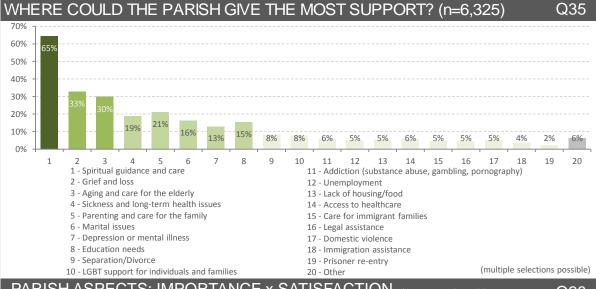


Are our parishes ready to respond to the challenges of the mission in our times? (Part II)

**REFLECTION AND NOTES** 







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

Q28

IMPORTANCE	
100% T/	
90%	
80%	
70%	
60%	
50%	
40%	
30%	
20%	
10%	
0%	
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SATISFACTION	

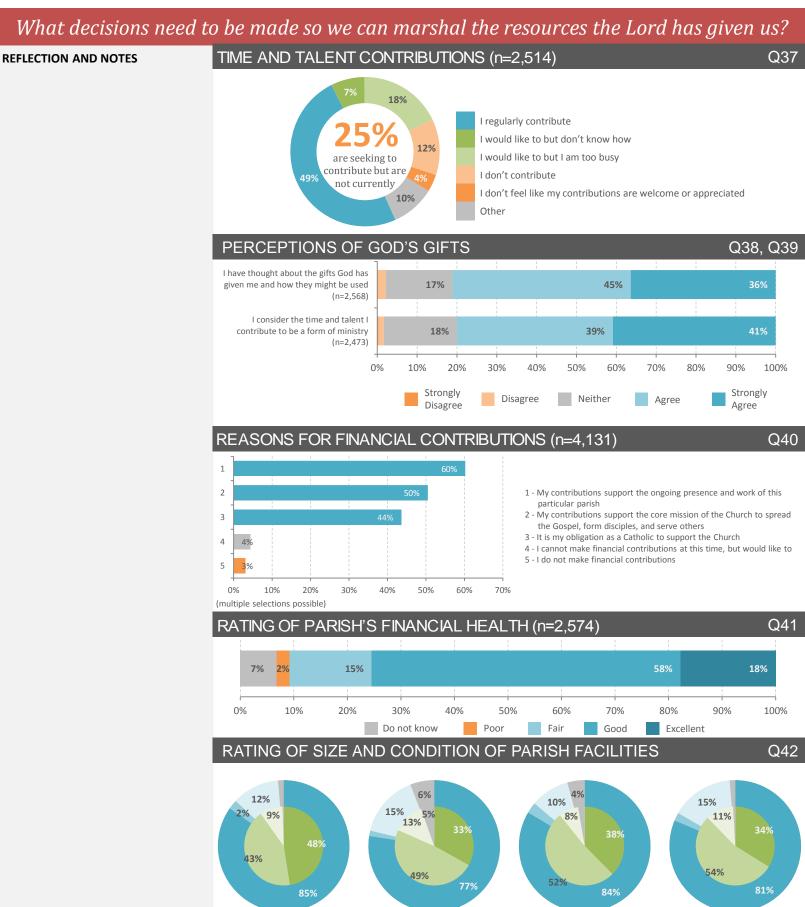
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	Imp. Sat.	Diff.
Christ-centered parish	54% 46%	8.2%
Engaging homilies	51% 38%	13.3%
Feeling of warmth and welcome	47% 39%	8.0%
Holy, reverent worship experience	39% 31%	7.6%
Service-oriented parish	33% 34%	-0.5%
Joy and excitement in parishioners	52% 42%	10.2%
Dynamic, lively worship experience	41% 31%	10.3%
Inspiring adult faith formation	33% 28%	5.5%
Engaging children's ministry	36% 27%	9.0%
Outstanding music	29% 25%	4.1%
Welcomes immigrant families	44% 41%	3.7%
Fun social gatherings	15% 28%	-12.7%
Beautiful architecture and grounds	25% 26%	-1.0%

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Parking (n=3,997)



**Fellowship Space** 

(n=3,997)

Too Small Do not know

Size

**Outdoor Areas** 

Condition

Excellent Adequate Needs Attention Do not know

**Worship Space** 

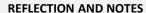
(n=3,997)

Just Right Too Big

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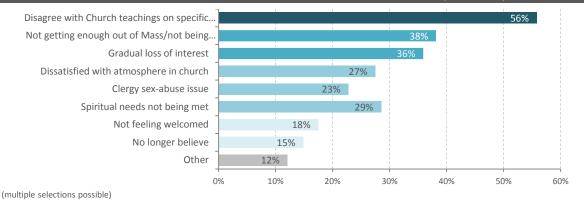


## How can we reach out more dynamically to those who have left or are searching?



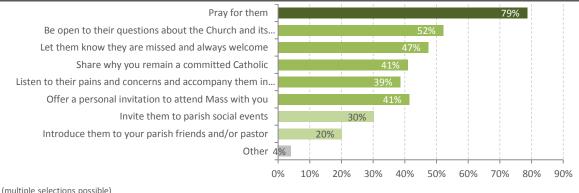
### REASONS WHY YOU THINK PEOPLE LEAVE THE CHURCH (n=6,070)

Q19



HOW TO HELP RECONNECT PEOPLE WITH THE FAITH? (n=9,164)

Q20

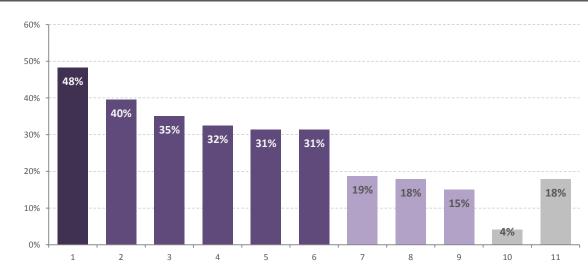


Are there ways we can pull together as a Catholic community to proclaim the Gospel more effectively?

#### **REFLECTION AND NOTES**

## WAYS TO COLLABORATE WITH ANOTHER PARISH? (n=7,168)

Q43



- 1 Service and outreach ministries
- 2 Evangelization
- 3 Youth ministry
- 4 Young adult ministry
- 5 Adult faith formation
- 6 Religious education

- 7 Sacramental preparation
- 8 Parish and/or pastoral staff
- 9 Music ministry
- 10 Other
- 11 Do not know

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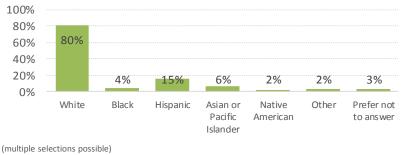


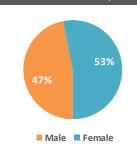
## Youth Survey





QY6, QY5





## \_ANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME (n=1,480)

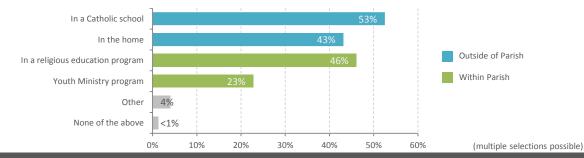
QY7

Language	% of Respondents
English	97.8%
Spanish	14.5%
Other Options	3.0%
"Other"	3.3%

(multiple selections possible)

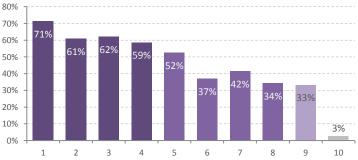
#### HOW DO YOU LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH? (n=2,137)

QY8



#### VHICH FAITH ACTIVITIES DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN? (n=5,675)

QY9

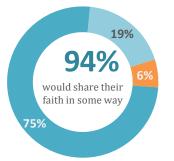


- 1 Attend Catholic school/religious education classes
- 2 Attend Mass regularly
- 3 Talk to God
- 4 Prepare for sacraments
- 5 Pray with my family
- 6 Participate in service projects
- 7 Make decisions based on my faith and religious beliefs
- 8 Read the Bible or other religious writings
- 9 Attend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

(multiple selections possible)

#### DIRECTLY TALKING ABOUT FAITH (n=1,225)

QY10



"If you were in a situation where speaking about God, Jesus Christ, or your personal faith seemed appropriate, you would..."

Not have a problem doing it

Do it, but only if I was with friends from church

Not do it at all

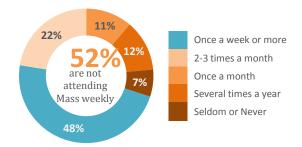
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## Youth Survey

**REFLECTION AND NOTES** 

## MASS ATTENDANCE (n=1,258)

QY4



#### REASONS FOR NOT ATTENDING MASS (n=3,009) QY14 70% 1 - Sports or other activities 60% 2 - If my family doesn't come 3 - Working or in school 50% 4 - Lack of transportation 40% 5 - Health problems or disability 30% 6 - Don't feel I need to come to church every week 7 - Church is not that meaningful to me 20% 8 - Don't feel like I belong 9 - Other

#### HOW DOES YOUR PARISH INSPIRE YOU?

## (multiple selections possible)

