



Annunciation of Our Lord and St. Anthony's parishes are on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

I am excited to announce that our parish is participating in a parish survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** survey allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth. PLEASE consider participating in this survey so we can grow as disciples of Christ, as individuals and together, as we walk the road to heaven.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Annunciation of Our Lord and St. Anthony's. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The estimated 10 to 15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link, available starting this week, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parishes' efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online, or would prefer to complete a paper survey.

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Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

As your pastor, my primary responsibility is to help you grow as disciples of Jesus and to equip you to go and make disciples of others. The web-based survey will be accessible online and in paper form starting this week. Instructions for picking up and submitting paper surveys will be communicated to you.

I want you to know that you will be key to the success of this process in our parish. You are a vital part of our parish life. Through this process, we will lean on your experience and insights as we discern the direction to which God is calling us.

An important announcement will be made regarding the first phase of this journey, which requires us to **assess our greatest opportunities and strengths**. We will be utilizing the **Disciple Maker Index** to complete this step, a tool that is designed to invite you to reflect on your journey of discipleship; enable parish leadership to make decisions, and help parishioners grow in their faith.

Soon, you will receive a communication from Catholic Leadership Institute inviting you to participate in the survey.

- **Remember** the online survey will be live from January 7th through February 6th
- **Please** respond as soon as you can. We want to hear from as many people as possible.
- *The parish* will receive a summary report of the overall data, but no one at our parishes will have access to individual survey responses, so your responses are anonymous.

Paper copies of the survey using the PDF available in our online portal will be printed for those who do not wish to access the survey online. Parishioners will be able to drop off completed surveys anonymously and they will be collected throughout the duration of the survey. **All completed paper copies will be returned to the Catholic Leadership Institute by February 13th**. You will receive more specific instructions closer to the survey closing date.

Thank you for your faithful dedication to Annunciation of Our Lord and St. Anthony's. We are blessed by your service in so many ways. We continue to ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we place this intention under the intercession of the Blessed Mother and invite you to make time each week to pray for our parish.

Father Dan Price

