



Belonging Matters: Data Collection

For each statement of “Section 3: Belonging Matters” of the RENEW Parish Assessment, retrieve the mean value from the parish summary (see example on the other side of this worksheet) and insert it in the corresponding box under “Mean Value.”

STATEMENT	ENGLISH (251) MEAN VALUE	SPANISH (41) MEAN VALUE	TEEN (35)
1. There are well-publicized, convenient, and personal ways for parishioners to have their needs met (religious education, spiritual direction, pastoral counseling, reception of sacraments).	3.71	4.32	3.66
2. Our parish provides faith-enrichment programs to encourage adult parishioners to develop a stronger faith and a deeper relationship with Christ (prayer groups, Bible study, days of recollection, and missions).	3.73	4.51	3.69
3. Our parish activities are designed to engage all the different household types and age groups.	3.56	4.39	3.77
4. Our parish follows a plan to involve newly initiated Catholics into the life and ministry of the parish.	3.54	4.18	3.80
5. Our parish has youth ministry programs that attract strong participation beyond sacramental preparation.	3.62	4.00	3.54
6. Parishioners are empowered to use their gifts and talents for the good of the parish.	3.73	4.25	3.86
7. Our parish organizations regularly invite new people to participate in their activities.	3.38	4.43	3.49
8. Our parish intentionally enrolls parishioners in small groups for spiritual growth and service.	3.00	4.05	3.31
9. All parish social activities build a sense of community.	3.77	4.35	3.83
10. Parishioners financially support the parish and charitable works locally and globally.	3.82	4.18	3.54
11. The unity of the parish staff and leadership extends to the entire parish community.	3.60	4.35	3.74
12. Parishioners are given opportunities to serve in leadership positions that shape the mission and direction of the parish.	3.68	4.30	3.51

ENGLISH COMMENTS – BELONGING MATTERS

I would like to see more information about the various groups/ministries that our parish offers by taking a few minutes after Mass on Sundays to describe in detail what each group does so that parishoners might want to join. There should be some senior ministries. there could be a social one as well as a service one, perhaps visiting homebound seniors or having a visiting nurses group such as other denominational churches have.

7/11/2019 12:16 AM

I have recently seen some changes starting towards some of the questions I "disagreed" with. I was basing answers on the 1.5 years we have been attending mass regularly. During the 1.5 years, I didn't really hear about any opportunities to progress my faith or for small group interaction - again, this has been changing over the last couple of months - I have found the pathway for RCIA and potentially smaller group bible studies.

7/10/2019 8:59 PM

The current fathers at the parish are two of the best we've had in a while. We like the preaching of the gospel and the explanation given to us by the fathers. We feel connected during mass and leave with a positive image of what our Lord expects from us.

7/10/2019 3:41 AM

I would be great to work on actively engaging everyone more.

7/10/2019 3:16 AM

POSSIBLY, VERY SHORT TALKS FROM EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TOPICS SUCH AS FINANCES, PARISH LIFE, ETC. BY THE WAY YOUR HOMILIES ARE WONDERFUL. THANK YOU.

7/9/2019 10:57 PM

I spent years looking for a Church that felt like home. I am so grateful I finally found Our Lady. Thank you!

7/8/2019 3:41 PM

I am concerned that a small percentage of parishioners support the parish financially. This is not only an OLG issue but an issue which I saw in my prior parish. I don't know what the answer is, except to keep reminding the parish community that everyone needs to contribute financially, however small it may be.

7/8/2019 12:45 AM

Until recently I always felt a separation between Spanish speaking and English speaking parishioners. The church has always favored Spanish speaking. I speak both languages and felt Spanish was priority, and don't fell comfortable with it.

7/7/2019 11:59 PM

Nothing to add at the moment.

7/7/2019 11:35 PM

perhaps the hall for occasional gathering for new parents -w/ their infants to exchange ideas/frustrations that are part of parenthood!

7/7/2019 10:53 PM

I would like to see more small group offerings especially for the 20's to 30's age group. All I'm aware of is the group that now meets on Tuesdays, but I cannot attend. If there was more offered for this age group, I would be willing to get involved with a small group. Are the once a month social gatherings with the young adult group advertised in the bulletin? I've never seen any announcements, and that would be a great way for the group to involve more people who might not be able to make the weekly commitment. It'd be a great way for more of the young adults in the parish to meet each other and build a community.

7/7/2019 10:35 PM

These questions are very confusing. Is the parish staff unified? How do we tell if they are? So then, how can I tell if that extends to the rest of the parish? Another point is about the parish activities, ie, social events. In the past the parish would have donuts after mass, which builds community, but we don't do that anymore, which is a shame. Yes, social events build community, but there aren't enough of them.

7/7/2019 8:42 PM

My wife and I are very supportive of the church, their representatives and their goals for the growth of the community and church ' thank you and thank God for his guidance for the better future

7/7/2019 6:30 PM

There seems to be a lack of communication about planning or having parish ministries and corresponding activities.

7/7/2019 3:55 PM

I love the simplicity of the Franciscan way.

7/6/2019 6:07 PM

I am fairly new to the parish and don't know much yet.

7/2/2019 11:15 PM

It seems that if you are not part of the school or inner group you are not part of the community. There seems to be a lack of welcoming to parish activities, no extension or enthusiasm to those of us who not active to become active.

7/2/2019 9:03 PM

I don't think all parishioners know enough about different groups that are available for them to become involved in. I know there are lists of monthly activities in the bulletin but it would be nice to have some sort of meet and greet.

7/2/2019 2:47 PM

I think that the administration needs "real" bilingual support when it comes to translations. And by real I mean people that can translate the context. Translating the words is not enough. The Spanish version of this assessment has many errors and some unknown words.

7/1/2019 10:02 PM

Very few opportunities to come together as a community, those that are offered most of the time cost money and much of it, especially for young people with families.

7/1/2019 8:42 PM

This assessment has been really great for self-reflection on how each of us can bring forth our gifts, even if you aren't one to speak in public or know a lot about theology.

7/1/2019 5:09 PM

On some question, I answered "Neither Agree or Disagree" because I haven't seen any information regarding that participation. That doesn't mean it isn't there, but that maybe more publicity is needed.

7/1/2019 3:32 PM

Would like to see some more small group activities. Good internet site but the people need to come together.

6/30/2019 11:32 PM

Love the How To Pray and Bible Study opportunities. (Parish follows involvement plan)- I hope so - the more people, the better the parish. (Parishioner Empowerment) It is great the Frs. Paul and Carlos invite the parish to participate as part of their announcement and homily. (Parish organization invitations to new people) - Good to invite by priests - the impact is greater. Like the invite for bible study and how to pray. Love the new parish council.

6/30/2019 9:18 PM

Not enough groups to include all parishioners interest in faith grow, or formation

6/30/2019 7:37 PM

post funeral masses in the bulletin

6/30/2019 3:21 PM

A lot of programs seem to be aimed at the youth of the parish, which is good, but I feel ongoing education and small group activities/prayer groups are needed for the adults as well.

6/30/2019 3:12 PM

Suggest Ministry Fair with attendance encouragement from Priests and other Ministers (Mass announcements for at least 3 weeks prior)

6/30/2019 1:01 AM

better timing for group meetings, people work and need earlier times to meet

6/29/2019 7:52 PM

The parish does a lot to get people involved, but some people can't connect. I have seen people who go to church, but do not connect on a level of participation in other activities besides mass. I think there are several parameters that need to be fulfilled before a parishioner who goes to makes the decision to go from a Sunday mass only participant to an active member of the church by participating in other activities such as being an active member of the chorus, etc.

6/29/2019 12:23 PM

I would like more updates on school and preschool activities and events shared in the bulletin.

6/25/2019 12:51 AM

As a teacher at OLG, I do not participate in many of the functions of this questionnaire, hence - many "neither" answers.

6/23/2019 10:01 PM

I personally have no comment to make.

6/23/2019 9:17 PM

It has been many years since parishioners were asked to formally consider sharing their Time, Talent & Treasure. It seems to me that much of OLG ministry inclusion and outreach is one person reaching out to another person (which is very good) rather than global invites through mass and bulletin announcements, ministry fairs, etc.

6/20/2019 11:16 AM

I enjoy our beautiful church and the friendliness of the people. I know the people around me at Sunday Mass and I miss them when they are absent. I enjoy Fr. Paul's homily's they are direct, thoughtful and timely. I always feel peaceful and ready to face issues and problems of daily life after Mass at OLG.

Thank you

6/19/2019 6:35 PM

THERE ARE VERY FEW OUT REACH PROGRAMS

6/16/2019 7:19 AM

I know we're working on building our "greeters" ministry (folks to welcome/greet parishioners before mass). Perhaps an idea would be to ask school parents and their children to see if they would be interested in being greeters.

6/13/2019 5:59 PM

I would like to see more missions.

6/13/2019 12:56 PM

I would like to get more involved in the Church. I am a high school history teacher and am very interested in the historical Bible and the history of the Church. There have been Bible studies and I have been remiss in attending. I would like to see classes in the history and current teachings of the Church. I think many in the parish need this. There are so many assumptions, misunderstanding and half truths posing as real teaching that are causing unnecessary divisions within the Church. There is also a need to explain, "why" I suppose we could go to the Catechism of the Church and read it, but somehow I believe Father Paul might be able to put some of the teachings in a more engaging context. When our girls were in confirmation, 7-8 years ago, or so, there was very little effort to engage pre-teens and teens in the life of the Church. What opportunities there were to be a part of the Mass and hook them in were limited to altar serving. Only students at OLG school were given an opportunity to have any presence outside altar serving. My wife, who was on the Parish Council at the time, asked about this and was shot down by Father Ray who believed all parents who could send their kids to Catholic school should, and defensive members of the faith education community who weren't receptive to any criticism or suggestions. That experience caused her to resign from the Council. From what I have seen, there have been some positive steps taken to engage young people beyond their classes. I am glad that is happening. One thing we wish existed when our kids were very young was a Summer Vacation Bible School. No Catholic Church in our area puts one on and that is too bad. Our girls went to Bible Schools in various Protestant churches and had a ball. Unfortunately, the kind of outreach to the young you see at Journey of Faith and other Protestant congregations was non-existent at OLG and, I think, is one of the reasons (not the only reason) our young-adult daughters are not currently close to the Church. We are praying that changes.

6/11/2019 2:24 AM

The Easter Mass is great

6/11/2019 2:04 AM

I have attended numerous bible studies at other parishes and churches but only one here. The one I did attend was very important in my faith building for 2 reasons: 1) it was structured with small discussion groups, and 2) I was invited to join a ladies group after the study ended. This group widened my knowledge of good spiritual books to read and one person encouraged me to commit to daily prayer. I feel properly structured Bible studies (not just online) are essential. Fr. Paul's parish retreat was fantastic! I think we could use some more unconventional ways of encouraging others (including me:)) to use their gifts. I plan to elaborate on this and other topics. How do we advertise our needs or willingness to help?

6/11/2019 1:53 AM

Not an effective outreach program to average people. No one has ever welcomed me who is a secular parishioner. Father Carlos, Victoria (a council member) and Bobbi-Lynn and Marty Lambert have been incredibly gracious along with Vince and Joyce Wyles and Rene the usher. These people are very warm and welcoming. Choir is terrific at 9:45 am Sunday Mass. All of these people are joyful. Regular greeters

before and after Mass need a lot of work and encouragement. They do not look happy at times to be serving in the House of the Lord.

6/11/2019 1:44 AM

It would have been nice to get new blood on the parish council. Open it up to new people with with new ideas.

6/10/2019 8:12 PM

While my child went to his doctrine class, we get to stay during that time for adult doctrine guidance. I was a little concern at some of the videos they played with Mr. Rob Bell as he has ideas that are incompatible with the catholic teachings, and can confuse our ideas as well.

6/10/2019 7:08 PM

Since N/A is not an option. If I do not know or a question does not apply to my situation and I am not looking for it, I put "neither agree or disagree".

6/10/2019 5:27 PM

I think some people come to Mass regularly but are hesitant to join a group because they are not used to being in small group ministries as traditional Catholics.

6/9/2019 6:02 PM

It may be good to include frequent visits to nursing homes: Valentine's Day, Halloween, and other times of the year as well. This is done on behalf of the residents of Sunrise Assisted Living. There are two Catholic Services each Sunday: 9:30 a.m. in the Assisted Living Unit and 10:00 a.m. in the Severe Dementia Unit.

6/6/2019 5:03 PM

I answered Neither Agree or Disagree on many of these questions because I do not really know about activities outside mass. I do not remember hearing about very many, although admittedly this is true at most other churches I attend (we occasionally attend St James, St Catherine, St Monica, LMU, St Mark, and the downtown cathedral). This is a tough one for the church--how to get more people to get involved in activities other than mass? For me, it will be easier in 10 years or so when our kids are grown up, but right now it is hard to get involved when we are constantly going to birthday parties, sporting events, etc.

6/6/2019 3:04 AM

I as a new parishioner and of retirement age I feel there are few activities to use our ability to volunteer. Also, I wish some of the programs offered at night would be offered at daytime hours.

6/5/2019 11:50 PM

I am a new Catholic and your church has been most welcoming.

6/5/2019 10:10 PM

There doesn't seem to be anything available for berevement, married couples with children or anything for seniors

6/5/2019 9:07 AM

I cannot understand how we have lost so many people in our parish. One good thing is establishing greeters. I see very few however.

6/3/2019 4:53 PM

Sometimes I feel as if I do not belong (and I am a lifelong Catholic and involved parishioner), but that is based on larger institutional barriers (being a laywoman), not on the parish level. Sometimes I feel that I only give to the church but do not receive in return what I want and need (getting only what the church wants or chooses to provide), although the church might not be able to provide what I want and need. The church has very little for older single people.

6/2/2019 1:07 PM

I think more people should give to help the parish financials

6/2/2019 10:17 AM

Just rejoined the church so I'm uncertain of the goals

6/2/2019 7:29 AM

Making homilies applicable to our daily lives.

6/2/2019 7:21 AM

It's hard to pass on the baton to the next generation

6/1/2019 8:24 PM

I wish OLG had a seniors program or better yet a group for seniors. Unless I missed this.

6/1/2019 7:34 PM

There have been several gatherings that I would have liked to attend but they were held during the day when I was working. The most recent one that pops to mind was the "no one dies alone" training. Also, women's prayer groups.

6/1/2019 6:48 PM

Would love a daytime Scripture study class where we would reflect on the upcoming Sunday Mass readings with discussion/faith sharing.

5/28/2019 11:03 AM

the staff and priests are very welcoming but the ministry and groups need to be more engaged in active recruitment to ministries,

5/21/2019 8:25 PM

There should be a board in the church entrance like the community boards on the outside of the hall with current postings of ministries and events.

5/18/2019 4:53 PM

I had to answer 3(neither agree or disagree) to some because I did not know the answer to how our parish operates in some areas.

5/18/2019 1:31 PM

We are definitely moving in a positive direction to encourage growth in faith and community.

5/18/2019 10:18 AM

I think we often rely on the same parishioners to do thing in different ministries. So it could be ask those that help to then ask and invite others. We definitely need a process for engaging and building beyond sacraments.

5/17/2019 12:48 PM

SPANISH COMMENTS

hemos notado notables cambios en nuestra parroquia hay gran entusiasmo en colaborar con a comunidad, por que nuestros Padres son muy activos y dedicados. Nos dan la confianza y preparacion necesaria para ser mas eficientes en nuestra mision.

we have noticed remarkable changes in our parish there is great enthusiasm in collaborating with the community, because our parents are very active and dedicated. They give us the confidence and preparation necessary to be more efficient in our mission.

08/07/2019 0:34

Primero que nada, traduzcan correctamente. Que significa "eles" y "nancieramente"? Y La numero 8 esta mal escrita. Y si enrealidad esta bien escrita no creo que deban intencionalmente inscribir a las personas. Se requiere de el consentimiento de la persona antes de ser inscrita en alguna actividad.

First of all, translate correctly. What does "eles" and "nancieramente" mean? And the number 8 is badly written. And if it's really well written, I do not think they should intentionally enroll people. The consent of the person is required before being registered in any activity

01/07/2019 22:11

The adoration is every Tuesday it would nice if we add an extra day.

01/07/2019 20:48

Me gusta mi parroquia los padres y todo el personal tienen mucho amor y caridad al prójimo.

I like my parish the Fathers and all the staff have a lot of love and charity to the neighbor.

09/06/2019 16:18

TEEN COMMENTS

I have friends that wanted to do Confirmation at OLG but the time demanded is too much so they went to American Martyrs

6/5/2019 11:06 PM

no comments

6/4/2019 7:02 PM

The parish is very sweet and wonderful.

6/4/2019 1:29 AM

i wish bible study and activities like that were more publicized. also, events for the whole community would be good to get to know more people

6/2/2019 7:02 PM