



Witness Matters: Data Collection

For each statement of "Section 4: Witness 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 (196)	SPANISH (36)	TEEN (29)
	MEAN VALUE		
1. Homilies encourage parishioners to witness to their faith in word and deed.	4.15	4.28	3.79
2. Homilists incorporate personal witness stories into their preaching.	4.02	4.08	3.97
3. Laypeople share their personal faith experiences at parish-sponsored events (liturgies, retreats, and missions).	3.22	3.92	3.66
4. Parishioners receive guidance on developing their personal faith stories to share with others.	2.99	4.08	3.72
5. Parents are equipped in their role as teachers of the Catholic faith to their children.	3.39	4.08	3.69
6. Parish clergy and staff seek out inactive and alienated members.	2.88	3.86	3.38
7. Our parish trains people to reach out to and invite others to be a part of the parish community.	3.01	3.97	3.69
8. Our parish regularly sponsors programs specifically designed to evangelize—such as retreats, missions, Christian concerts.	3.18	4.22	3.45
9. Our parish is a leader in interdenominational and interfaith activities.	2.84	3.69	3.52
10. Our parish highlights members' stories of faith via web, email, and print.	2.81	3.83	3.55
11. Our parish engages the broader secular community through print and social media.	2.97	3.75	3.69
12. All parish meetings begin with prayer and faith sharing.	3.72	4.17	3.93

ENGLISH COMMENTS – WITNESS MATTERS

I have answered number 3 to some questions because I am not aware of what our parish does in the situations described in the questions.

7/11/2019 12:24 AM

The Hispanic parish community should be more engaged and especially encouraged to register so as to be able to communicate with them through mail or email.

7/10/2019 4:19 PM

The few times we've used the church's website, the web page is outdated. Haven't checked it lately.

7/10/2019 3:48 AM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN MAKING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE THE WELCOMING PARISH THAT IT IS.

7/9/2019 11:02 PM

The homilies and relating the readings to my life in personal way were what brought me to this parish. It has continued to do so. My son started religious education classes the year they switched to Family Faith Formation classes and I loved that I was able to review what I had learned back in the day and share with other parents. I know that some of the other parents who were used to the old classes where you just dropped the kids off to prepare for sacraments weren't as happy about the change.

7/8/2019 10:19 PM

I do wish we would know more people's name and not just their faces. Perhaps before mass on occasion you greet with your name and not just a hand shake or wave.

7/8/2019 12:06 AM

No comments at this time.

7/7/2019 11:46 PM

No experience for some answers

7/2/2019 11:20 PM

Not everyone is aware of opportunities for mission or retreat or inter faith dialogues. Maybe the Bulletin could be expanded to feature different organizations each week. That would be accessible both in print and digitally.

7/2/2019 3:00 PM

(Homilies encourage) Great! (Guidance on developing personal faith stories) Yes. (Parents are equipped as teachers) Especially in Family Faith Formation.

6/30/2019 9:22 PM

I feel that the homilies are informative and I often learn something new. They also challenge us to live out our faith, but are still positive in their attitude. I feel encouraged to strive to be better and do better after hearing them.

6/30/2019 3:36 PM

father's day & mother's day- a mom or dad would share their faith journey.....

6/30/2019 3:29 PM

I would like to see our parish members interact with people of other faiths. Telling your faith to others who are different from you is one thing, living it with them is another. In my opinion, Christians benefit from those relationships more than with people who are Catholic only. I am nobody to be preaching to the priest, but we are to live our real Christian life, we are supposed to live it with those who are very different from us too, not just Catholics only.

6/29/2019 12:36 PM

#12 Prayer, but not faith-sharing.

6/26/2019 9:32 PM

At this time I no comment to make due to the fact that I personally don't attend any of the study's or group gatherings.

6/23/2019 9:27 PM

I am not aware of many of the things that are asked about in this survey.

6/22/2019 12:28 AM

It would be good if more individuals and families shared their faith journey and experiences with the entire OLG community. We tend to only know the people we sit near at mass. There is very little encouragement or physical space to connect with other parishioners before or after mass.

6/20/2019 11:23 AM

In many areas discussed I have no knowledge or experience as to the stated objectives.

6/16/2019 4:07 AM

I am not sufficiently involved in parish activities to judge their effectiveness.

6/12/2019 12:18 AM

I don't think this smaller parish should have a school. Too much effort is spent keeping that going. I think the capital campaign is kind of a waste.

6/11/2019 5:18 AM

I could like even more of lay people sharing their personal faith experiences at parish sponsored events. There is room for improvement for parish clergy and staff to seek out inactive and alienated members I think, but the clergy all seem loving, which is important!

6/11/2019 5:06 AM

For many of these questions, I am not in a position to respond. I don't believe OLG does everything it can to reach out to alienated people, secular individuals or those with a different Christian/non-Christian faith tradition. Again, at its highest levels under Pope Francis, the Church seems to be encouraging this. However, at the local level there seems to be a prevailing fear of the "traditionalists" who seem to hold some mystical/tyrannical sway over local congregations. This isn't just talk on my part. Our family was victimized by such a zealot over the course of a couple years. Only the intervention of Father Ray caused us to stay in the congregation. No Church should have a culture that condones that kind of attack.

6/11/2019 2:33 AM

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 5:35 PM

Old Catholics are not used to sharing their faith outwardly via speech. Open prayer is not what I am used to --only memorized prayers.

6/9/2019 6:05 PM

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. All members of the community (family members, care managers, non-Catholics, etc.) are invited and welcome to join the Catholic Services.

6/6/2019 5:06 PM

I am not involved in outside activities much, so I cannot comment on those. I have never seen any outreach to other faiths, though. This might be a Catholic church issue in general, not OLOG. It is an interesting question about reaching out to alienated and lapsed Catholics. I would not know if they do this or not?

6/6/2019 3:07 AM

I am a new parishioner so I cannot answer all of the questions fairly.

6/5/2019 11:56 PM

I would never leave my Catholic Church but I know others who belong to other faiths. They have activities that bring fellowship to their parish. It would be nice to see more of that in our parish. Fun things of all ages to get to know others in our faith

6/5/2019 12:35 AM

All the parish meetings I attend began with prayer. Some of the people who feel disconnected have to make their own way to feel as if they belong to the church. That might be based more on larger institutional barriers, and not something the parish can affect. As an older, single, laywoman, I feel I serve the church more than I feel fed.

6/2/2019 8:13 PM

I am not sure how to ans. this question for as much as I can remember I have never attended a parish meeting. So all I can say is that is what occurs.

6/2/2019 6:54 PM

Giving retreats a few times/year would help us connect better and share our faith.

6/2/2019 3:42 PM

More involvement between Spanish and English community as well as families who attend the school. More altar servers at all masses

6/2/2019 2:27 PM

Texting or a group app will be nice

6/2/2019 3:26 AM

reference to question 5. those parents with children in faith formation for first communion receive great support and time learn and share but nothing is available to those parents with children not participating in faith formation

5/22/2019 3:34 AM

There are increasing opportunities for faith sharing.

5/21/2019 1:34 AM

Parents do receive guidance in the family faith formation program - but there could be more ways to encourage more faith sharing at home

5/17/2019 7:51 PM

SPANISH COMMENTS

Desafortunadamente, recién encuentro esta parroquia. He participado en varias parroquias y no he encontrado una como esta. Y me siento, como en casa. Pero ... lo malo es que llevo 43 años de casada y mi esposo está divorciado de las iglesias, por lo consecuente me encuentro un poco desalentada matrimonialmente. Espero encontrar en ustedes, la reconciliación con mi esposo (vivimos juntos), cada uno vive según su fe. Espero el Espíritu Santo obrar en mí y en mi familia. Gracias por sus oraciones.

Unfortunately, I just found this parish. I have participated in several parishes and I have not found one like this. And I feel, like at home. But ... the bad thing is that I've been married for 43 years and my husband is divorced from the churches, so I find myself a bit discouraged maritally. I hope to find in you, the reconciliation with my husband (we live together), each one lives according to their faith. I hope the Holy Spirit works in me and in my family. Thanks for your prayers.

08/07/2019 3:33

Mi esposo tenía años de confesarse y el Padre lo invitó de una manera divina, que logré convencerlo y eso no fue todo, también nos invitaron a participar en ministerios y esto nos unió mucho como pareja dedicados a Dios de corazón. es una bonita familia. Yo siento mucha paz.

My husband had years of confession and the Father invited him in a divine way, I managed to convince him and that was not all, they also invited us to participate in ministries and this united us as a couple dedicated to God in our hearts. It is a beautiful family. I feel a lot of peace.

08/07/2019 1:30

TEEN COMMENTS:

The Confirmation process turned off a lot of my friends. Some went to Martyrs instead. Some just stopped going to church

6/5/2019 11:10 PM

no comments

6/4/2019 7:04 PM

The parish lets everyone open up to others and that is really good

6/4/2019 1:32 AM