



## Mission Matters: Data Collection

For each statement of “Section 5: Mission 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	SPANISH	TEEN
	(195)	(32)	(27)
	MEAN	VALUE	
1. Our clergy, parish staff, and ministry leaders communicate the importance of the parish being in constant missionary outreach.	3.54	4.47	3.74
2. Our parish provides formation for parishioners of all ages to grow in understanding of Church teaching on charity and social justice.	3.39	4.44	3.85
3. Our parish has an intentional process for identifying the needs of people who live in the surrounding area.	3.19	4.13	3.74
4. Our parish has an intentional process for discerning how to respond to identified needs.	3.20	4.13	3.67
5. Our parish builds a culture of life by promoting the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.	3.82	4.41	3.89
6. Our parish fosters global solidarity through education and outreach to our brothers and sisters across the world.	3.53	4.47	3.74
7. Our parish provides a variety of opportunities to involve parishioners in social justice advocacy on the local, state, and federal levels (e.g., letter-writing campaigns, diocesan initiatives).	3.06	4.16	3.63
8. Parishioners volunteer for projects that address identified needs (e.g., mission trips, food pantries, homeless outreach).	3.60	4.38	3.78
9. Our parish serves those who are in local institutions (nursing homes, hospitals, prisons).	3.43	4.06	3.70
10. Our parish dedicates a share of its financial resources to its mission activities.	3.72	4.25	3.67
11. Our parish opens its facilities to community groups for meetings (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous, Scouts, support groups).	3.21	4.03	3.67
12. Our parish collaborates with other churches to care for people in need.	3.26	4.25	3.56

## ENGLISH COMMENTS – MISSION MATTERS

I had to answer #3 to many statements as I do not know what our parish does or doesn't do in regards to reaching out to the community. Maybe more information in the bulletin would be helpful about what we do or the volunteer opportunities available for outreach.

7/11/2019 12:31 AM

so much need to resolve the homeless- mentally ill, addicted and "down & out"! politicians seem to think more money will solve these problems -obviously it doesn't.

7/10/2019 9:45 PM

I believe that the average parishioner who is not involved wouldn't be sufficiently informed to answer most of these questions. They don't know what is really going on behind the scenes.

7/10/2019 4:30 PM

With all the hunger and homelessness, we should be doing more as a church community to assist people in need.

7/10/2019 3:55 AM

Some of these things may be taking place, but I am not aware of them or the frequency. Maybe some of these can be highlighted in the parish bulletin.

7/10/2019 3:42 AM

Until last week, we rarely are asked to help for specific needs. It is much more moving and meaning to know the specifics of needs. We would like more opportunities to help others.

7/8/2019 12:10 AM

No comments at this time.

7/7/2019 11:49 PM

i just don't knpw.

7/2/2019 11:24 PM

As a parishioner, I am not aware of mission activities of our parish activities other than Hand n Hand and Homebound Eucharistic Ministering

7/2/2019 3:09 PM

The Capital Campaign expansion will make community outreach much easier.

7/1/2019 6:13 PM

(Parish Staff, Clergy and Ministry Leaders in constant ministry) Fr. Paul mentions during homily. (Parish fosters global solidarity) with priests in Vietnam.

6/30/2019 9:24 PM

I checked disagree on a few items because I haven't heard of any or few programs addressing these concerns.

6/30/2019 3:46 PM

rent out the hall to groups for added \$

6/30/2019 3:37 PM

Be respectful of the parishioners time, keep weekend masses to one hour or less. When the weather is hot, run the air conditioning. It provides comfort especially to the young and the old. Thank you.

6/29/2019 9:20 PM

I can't wait for the day when the OLG starts participating in the same activities that people from other faiths participate in such as feeding the homeless, taking care of immigrant families, especially kids from the border who have no parents. Yes, I cannot wait to see that. The day I see that, Christ will see an increase membership participation in steep upward mode.

6/29/2019 12:45 PM

I cannot answer most of the questions as I do not know what the parish does in the areas mentioned.

6/22/2019 12:31 AM

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT WE DO-FOR THE OUTREACHES THAT WERE LISTED.

6/16/2019 7:29 AM

I have not seen/heard of action/activities to support most of the stated programs/activities.

6/16/2019 4:09 AM

How do parishioners know who are the people to talk to about different categories listed here? There are volunteers assigned, but if people have questions, how do they find the right person to speak to? I've been told not to reach out directly to the priests or staff, but no one at the Masses are identifiable. Is there

a phone or info online. Maybe would be good to direct people during a Mass announcement of available resources and how to access.

6/11/2019 1:04 PM

Fr. Paul does excellent job of communicating the importance of the parish being in constant missionary outreach. Not aware of our parish providing formation for parishioners of all ages to grow in understanding of Church teaching on charity and social justice. I believe it's done, especially in the school, but maybe needs to be more publicized. I assume our parish serves those who are in local institutions but I don't know for sure. We could probably do more here.

6/11/2019 12:57 PM

Folks maybe I'm going to the wrong Mass or listening to the wrong sermons. I hear no emphasis on the message of social justice. Really? And RE: initiative or dialogue with diocesan staff? When? Who? I attend OLG and occasionally St James. Years ago, I lodged a complaint with one of our priests asking that Cardinal Mahoney take no part in confirmation ceremonies RE: his disgraceful behavior in hiding priests who had allegedly hurt children. The answer from the diocese? Cardinal Mahoney was still a priest in good standing. Really? I heard dozens of complaints coming from BOTH parishes disgusted about Mahoney...and now distrustful of our priests. The old days of respecting or revering priests are gone. Trust must be earned.

6/11/2019 12:49 PM

Finally, the area I believe represents the greatest challenge for OLG. After 2016, as immigrants were being marginalized, climate change was being denied, compassion for the poor was waning, gun violence seemed to be spiraling out of control, war, even nuclear war, was being threatened and lies were being countenanced, OLG, like many Catholic communities, was silent. The only attack on evil was, predictably, made on abortion. The homilies were meek at a time that demanded a bold reminder of the Church's whole teaching on morality, ethics and life. We weren't getting that. My wife and I decided that maybe the Church was incapable of speaking boldly and our discussions reflected on the Church's silence or cooperation in the face of the rise of German, Spanish and Italian fascism in the last century. We began to explore leaving the Church. We attended St. Cross Episcopal Church and were amazed by the vibrant social justice ministry. We attended Pacific Unitarian Church and though uncomfortable with the lack of attachment to Christianity, we were impressed by their attachment to social justice issues. When I look at the list of activities we can avail ourselves of at OLG, almost none of them deal with putting our Catholic faith into action. We have a Respect Life ministry that focus on life before birth and seems to do nothing on issues of climate change, war or the continuance of the death penalty. We have no outreach to the elderly (beyond bringing them the Eucharist) or to prisons. We have the canned food drive, but we have no opportunities beyond that to serve the poor. We don't seem to desire to partner with other congregations in their efforts either. We came back to OLG after a year of searching because we have faith that Father Paul desires to lead this congregation to becoming a living Church of action. I would be happy to help develop and participate in these much needed social justice ministries that act on the real teachings of the Church.

6/11/2019 2:52 AM

My answers neither agree or disagree are based on the lack of understanding of what our parish does. These things should be marketed to the congregation just like products to a consumer.

6/10/2019 8:19 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 5:40 PM

The words Social Justice are loaded words and mean different things to different people. This survey should be more specific on what the meaning is. Social Justice to a conservative Catholic is much different than a Liberal Catholic

6/10/2019 12:51 AM

I do not know much about the outreach of OLG other than together in mission and our food drive.

6/9/2019 6:08 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. We pray for people beyond just the nursing home, connecting the residents to the wider Catholic community and world. We also bring the bulletins from the local parishes since these residents are still part of the community.

6/6/2019 5:09 PM

I had to answer Neither Disagree or Agree on almost all of these because I have no idea if OLOG reaches out to neighbors or gets involved in missionary work around the world. This is unfortunately my fault because I am not involved beyond attending mass (it is hard for me right now because we have kids so all our free time is involved in their activities).

6/6/2019 3:10 AM

Encourage our electronic giving service (ParishPay? FaithDirect?) to send out reminder emails when a credit card number has been rejected (due to being changed by the CC bank) so that parishioners more easily know when their donations have stopped. My CC# changes every year and inevitably my electronic donations stop and I'm not aware of it until tax time. A simple reminder email would help a lot!

6/4/2019 9:59 PM

I think the food drive and homebound eucharistic ministry are great services to the community.

6/2/2019 8:16 PM

I hear of other events at other churches of other denominations. They have a variety of concerts, plays, fundraisers. Very organized and reach out to ALL age levels including the home bound. Groups offer delivery of walkers, and other needs.

6/2/2019 5:51 PM

Support and/or faith-sharing groups lack in our parish.

6/2/2019 3:48 PM

I checked "neither agree nor disagree" for questions i wasn't sure about the answers to.

6/2/2019 2:02 PM

After Father Michael passed away I noticed a decline in the parishes participation in Right to Life activities. I am surprised by the number of people that have vote democratic in our community when the political candidates are extremely outspoken and affirm abortion rights, even until the moment of birth. I know our priest must be careful when engaging in political speech but it is very disheartening when the voices are silent on the issue of life from conception to natural death. I hope OLG would reaffirm a commitment to supporting Right to Life programs especially in light of the many states trying to change law in favor of life.

6/2/2019 6:02 AM

I would be interested in opportunities to help others in the community. What about "Welcome Back to the Church" refresher training (like RCIA for new Catholics)?

6/2/2019 1:54 AM

I am unaware of activities in our parish but that doesn't necessarily mean they aren't happening.

5/23/2019 3:59 AM

Reference to questions: Question 1. the clergy does express importance of missionary but not much active outreach by parish community aside from regular participants Question 5.. the clergy express the importance dignity and respect for human life but not much active engagement by the parish general population. Question 9. Parish activity in eucharist to the sick/homebound and food pantry but I believe have not seen engagement in other areas

5/22/2019 3:50 AM

If the parish does these things, we need to publish it better and let people know what's going on and available

5/19/2019 12:02 AM

I believe there are many people/groups doing acts of service within our parish, but it's not widely known to allow new people to join the efforts. Larger-scale projects that encourage the whole parish might be a good way to inspire other smaller acts of service.

5/18/2019 5:31 PM

I think there is definitely a need for this in our parish and many people would get involved as the community always jumps at opportunities to help others

5/17/2019 7:56 PM

## SPANISH COMMENTS

Todo que sea posible para seguir evangelizando, sera un placer ayudarlos y crecer espiritualmente sin limites. Agradesco al Padre Carlos por sunagotable y persistente mision. Sentimos que ha efectuado muchos cambior para identificarnos en nuestra religion. Dios los Bendiga.

*Everything that is possible to continue evangelizing will be a pleasure to help you and to grow spiritually without limits. Agradesco to Father Carlos for sunagotable and persistent mission. We feel that you have made many changes to identify us in our religion. God bless you.*

## TEEN COMMENTS

no comments

6/4/2019 7:06 PM

Our parish is amazing at helping those in need

6/4/2019 1:49 AM