



Parish Life Survey for Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbus, Ohio
CARA—Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

This questionnaire will help us to better understand the needs and concerns of Immaculate Conception parishioners and to plan for the future. Your individual response is extremely important. Please respond by marking an "X" in the appropriate boxes below.

Please use these responses for the questions below.

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| 1=Poor | 3=Good |
| 2=Fair | 4=Excellent |
| Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable | |

Please evaluate these aspects of parish life.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Immaculate Conception Parish overall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Sense of community within the parish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Masses and liturgies in general |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Vision provided by parish leaders (staff and lay leaders) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Efforts to educate parishioners in the faith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Encouragement to share your time, talents and treasure with the parish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Outreach to and advocacy for those in need |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Spreading the Gospel/evangelizing |

Please evaluate these areas of weekend Masses overall for the Mass you most regularly attend.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Hospitality or sense of welcome |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. The music group at your regular Mass |

Please evaluate the following areas of faith formation.:

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Sacramental preparation for Baptism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and Eucharist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Sacramental preparation for Confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. RCIA (process for adults to enter the Church) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. Marriage preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. Immaculate Conception School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 17. Children's religious education/formation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 18. Youth ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 19. Faith formation for adults |

Please evaluate parish efforts to:

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 20. Communicate with parishioners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 21. Invite and encourage you to participate in parish ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 22. Provide opportunities for you to volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 23. Make it clear how to volunteer at the parish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 24. Be sensitive to the needs and concerns of the parishioners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 25. Have parish pastoral council members be accessible to parishioners like me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 26. Help you to meet other parishioners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 27. Reach out to area Catholics who do not come to Mass regularly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 28. Reach out to those who do not belong to a faith community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 29. Respond to local community concerns |

Please use these responses for the questions below.

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| 1=Not at All | 3=Somewhat |
| 2=Only a Little | 4=Very or Very Much |
| Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable | |

To receive news about parish events, how much do you prefer the following ways of communicating?

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 30. Announcements read at Mass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 31. Sunday bulletin and bulletin inserts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 32. Mailings (letters, postcards, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 33. Email to your work or home address |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 34. Social media (Facebook, Twitter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 35. Parish website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 36. Parish Council Minutes (posted on the website and at the entrance to the church) |

How interested are you in learning more about these topics?

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 37. Basic teachings of the Catholic Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 38. Personal prayer and spirituality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 39. Biblical study and interpretation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 40. Meaning behind the rituals in Mass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 41. How to share your faith with others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 42. Resolving family issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 43. Death and dying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 44. Issues of social justice and equality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 45. Other (please specify): |

How well do the following explain why you attend Mass?

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 46. It helps me live a Christian life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 47. When I attend, I feel closer to God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 48. Receiving Communion weekly is important to me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 49. Attending Mass gives me a sense of belonging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 50. Attending Mass is my obligation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 51. As a parent I want to set a good example |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 52. Other (please specify): |

Sometimes Catholics miss weekend Mass. If you have missed Mass in the past 6 months, how much do the following explain why you missed Mass?

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 53. Your busy schedules or lack of time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 54. Conflicts with work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 55. Family responsibilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 56. Health related issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 57. Other (please specify): |

Please use these responses for the questions below.

- 1=Not at All 3=Somewhat
2=Only a Little 4=Very Much
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

How much do the following **attract** you to this parish?

1 2 3 4

58. Its open, welcoming spirit
 59. The quality of the liturgy
 60. The quality of the music
 61. The quality of the preaching
 62. The programs and activities of the parish
 63. Immaculate Conception School
 64. Its opportunities for spiritual growth
 65. Its closeness to your home

How much do the following **prevent** you from volunteering more for the parish?

1 2 3 4

66. Your busy schedule or lack of time
 67. Lack of child care
 68. Being a caretaker for someone
 69. Health problems or a disability
 70. Not being aware of parish needs
 71. Not having been personally invited
 72. Not being sure who to contact

Please use these responses for the questions below.

- 1=Strongly Disagree 3=Somewhat Agree
2=Somewhat Disagree 4=Strongly Agree
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

Please **respond** to the following about parish life.

1 2 3 4

73. I find the homilies here to be interesting
 74. I prefer Masses where I can sing a lot
 75. I prefer Masses that are traditional in music and style
 76. I prefer Masses that are contemporary in music and style
 77. I prefer youth/young adult-style Masses
 78. The parish provides quality nursery care during Mass
 79. I appreciate that the parish provides a cry room for parents with small children
 80. I would feel comfortable talking with the pastor (Fr. Matt Hoover)
 81. There is sufficient qualified parish staff (paid and volunteer) to meet the needs of the parish
 82. I feel I have a role in decision making at the parish

Please **respond** to the following about stewardship.

1 2 3 4

83. I want to volunteer more for the parish
 84. I would volunteer more if I knew parish needs
 85. I would volunteer more if someone personally invited me
 86. I prefer to give money to the parish rather than to volunteer for a ministry
 87. The parish asks for cash donations too often
 88. The parish asks for volunteers too often

Please use these responses for the questions below.

- 1=Never or rarely 4=Once a week
2=Once or twice a year 5=More than once a week
3=Once or twice a month week
Blank=Don't Know or Not Applicable

How **often** do you currently do the following?

1 2 3 4 5

89. Attend Mass
 90. Volunteer for a parish ministry
 91. Serve as a liturgical minister (such as lector, usher, Eucharistic minister, music)
 92. Attend a parish function besides Mass

_____ 93. Years you have attended this parish?

Leave blank if this is not your regular parish. Write "1" if one year or less.

94. Which Mass do you *usually* attend at this parish?

Please select only one Mass time.

1. Saturday 4:00 pm 4. Sunday 11:30 am
 2. Sunday 8:00 am 5. I do *not* regularly attend
 3. Sunday 9:30 am Mass at this parish

95. Which of the following Saturday evening Mass times works *best* for you? **Please select only one.**

1. 4:00 p.m. Saturday 2. 5:30 p.m. Saturday

96. Which of the following Sunday Mass schedules works *best* for you? **Please select only one.**

1. 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday (*current schedule*)
 2. 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Sunday
 3. 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Sunday

Yes No

97. Are you registered in this parish?
 98. Is this parish your primary place of worship?
 99. Have any of your children attended the parish school in the past 5 years?
 100. Have any of your children attended religious education classes here in the past 5 years?
 101. Have you attended adult faith formation programs here in the past 5 years?
 102. Will/did your spouse also complete this survey?

103. Year you were *born*: _____ (4-digit year)

104. Gender: 1. Male 2. Female

105. What *best* describes your current marital status?

1. Single, never married 5. Separated
 2. Engaged to be married 6. Divorced
 3. Unmarried, cohabiting 7. Widowed
 4. Married or remarried

Number of your children or stepchildren living with you who are: **Leave blank if none or not applicable.**

_____ 106. In preschool or younger _____ 108. In grades 6-8

_____ 107. In kindergarten to grade 5 _____ 109. In grades 9-12

110. Your local ZIP code is _____.

Thank you for completing this survey.

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What is the greatest challenge facing the parish?

What are ways that you would like to volunteer or get involved?

Please provide other general input (feel free to use the back of this page).

*Please **complete and return both pages** of the survey to the collection boxes, located at all church entrances and at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space.*

Or mail your completed pages to the parish office at:

*Immaculate Conception
Attention: Parish Survey
414 E. North Broadway
Columbus, OH 43214*