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CALLED FOR MORE PARISH PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT

What is this project all about?

The Called For More Pilot is an initiative of the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI). CLI is an international Catholic apostolate founded almost 30 years ago to support all leaders in the Roman Catholic Church with the best leadership tools and training to fulfill their roles in the Church. CLI received a grant from the Lilly Endowment to pilot a new process for supporting priests and parishes in thriving in ministry. By gathering information about each priest and each parish, the pilot seeks to give parishioners more awareness about the needs and opportunities of their local community, priests more awareness and support around their ongoing ministerial development, and the diocese better information with which to consider and discern priestly assignments and parish support. Catholic Leadership Institute's grant calls for 12-15 dioceses in the United States to participate in the pilot. Your diocesan bishop and his senior leadership have opted to accept the invitation to participate. CLI's criteria for participation included the 1) bishop and diocese's desire to support their priests and parishes better, 2) dioceses of different sizes and locations, 3) bishops and dioceses willing to have all of their parishes and priests participate, 4) bishops and dioceses with larger strategic objectives to help encourage growth in their parishes and among their priests.

Who is the Parish Primary Point of Contact and what is expected of this person?

Catholic Leadership Institute has asked every pastor to appoint a primary point of contact for the parish. This person should be a staff member or a key volunteer who can support the pastor in the parish's participation in this initiative. The person should be familiar with the parish and know how to get communication out to the parishioners at large.

CLI asks that the primary point of contact complete the following three responsibilities:

- 1. Help publicize the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey to all parishioners.**
 - The survey will go live in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (February 24 – March 23, 2020).
 - The survey will be distributed primarily through a weblink that CLI will provide. A paper version can also be used.
 - The primary point of contact will assist the pastor and 5-10 other parishioners in sharing the opportunity with other parishioners in the hopes of getting as many responses as possible. This includes making sure it is advertised in the bulletin, on the website, through social media, via email, pulpit announcements, and all other commonly used methods of the parish. It also includes sharing printing paper copies for as many parishioners as necessary and collecting completed paper surveys and mailing them back to CLI to be processed. CLI has samples and templates to assist in these publicity efforts and will send them to you.
- 2. Receive updates and information from Catholic Leadership Institute and forward it to select members of the parish.**
 - Each pastor will be asked to identify 5-10 parishioners to provide specific input about the parish through an additional survey. This will focus on the personality/culture of the parish.
 - The primary point of contact will help to remind and follow-up with this select group during the time period in which they are asked to complete this survey (February-March 2020).
- 3. Gather and review specific information about the parish**
 - There will be specific facts about the parish that CLI may need to gather (e.g. number of staff or number of masses).
 - Many of these facts will be provided by the diocese but CLI will ask the pastor and primary point of contact to review this information and fill in the gaps.

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