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Demographics					
Number of responses	99			37,104	
English responses	99 100%			32,153 87%	
Spanish responses	0 0%			4,038 11%	
Polish responses	0 0%			913 2%	
What is your gender?				10,769 35%	
Male	28 33%			19,282 63%	
Female	57 66%			777 3%	
Prefer not to specify	1 1%				
What is your age?				575 2%	
Under 18	0 0%			594 2%	
18 to 24	2 2%			2,160 7%	
25 to 34	2 2%			4,059 13%	
35 to 44	1 1%			5,770 19%	
45 to 54	8 9%			6,828 22%	
55 to 64	21 24%			6,303 20%	
65 to 74	26 30%			3,755 12%	
75 or older	22 26%			906 3%	
Prefer not to specify	4 5%				



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What describes your racial/ethnic background?							
Hispanic	0	0%	5,519		18%		
Black, non-Hispanic	0	0%	736		2%		
White, non-Hispanic	85	97%	22,550		72%		
Asian	0	0%	836		3%		
Multi-racial	0	0%	306		1%		
Other	0	0%	226		1%		
Prefer not to specify	3	3%	1,130		4%		



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What is your current marital status?					
Married	51	58%		19,832	63%
Widowed	18	20%		2,706	9%
Divorced	8	9%		1,849	6%
Separated	0	0%		273	1%
In a domestic partnership or civil union	0	0%		427	1%
Single, but cohabitating with a significant other	2	2%		562	2%
Single, never married	7	8%		4,800	15%
Prefer not to specify	2	2%	899	3%	
Where were you born?					
Chicagoland	82	95%		18,261	58%
Elsewhere in the USA, excluding Chicagoland	3	3%		6,215	20%
Mexico	0	0%		3,365	11%
Elsewhere in Latin America, excluding Mexico	0	0%		472	2%
Poland	0	0%		1,139	4%
Elsewhere in Europe, excluding Poland	1	1%		436	1%
Africa	0	0%		74	0%
Philippines	0	0%		488	2%
Elsewhere in Asia, excluding the Philippines	0	0%		206	1%
Other	0	0%		387	1%
Prefer not to specify	0	0%		298	1%



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Which languages are used in your home?						
English	88	93%		28,448	76%	
Spanish	1	1%		5,778	15%	
Polish	3	3%		1,623	4%	
Croatian	0	0%		73	0%	
Lithuanian	1	1%		76	0%	
Tagalog	0	0%		442	1%	
Korean	0	0%		36	0%	
Vietnamese	0	0%		111	0%	
Mandarin	0	0%		40	0%	
Cantonese	0	0%		49	0%	
American Sign Language	1	1%		129	0%	
Other	1	1%		817	2%	
In which zip code do you reside?						
<i>Top 10 zip code responses</i>						
60456	61	72%				
60453	9	11%				
60652	6	7%				
60525	2	2%				
60629	1	1%				
60067	1	1%				
60638	1	1%				
60445	1	1%				
60305	1	1%				
60805	1	1%				
60466	1	1%				
Did you attend Catholic school?						
Yes, elementary school	72	73%		18,222	63%	
Yes, high school	59	60%		14,246	50%	
Yes, college	18	18%		8,453	29%	
No	11	11%		10,150	35%	



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Engagement					
How long have you been attending this parish?					
Less than 1 year	0	0%			1,324 4%
1-3 years	4	4%			3,881 11%
4-9 years	16	16%			6,074 17%
10-19 years	20	20%			8,566 24%
20+ years	58	59%			15,239 43%
How involved are you at this parish?					
Very involved	30	32%			10,084 29%
Somewhat involved	32	34%			10,671 31%
A little involved	19	20%			7,096 20%
Not very involved	13	14%			7,104 20%
Is this parish the closest parish to where you live or where you come from when you attend Mass on Sunday?					
Yes	78	80%			22,600 65%
No	19	20%			11,942 34%
I don't know	0	0%			432 1%
What method of transportation do you usually take when you go to Mass at the parish?					
Walk	21	22%			5,916 17%
Car	76	78%			28,425 81%
Public transportation	0	0%			503 1%
Other	0	0%			201 1%



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How long does it take you to <u>drive</u> to the parish when you go to Mass?			
5 min. or less	65 68%		14,735 45%
6 to 10 min.	18 19%		10,022 30%
11 to 15 min.	5 5%		4,394 13%
16 to 20 min.	0 0%		2,208 7%
21 to 30 min.	4 4%		1,642 5%
More than 30 min.	3 3%		
How frequently do you attend Mass (at any Catholic church)?			
Every week or more	86 89%		28,188 81%
Once or more a month, but not every week	7 7%		4,272 12%
Several times a year, but less than once a month	1 1%		1,313 4%
One to three times a year	3 3%		640 2%
Less than one time per year	0 0%		378 1%
Which of the following best describes your experience with the Catholic faith?			
Raised Catholic	93 96%		32,002 93%
Converted to Catholicism	4 4%		2,234 6%
No longer Catholic	0 0%		141 0%
Never Catholic	0 0%		213 1%
Do you sometimes attend religious services at non-Catholic place(s) of worship?			
Yes	13 14%		5,050 15%
No	83 86%		29,203 85%



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Priorities			
If you were to move to a new city and needed to choose a parish, how important would the following be in a parish? 1= Not at all important; 5= Extremely important Top 5 dimensions highlighted Dimension % of respondents that rated the dimension "Very" or "Extremely" Important			
Accessibility	68%		54%
Beautiful architecture and grounds	10%		19%
Engaging homilies	60%		77%
Family or friends attend	27%		30%
Feeling of warmth and welcoming	68%		78%
Focus on service to the poor or social justice	52%		55%
High quality programs for people in my life stage or for my children	44%		56%
Inspirational pastor	75%		78%
Location	67%		57%
Masses in my native language	73%		68%
Mass times	53%		54%
Opportunities to get involved in the parish	45%		50%
Parish does a good job explaining Church teaching	65%		71%
Parish encourages a personal relationship with Jesus Christ	76%		76%
Parish has a high quality Catholic school	14%		35%
Parish has a high quality religious ed program	41%		49%
People like me attend the parish	43%		47%
Prayerful liturgies	70%		71%
Quality of music at Mass	59%		61%



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<p>Please think again about the parish you attend most frequently. Please circle from the above list the <u>top 3</u> reasons for attending this parish</p>				
<i>Dimension</i>	<i># of times mentioned in top 3</i>			
Accessibility	26	10%		5,558 6%
Beautiful architecture and grounds	0	0%		1,693 2%
Engaging homilies	11	4%		7,454 8%
Family or friends attend	13	5%		5,075 6%
Feeling of warmth and welcoming	45	17%		10,757 12%
Focus on service to the poor or social justice	7	3%		2,436 3%
High quality programs for people in my life stage or for my children	3	1%		1,280 1%
Inspirational pastor	28	11%		8,393 9%
Location	32	12%		8,936 10%
Long standing ties to the parish	30	11%		7,880 9%
Masses in my native language	10	4%		2,904 3%
Mass times	7	3%		4,085 5%
Opportunities to get involved in the parish	10	4%		3,571 4%
Parish does a good job explaining Church teaching	2	1%		2,456 3%
Parish encourages a personal relationship with Jesus Christ	14	5%		3,623 4%
Parish has a high quality Catholic school	0	0%		2,718 3%
Parish has a high quality religious ed program	1	0%		967 1%
People like me attend the parish	5	2%		1,722 2%
Prayerful liturgies	9	3%		3,460 4%
Quality of music at Mass	8	3%		4,222 5%
Not applicable	0	0%		1,346 1%



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Enthusiasm				
To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the parish you attend most frequently?				
Statement	Distribution of responses			
My parish inspires me to be a better Catholic and to share the joy of Christ with others	Extremely agree	28 32%		31%
	Very much agree	36 41%		36%
	Somewhat agree	16 18%		18%
	Neither agree nor disagree	3 3%		8%
	Somewhat disagree	1 1%		3%
	Very much disagree	2 2%		2%
	Extremely disagree	2 2%		2%
My parish is a role model other Catholic parishes should learn from	Extremely agree	17 20%		26%
	Very much agree	36 41%		28%
	Somewhat agree	20 23%		20%
	Neither agree nor disagree	7 8%		14%
	Somewhat disagree	4 5%		6%
	Very much disagree	1 1%		3%
	Extremely disagree	2 2%		3%
I would recommend my parish to others	Extremely agree	43 48%		43%
	Very much agree	30 34%		27%
	Somewhat agree	7 8%		13%
	Neither agree nor disagree	3 3%		7%
	Somewhat disagree	3 3%		3%
	Very much disagree	1 1%		2%
	Extremely disagree	2 2%		3%



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Which one of the statements below best describes your opinion of this parish?							
The parish is thriving and continuing to grow as a vibrant community	24	27%					46%
The parish is on the right track, but is not quite vibrant yet	21	23%					21%
The parish is facing some challenges, despite our best efforts	37	41%					23%
The parish's best days are behind it	3	3%					5%
Don't know	5	6%					4%
Discipleship							
If you are feeling disengaged from the Catholic Church, what would it take for you to engage more deeply?							
<i>Top 3 dimensions highlighted</i>							
<i>Dimension</i>	<i># of times mentioned in top 3</i>						
I do not feel disengaged from the Catholic Church	5	9%					22,344 47%
If there were more opportunities for spiritual growth and reflection for people in my life stage	3	5%					3,040 6%
If I got more out of Mass	7	13%					3,131 7%
If my faith life were stronger overall	6	11%					2,852 6%
If the Church was more relevant to my life	4	7%					2,553 5%
If my struggles about what I believe were resolved	5	9%					1,680 4%
If the parish was more welcoming and had a stronger sense of community	13	23%					2,616 6%
If my disagreements with Church teachings on specific issues were resolved	6	11%					3,437 7%
Not sure	7	13%					1,635 3%
Other	0	0%					4,203 9%
You will receive a list of the "other" responses							



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Which one of the following best describes how you relate to Jesus Christ?					
Jesus Christ is at the center of all I do	21	23%		8,540	26%
I have a relationship with Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple	49	54%		15,989	49%
I feel close to Jesus Christ at times	20	22%		7,277	22%
I feel distant from Jesus Christ	1	1%		847	3%
If you were in a situation <u>with non-Catholics</u> in which speaking about God, Jesus Christ, or your personal faith seemed appropriate, you would:					
Welcome the opportunity - I am very comfortable sharing my faith with others and listening to their faith stories as well	30	33%		15,104	46%
Be happy to share my faith with others but would not feel comfortable in a lengthy discussion or debate	30	33%		8,006	25%
Be willing to share my faith with others but only if asked about it	23	26%		7,450	23%
Not take the opportunity because I do not feel like I know enough about my faith and/or because I am uncomfortable discussing my faith with others	2	2%		1,250	4%
None of the above	5	6%		688	2%
If you were in a situation <u>with other Catholics</u> in which speaking about God, Jesus Christ, or your personal faith seemed appropriate, you would:					
Welcome the opportunity - I am very comfortable sharing my faith with others and listening to their faith stories as well	46	51%		18,797	58%
Be happy to share my faith with others but would not feel comfortable in a lengthy discussion or debate	26	29%		7,030	22%
Be willing to share my faith with others but only if asked about it	15	17%		5,129	16%
Not take the opportunity because I do not feel like I know enough about my faith and/or because I am uncomfortable discussing my faith with others	0	0%		828	3%
None of the above	3	3%		581	2%



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Challenges			
How much do you agree or disagree that each of the items below are challenges for the Archdiocese of Chicago?			
1= Extremely disagree; 7= Extremely agree			
<i>Dimension</i>	<i>% of respondents that responded "Very much" or "Extremely" agree</i>		
Availability of priests	74%		68%
Quality of pastoral leadership	43%		53%
Finances	52%		55%
Ability to maintain Church facilities	48%		53%
Overall vitality of parishes	51%		53%
Sexual abuse crisis	57%		55%
How much do you agree or disagree that each of the items below are challenges for the parish you attend most frequently?			
1= Extremely disagree; 7= Extremely agree			
<i>Dimension</i>	<i>% of respondents that responded "Very much" or "Extremely" agree</i>		
Availability of priests	48%		32%
Quality of pastoral leadership	17%		26%
Finances	34%		31%
Ability to maintain Church facilities	24%		26%
Overall vitality of the parish	30%		26%



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How important are each of the following in renewing Church life?			
1= Not at all important; 5= Extremely important			
<i>Dimension</i>	<i>% of respondents that rated the dimension "Very" or "Extremely" Important</i>		
Being more welcoming	77%		81%
Better helping people address the specific challenges they have with faith	80%		84%
Better homilies	57%		75%
Better music	40%		52%
Helping parishes evangelize their community	52%		60%
Helping people better understand Church teaching	81%		77%
Helping people develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ	87%		81%
Increasing vocations to the priesthood	80%		75%
Increasing other religious vocations (e.g., deacons, sisters, lay ecclesial ministers)	76%		74%
More actively engaging youth and teens	94%		89%
More actively involving lay leaders in parish life	81%		78%
Providing stronger programs for learning about the Catholic faith	76%		77%
Removing administrative burdens from pastors	60%		57%
Sound financial management	86%		82%
Stronger pastoral leadership	76%		82%
Stronger religious ed and formation for children	83%		80%



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Catholic Schools & Religious Ed	Catholic Schools & Religious Ed		Catholic Schools & Religious Ed		Catholic Schools & Religious Ed	
Are you the parent or guardian of a child in first through eighth grades?						
Yes	1	1%	<p>A bar chart with three bars: 'Yes' (1), 'No' (82), and 'Prefer not to answer' (6). The y-axis represents the number of respondents.</p>		5,970	19%
No	82	92%			24,771	78%
Prefer not to answer	6	7%			1,186	4%
For any children in first through eighth grades, please check all that apply						
One or more attend a Catholic school	0	0%	<p>A pie chart with three segments: 'One or more attend a Catholic school' (0%), 'One or more attend a religious ed program' (100%), and 'One or more are neither in a Catholic school or religious ed program' (0%).</p>		2,806	47%
One or more attend a religious ed program	1	100%			2,472	41%
One or more are neither in a Catholic school or religious ed program	0	0%			737	12%
If you have a child in Catholic school, how satisfied are you overall with the Catholic school?						
Extremely satisfied	0	#DIV/0!	<p>A bar chart with seven bars, all labeled '0'. The x-axis categories are: 'Extremely satisfied', 'Very satisfied', 'Somewhat satisfied', 'Neither satisfied nor...', 'Somewhat dissatisfied', 'Very dissatisfied', and 'Extremely dissatisfied'.</p>		1,025	34%
Very satisfied	0	#DIV/0!			927	31%
Somewhat satisfied	0	#DIV/0!			465	16%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!			58	2%
Somewhat dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!			152	5%
Very dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!			171	6%
Extremely dissatisfied	0	#DIV/0!			184	6%
Not applicable	1				2,337	



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If you have a child in Catholic school, please check all that apply						
He/she/they attend(s) the Catholic school at my parish	0	#DIV/0!			2,153	75%
He/she/they attend(s) the Catholic school sponsored by my parish but not located at my parish	0	#DIV/0!			183	6%
He/she/they attend(s) another Catholic school (e.g., a Catholic school at another parish or not affiliated with a parish)	0	#DIV/0!			534	19%
Not applicable	1				2,484	
If you have a child in Catholic school, please check all that apply						
I/we chose our parish because of the quality of its Catholic school	0	#DIV/0!			1,598	56%
We left our original parish in order to join the parish where our children attend Catholic school	0	#DIV/0!			366	13%
None of the above	0	#DIV/0!			902	31%
Not applicable	1				2,519	
If you have a child in religious education, how satisfied are you overall with the religious education program?						
Extremely satisfied	1	100%			610	20%
Very satisfied	0	0%			795	25%
Somewhat satisfied	0	0%			547	17%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	0	0%			134	4%
Somewhat dissatisfied	0	0%			311	10%
Very dissatisfied	0	0%			410	13%
Extremely dissatisfied	0	0%			319	10%
Not applicable	0				2,113	



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<p>For any children in first through eighth grades <u>not</u> in a Catholic school, how seriously did you consider choosing a Catholic school for him/her/them when making your decision about school?</p>					
I considered it very seriously	0	#DIV/0!		1,184	42%
I considered it somewhat seriously	0	#DIV/0!		560	20%
I considered it a little bit	0	#DIV/0!		450	16%
I did not consider it very seriously	0	#DIV/0!		608	22%
Not applicable	1			2,497	