



Called For More

A collaborative effort with:

- The Diocese of Cleveland
- Priests of the Diocese
- Parishes of the Diocese

We are all "Called for More"

What is "Called for More"?

Prior to his departure, Bishop Perez (now, Archbishop of Philadelphia), in collaboration with other leadership in the Diocese, determined there was a need to:

- ❖ Design a process to support the Diocese in improving its care of priests and parishes **especially during times of transition,**
- ❖ Create **an experience for priests** that will benefit their ongoing formation regardless of age or assignment,
- ❖ Provide **a resource to parishes** that can help them understand their unique role and opportunities as a faith community.

Bishop Malesic is continuing with this effort, in an initiative named, **"Called for More"**.

With the likelihood that Our Lady of Victory will be welcoming a new Pastor in the next 3-4 years, this initiative comes to us at a very appropriate time.

Work on this initiative has already begun in our Parish:

- ❖ **I have completed a personal assessment,** with input from other clergy in the Diocese.
- ❖ **Diane Weidrick** has agreed to be the primary contact person for our parish. She'll handle much of the organizing and communication for this initiative.
- ❖ **Key lay leaders** (fellow parishioners), male and female, representing a **broad range** of ages and vocational standings (married, single, older teens, young adults, etc.) have been invited to complete a brief survey to help provide a snapshot of our Parish, and will be encouraging everyone in the parish to also participate in a survey. After the information is gathered, they will help review, discern and interpret what it is calling us to do, as a Parish.

We need your input! Next Steps:

Each and every parishioner, **16 years of age or older**, is being asked to participate in a **10-15 minute online survey** between **February 20th - March 22nd**. The survey is intended to help you reflect on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. The surveys will be administered by the *Catholic Leadership Institute* and **all responses will be confidential**. Our parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

The link for the online survey, **available beginning on February 20th**, is:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/d80k31pa23>

We will be communicating this information in various ways, including email, the Parish Website and Parish Facebook page.

If you prefer a paper copy of the survey, you may pick one up at the Parish Center Offices, Monday thru Friday, during normal office hours. A printable version of the survey will also be available on the Parish Website. To submit the completed paper survey, either mail it to the Parish Center Offices; place it in a sealed envelope (mark: *Disciple Maker Index* on the outside of the envelope) and drop it in the Collection Boxes in Church; or, you may drop it off at the Parish Center Offices, Monday thru Friday during normal office hours. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact the Parish Center Offices at (330) 633-3637 to request a survey be mailed to you.

The information gathered will be invaluable to me, the lay leaders who will help discern and interpret the information that is gathered, along with our various ministries, as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

The quality and usefulness of the information we will receive is **enhanced** when the highest rate of participation and response is achieved. Again, we are asking **ALL** parishioners, **16 years of age or older** to complete the survey online.

My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for helping to support this very important initiative. May God continue to bless you all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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(Lean on the Lord!)