



WITH ONE HEART

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Lent 2026

Dear Parents,

Tell us what's on your heart!

The Diocese of Covington has completed over three years of a four-year strategic planning and leadership development process called With One Heart. In Lent 2023, every parish in the Diocese participated in a survey called the *Disciple Maker Index (DMI)* to gather parishioner feedback for the development of a three-year parish pastoral plan. This Lent, parishes will complete the survey once again to collect the data necessary to measure the success of their current plan and to produce their next three-year plan. The survey is being conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute, a non-profit Catholic apostolate specializing in leadership training and development.

The DMI allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and to identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth. The DMI offers parish leaders a unique and valuable opportunity to learn about issues of importance to families in a confidential and professional way.

The web-based survey is accessible online (or on paper for those who need it) from **Wednesday, February 18 through Monday, March 23**. At the completion of the DMI, each parish will receive a report of the results. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. The parish will use these results to 1) measure progress on the current parish pastoral plan, 2) look at additional opportunities to support parishioner growth in discipleship and 3) create goals and action items for the next three-year parish pastoral plan.

I strongly encourage you and every member of your household, ages 15 and older to complete the survey. It will take 10 to 15 minutes. The greater the participation, the more reliable the results will be for effective decision-making. Please check your parish bulletin, website, or social media for instructions on how to access the survey or see the accompanying flyer.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide your feedback. Your input will help your parish become a more faith-filled, vibrant community.

God bless you and may you have a fruitful Lenten season!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Veronica Schweitzer