

St. Frances Cabrini Parish Community

January 14, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

As pastor, my primary responsibility is to help you grow as Disciples of Jesus and to equip you to go and make disciples of others. I am excited to share with you that our Parish has been selected to participate in a national pilot study run by Catholic Leadership Institute. Our Parish is one of 30 Parishes within the Archdiocese participating. This study involves participating in a survey to identify how we are growing spiritually as individuals and the ways in which our Parish Community supports that growth.

Through participating in this pilot, we hope to:

- Allow parishioners to reflect on their spiritual growth and discipleship
- Identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth
- Look at opportunities to support that growth more in the future
- Create goals and action plans to achieve that growth

The survey will be available from **February 5th to March 5th** and there are 2 ways you can participate in this survey:

1. Survey accessed by **going to www.disciplemakerindex.com when the survey is live**
2. Survey completed on **paper** (copies will be available at the doors of the Church and at the rectory between **February 5th and March 5th**.)

I want to stress the importance of your participation. Our goal is a 100% response rate to ensure that we hear all of our parishioner voices. The data collection, analysis, and reporting will be handled by an independent third party, Measuring Success, a firm that has worked in the non-profit world for 10 years to develop tools to assist non-profits to measure effectiveness. Measuring Success will conduct the survey itself and handle all of your survey responses confidentially. Our Parish will receive an aggregate report of the results and will not have access to individual survey responses (unless you choose to self-identify).

The data that will be collected will help me, our Pastoral Staff and our Parish Pastoral Council reflect on what efforts, programs, and activities are contributing to helping you grow in your faith as Catholics. It will be invaluable input into our planning process to help set priorities and allocate resources in our parish so we can be sure we are doing what we need to do to grow as disciples.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important project. It will only be available until **March 5th** so please complete it as soon as you can!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Michael McCormac