

Dear Church Family: Help Those Who Help Us – Let’s Celebrate!

As you probably already know, the Church is now celebrating a Jubilee Year, and the Pope has proclaimed its theme: We are “Pilgrims of Hope.” So as we come together as a Church family to continue this year-long celebration, let us ponder how we, ourselves, can answer the Pope’s call to be Pilgrims of Hope.



One way we can be Pilgrims of Hope is to understand that *while hope points to the future, it is the actions we take today that will shape that future.* **And here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Archbishop Perez** is hard at work trying to strengthen and renew our future as the Church of Philadelphia. But he cannot do it alone. One man, working alone cannot move a mountain, but a community working together can!

How can you help? One simple but very important thing you can do is **to participate in the upcoming Disciple Maker’s Index**, a survey to better understand where we are as a faith community now so we can, together, more realistically shape our future.

This survey is very similar to the survey that was conducted in 2019 and again in 2022 but the number of respondents was far too low to provide any statistically significant results. For example, in 2022 only 41 parishioners completed surveys for St. Charles and in 2019 only 35 individuals completed surveys for sacred Heart. We need to do better! My hope and prayer is that we will!

Here’s what you need to know:

- This is a 10-15 minute survey that will be open from March 5th through April 10th, 2025.
- We are asking that every family member completes and submits their own survey. (Your feelings and responses may differ from your loved one, and that’s OK.)
- The name of the Survey is called the Disciple Maker’s Index. Please do not let the name of the survey deter you. The purpose of this survey is not to ask you to do more than what you already feel comfortable doing for the Church; it is simply a method to try to find out where we stand now as a faith community.
- The survey is completely anonymous and confidential! You can take it on line by visiting one of these sites or, if you prefer, there will be paper copies available in the exits of our churches.

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/xcx9cx> - St Charles Borromeo

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/xc2y7x> - Sacred Heart

- We expect and appreciate your honesty

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God bless,
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