

The Christian Life Model: An Exercise

Do a quick assessment of your parish.

1. Overall satisfaction with Parish Life and Ministry

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2. Worship - How well we worship as a community. Also, how well the parish equips people for participation in the Eucharist and the use of the Daily Office and personal devotions

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3. Doctrine - The parish's awareness of what has authority in the Christian Life. Competence as a congregation and individuals in relating those sources of authority to decision-making

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4. Action - Corporate action of service, evangelization, stewardship; lay members' awareness of their apostolate in the workplace, family, civic life, church. Parish's dealing with the tension between the parish's corporate ministries and the individual's apostolate in daily life.

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5. Oversight - Competence and commitment of leaders, clergy and lay, for leadership and management; building community; and deepening the congregation's spiritual life; leaders serving, guiding, leading and managing the parish into an appropriate and full living of the Christian Life: bringing and preserving a proper order/shape in the parish's life; methods for reflecting, discerning and planning in parish life; lay-clergy relationships; sense of direction, etc.

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6. Look over your assessment.

- What are three things that could be done in the coming year to improve the life and ministry of your parish?

- What would you need to do in the next year to move your "overall satisfaction" rating up one point?