Archbishop Cupich wants your input.

When Archbishop Cupich announced the “Renew My Church” initiative in January, he invited everyone in the Archdiocese of Chicago to participate in the process of revitalizing our parish communities. Just as Pope Francis asked Catholics across the globe for their input prior to the Synod of Bishops meetings in 2014 and 2015, Archbishop Cupich is asking for your help as the Archdiocese begins a new listening phase of this important effort.

Please take time to respond to a survey designed to help Archbishop Cupich and the Archdiocese of Chicago better understand the perspectives of Catholics across Cook and Lake Counties. The survey will be available beginning on Easter Sunday at:

www.archchicago.org/renew

We encourage you to complete the survey online. Paper copies will be made available in parishes the weekends following Easter Sunday.

Please note all responses will be anonymous.
1. Which parish do you attend most regularly for Sunday Mass?

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2. How long have you been attending this parish?
A. Less than 1 year  D. 10 – 19 years
B. 1 – 3 years  E. 20+ years
C. 4 – 9 years

3. How involved are you at this parish?
A. Very involved  C. A little involved
B. Somewhat involved  D. Not very involved

4. Is this parish the closest parish to where you live or where you come from when you attend Mass on Sunday?
A. Yes  C. I don’t know
B. No

5. What method of transportation do you usually take when you go to Mass at the parish?
A. Walk  C. Public transportation
B. Car  D. Other

6. How long does it take you to drive to the parish when you go to Mass?
A. 5 min. or less  D. 16 to 20 min.
B. 6 to 10 min.  E. 21 to 30 min.
C. 11 to 15 min.  F. More than 30 min.

7. Are there other Catholic churches in the Chicago area where you also attend Mass? Please enter the names of those parishes, noting the neighborhood or suburb in which it is located.

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8. How frequently do you attend Mass (at any Catholic church)?
A. Every week or more
B. Once or more a month, but not every week
C. Several times a year, but less than once a month
D. One to three times a year
E. Less than one time per year

9. Which of the following best describes your experience with the Catholic faith?
A. Raised Catholic
B. Converted to Catholicism
C. No longer Catholic
D. Never Catholic

10. Do you sometimes attend religious services at non-Catholic place(s) of worship? If you are comfortable sharing, please enter the names of those places of worship.
A. Yes  B. No

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11. If you were to move to a new city and needed to choose a parish, how important would the following be in a parish? [Mark each with one number]
1=Not at all important  4=Very important
2=A little important  5=Extremely important
3=Somewhat important

___ Accessibility
___ Beautiful architecture and grounds
___ Engaging homilies
___ Family or friends attend
___ Feeling of warmth and welcoming
___ Focus on service to the poor or social justice
___ High quality programs for people in my life stage or for my children
___ Inspirational pastor
___ Location
___ Long standing ties to the parish
___ Masses in my native language
___ Mass times
___ Opportunities to get involved in the parish
___ Parish does a good job explaining Church teaching
___ Parish encourages a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
___ Parish has a high quality Catholic school
___ Parish has a high quality religious ed program
___ People like me attend the parish
___ Prayerful liturgies
___ Quality of music at Mass

12. Please think again about the parish you attend most frequently. Please circle from the above list the top 3 reasons for attending this parish.
13. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the parish you attend most frequently? [Mark each with one number]

1=Extremely disagree   5=Somewhat agree
2=Very much disagree   6=Very much agree
3=Somewhat disagree    7=Extremely agree
4=Neither agree nor disagree

___ My parish inspires me to be a better Catholic and to share the joy of Christ with others
___ My parish is a role model other Catholic parishes should learn from
___ I would recommend my parish to others

14. What are you most proud of about your parish or what makes your parish unique? Please list up to 3 things.

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15. Which one of the statements below best describes your opinion of this parish?

A. The parish is thriving and continuing to grow as a vibrant community
B. The parish is on the right track, but is not quite vibrant yet
C. The parish is facing some challenges, despite our best efforts
D. The parish’s best days are behind it
E. Don’t know

16. If you are feeling disengaged from the Catholic Church, what would it take for you to engage more deeply? [Circle up to 3]

A. I do not feel disengaged from the Catholic Church
B. If there were more opportunities for spiritual growth and reflection for people in my life stage
C. If I got more out of Mass
D. If my faith life were stronger overall
E. If the Church was more relevant to my life
F. If my struggles about what I believe were resolved
G. If the parish was more welcoming and had a stronger sense of community
H. If my disagreements with Church teachings on specific issues were resolved
I. Not sure
J. Other _______________________________

17. Which one of the following best describes how you relate to Jesus Christ?

A. Jesus Christ is at the center of all I do
B. I have a relationship with Jesus Christ and am growing as a disciple
C. I feel close to Jesus Christ at times
D. I feel distant from Jesus Christ
E. None of the above

18. If you were in a situation with non-Catholics in which speaking about God, Jesus Christ, or your personal faith seemed appropriate, you would:
[CHOOSE ONE]

A. Welcome the opportunity – I am very comfortable sharing my faith with others and listening to their faith stories as well
B. Be happy to share my faith with others but would not feel comfortable in a lengthy discussion or debate
C. Be willing to share my faith with others but only if asked about it
D. Not take the opportunity because I do not feel like I know enough about my faith and/or because I am uncomfortable discussing my faith with others
E. None of the above

19. If you were in a situation with other Catholics in which speaking about God, Jesus Christ, or your personal faith seemed appropriate, you would:
[CHOOSE ONE]

A. Welcome the opportunity – I am very comfortable sharing my faith with others and listening to their faith stories as well
B. Be happy to share my faith with others but would not feel comfortable in a lengthy discussion or debate
C. Be willing to share my faith with others but only if asked about it
D. Not take the opportunity because I do not feel like I know enough about my faith and/or because I am uncomfortable discussing my faith with others
E. None of the above
20. How much do you agree or disagree that each of the items below are challenges for the Archdiocese of Chicago? [Mark each with one #]

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22. What do you see as current challenges to Church vitality?

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23. How important are each of the following in renewing Church life? [Mark each with one #]

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24. What other ways should the Church consider to renew Church life?

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25. Did you attend Catholic school? [Check all that apply]

___Yes, elementary school   ___Yes, college
___Yes, high school        ___No

26. Are you the parent or guardian of a child in first through eight grades? [If no, skip to Q 33]

A. Yes   B. No

27. For any children in 1st through 8th grades, please check all that apply:

___One or more attend a Catholic school
___One or more attend a religious ed program
___One or more are neither in a Catholic school or religious ed program

28. If you have a child in Catholic school, how satisfied are you overall with the Catholic School?

A. Extremely satisfied   E. Somewhat dissatisfied
B. Very satisfied        F. Very dissatisfied
C. Somewhat satisfied    G. Extremely dissatisfied
D. Neither satisfied nor H. Not applicable dissatisfied

29. If you have a child in Catholic school, please check all that apply:

___He/she/they attend(s) the Catholic school at my parish
___He/she/they attend(s) the Catholic school sponsored by my parish but not located at my parish
___He/she/they attend(s) another Catholic school (e.g., a Catholic school at another parish or not affiliated with a parish)
___Not applicable
30. If you have a child in Catholic school, please check all that apply:
   ___I/we chose our parish because of the quality of its Catholic school
   ___We left our original parish in order to join the parish where our children attend Catholic school
   ___None of the above
   ___Not applicable

31. If you have a child in religious education, how satisfied are you overall with the religious education program?
   A. Extremely satisfied
   B. Very satisfied
   C. Somewhat satisfied
   D. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
   E. Somewhat dissatisfied
   F. Very dissatisfied
   G. Extremely dissatisfied

32. For any children in first through eighth grades not in a Catholic school, how seriously did you consider choosing a Catholic school for him/her/them when making your decision about school?
   A. I considered it very seriously
   B. I considered it somewhat seriously
   C. I considered it a little bit
   D. I did not consider it very seriously
   E. Not applicable

33. What is your gender?
   A. Male  C. Prefer not to specify
   B. Female

34. What is your age? _________________

35. What best describes your racial/ethnic background?
   A. Hispanic  E. Multi-racial
   B. Black, non-Hispanic  F. Other
   C. White, non-Hispanic  G. Prefer not to specify
   D. Asian

36. What is your current marital status?
   A. Married
   B. Widowed
   C. Divorced
   D. Separated
   E. In a domestic partnership or civil union
   F. Single, but cohabitating with a significant other
   G. Single, never married
   H. Prefer not to specify

37. Where were you born?
   A. Chicagoland
   B. Elsewhere in the USA, excluding Chicagoland
   C. Mexico
   D. Elsewhere in Latin America, excluding Mexico
   E. Poland
   F. Elsewhere in Europe, excluding Poland
   G. Africa
   H. Philippines
   I. Elsewhere in Asia, excluding the Philippines
   J. Other
   K. Prefer not to specify

38. Which languages are used in your home? [Circle all that apply]
   A. English  G. Korean
   B. Spanish  H. Vietnamese
   C. Polish  I. Mandarin
   D. Croatian  J. Cantonese
   F. Tagalog  L. Other

39. In which zip code do you reside?

Thank you for your responses. Please return this survey to your parish office or mail to:
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Office of Strategic Planning & Implementation
835 N. Rush St.
Chicago, IL 60611

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