

Is Our Parish Fulfilling Christ's Great Commission?

This worksheet helps parishes prayerfully reflect on how they are fulfilling Christ's call to:

- **Shepherd** the community
- **Sanctify** through the sacraments
- **Teach** the faith

Instructions:

1. Gather a small group of parish leaders, staff, and key volunteers.
2. Work through each section, discussing the reflection questions.
3. Mark your parish's current status on the **Pillar Gauge**.
4. Identify strengths, areas for growth, and concrete next steps.

1. Shepherding the Community

Reflection Question: How well does our parish reach out to and care for all members of the community, from those in the pews, to those who have fallen away, to everyone in the neighborhood?

Pillar Gauge: Mark the level your parish lives out its call to shepherd on a scale of 1 to 10:



Discussion Prompts:

- Do we have a clear process for welcoming new parishioners?
- How do we accompany those who feel disconnected from the Church?
- Are there ministries for the sick, homebound, or those in need?

Next Step:

2. Sanctifying Through the Sacraments

Reflection Question: Are the sacraments at the center of our parish life, drawing people into deeper communion with Christ?

Pillar Gauge: Mark the level your parish lives out its call to sanctify on a scale of 1 to 10:



Discussion Prompts:

- Are Masses well-attended? How do we invite people to Mass?
- Do we offer frequent opportunities for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration?
- How do we prepare parishioners for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, Marriage, and Holy Orders?

Next Step:

3. Teaching the Faith

Reflection Question: How does our parish form disciples at every stage of life?

Pillar Gauge Mark the level your parish lives out its call to teach on a scale of 1 to 10:



Discussion Prompts:

- Do we have faith formation for children, teens, and adults?
- Are there Bible studies, small groups, or speaker events?
- How do we help people deepen their knowledge of Scripture and Church teaching?

Next Step:

Parish Strengths & Areas for Growth

Strengths

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Areas for Growth

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Action Plan

- **Short-Term Goal (Next 3 Months):**

- **Mid-Term Goal (Next 6-12 Months):**

- **Long-Term Goal (Next 1-3 Years):**

Final Reflection

What is one way God is calling our parish to live out the Great Commission?

Planning Space: