



## Research Summary from Parish Catalyst

Parish Catalyst has been a positive change agent in the renewal of some parishes in the Archdiocese of Portland. Several parishes are experiencing breakthrough because they have dreamed big, made tough choices and persevered through successes and failures.

Between 2013 and 2018, Parish Catalyst interviewed parishes throughout the country. They were asked “what are your parish’s greatest challenges. The pastors reported concerns which fell into four categories:

- Revitalized Parish Life
- Leadership Development
- Parishioner Engagement
- Reaching Young Adults and the Unchurched

### ***Parish Catalyst reported Top Areas of Parish Vitality***

- Strong Focus on Evangelization
- Lay Leadership Development
- Stewardship & Financial Giving
- Hospitality Initiatives
- Parish Church & School Collaboration
- Parishioner Discipleship Development
- Parishioner understanding of Mission & Vision
- Small Group & Retreat Development
- Staff & Volunteer Leadership Harmony & Effectiveness
- Young Adult (19-30) attendance at Mass
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- Youth (14-18) attendance at Mass
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- Weekend Attendance