

This tool helps parish leaders assess their family ministry—clarifying goals, challenges, and needs. Your responses will guide strategies that align with your parish's mission and the families you serve.

We highly encourage you to do this exercise with your parish leadership and the team responsible for family ministry at your parish, including your key volunteers. Build consensus on the answers and **then have a single person fill out the electronic form.** You'll receive a copy of the results that you can share with the rest of your team. Enkindle Catholic will also receive a copy of your results so that we can make the most out of your complimentary 1:1 brainstorming call with a member of our team.

Section 1: Identifying Ministry Goals

- 1 How would you describe a family that has strong and vibrant faith?
- 2 What role would this family need or want their parish to play in helping them sustain and grow their faith?
- 3 Based on the answers above, how do you define and describe successful parish ministry to families?
- 4 What are your parish's primary goals for family ministry? (Check all that apply)
 - ☐ Supporting parents in raising faith-filled children
 - ☐ Encouraging family prayer and worship
 - ☐ Strengthening marriages
 - ☐ Creating community and connection among families
 - ☐ Educating families on faith and values
 - ☐ Other (please specify):
- 5 Are these goals documented or communicated with the parish? Yes / No / Not sure
If yes, where?

Section 2: Assessing the Current Reality

- 6 How would you describe the current state of family ministry in the parish?
 - ☐ Thriving
 - ☐ Consistent but not improving
 - ☐ Needs improvement
 - ☐ Minimal or non-existent

7 What types of family ministry activities or programs are currently offered? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Family Mass or liturgies
- ☐ Marriage enrichment programs
- ☐ Parenting workshops
- ☐ Faith formation for all ages
- ☐ Family social events
- ☐ Counseling or pastoral care
- ☐ List any additional offerings not listed above

8 What is the level of engagement from families in the parish?

- ☐ High (regular participation in programs and events)
- ☐ Moderate (occasional participation)
- ☐ Low (minimal participation)

9 Are there dedicated leaders, staff, or volunteers for family ministry? Yes / No / Partially (explain below):

Section 3: Exploring Desires and Vision

10 What additional or different support and formation would you like to see offered to families?

- ☐ Multi-generational shared experiences
- ☐ Parent mentoring/partnering programs
- ☐ Content for families to be experienced/ used at home
- ☐ Other:

11 How might your parish improve support for family life in the home?

12 How does your parish intentionally listen to the expressed needs (spiritual, emotional, social, practical) of families?

- ☐ Facilitated listening sessions
- ☐ Surveys and feedback forms
- ☐ Intentional feedback solicitation in 1:1 conversations
- ☐ Other:

13 How might your ministry offerings better align with the expressed needs of families?

Section 4: Identifying Hurdles and Barriers

14 How challenging are each of the following issues for your parish's family ministry? (Rate each item from "Not challenging" to "Severely challenging by putting an X in the column for each item.")

	Severely challenging	Moderately challenging	Not challenging
Lack of participation or interest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited financial resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited volunteers or staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inadequate communication or promotion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Space or scheduling constraints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14b Please list any other significant challenges you face in your ministry to families.

15 What barriers do families face in participating in parish activities? (Rate each item from "Not a barrier" to "Severe barrier.")

	Severe barrier	Moderate barrier	Not a barrier
Time of scheduling conflicts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of childcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perceived lack of relevance or connection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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