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May I ask your age? _____

How long have you been ordained?

How long have you been in your current role as Pastor? (Administrator, Parish Life Coordinator, etc.)

Is this your first pastorate? (Or first time as a Parish Life Coordinator?)

Do you pastor more than one parish?

If YES: How many? _____

Does your parish have multiple worship sites?

If YES: How many? _____

How many Sunday/Saturday Vigil Masses does your parish celebrate each week?

Do you celebrate the same number year round? Or does it vary by season? (Specify) _____

How many registered parishioners does your parish have?

How many registered households does your parish have?

On average, what's your combined Sunday/Saturday Vigil Mass attendance? This is sometimes referred to as your "October Count" or the average attendance figure you report annually to the arch/diocese.

Which of the following categories best describes your combined Sunday/Saturday Vigil Mass attendance over the past five years?

_____ Increased 10% or more

_____ Increased 5% to 9%

_____ Stayed about the same (+/- 4%)

_____ Decreased 5% to 9%

_____ Decreased 10% or more

_____ Don't know

What is your annual offertory income?

Which of the following categories best describes your offertory income over the past five years?

_____ Increased 10% or more

_____ Increased 5% to 9%

_____ Stayed about the same (+/- 4%)

_____ Decreased 5% to 9%

_____ Decreased 10% or more

_____ Don't know

Do you have a school?

If YES: Grades: _____

If YES: Enrollment: _____

If YES: Which of the following categories best describes your school enrollment over the past five years?

_____ Increased 10% or more

_____ Increased 5% to 9%

_____ Stayed about the same (+/- 4%)

_____ Decreased 5% to 9%

_____ Decreased 10% or more

_____ Don't know

How would you describe the location of your parish? (list for coding)

_____ Inner city/city center (city = 50,000+ residents)

_____ Other city locale

_____ Suburban (area bound to a city)

_____ Small city / town (> 2,500 and < 50,000 residents)

_____ Rural (<2,500 residents)

_____ Resort area (size fluctuates seasonally)

Can you briefly describe your local community? (i.e., young growing families/older population/close to a university/various nationalities, etc.)

How would you describe your leadership style?

How many people report to you directly?

Is there anything unique to your leadership that you believe is integral to the success of your parish?

At this point in your career, what gets you up in the morning? What drives you? Or fires you up?

At this point in your career, what keeps you up at night? What are the matters that concern you?

Where outside of your parish do you look for new ideas?

What do you do for yourself to keep yourself going?

Is there anything unique to your parish that you believe in integral to the success that you have had?

If you were describing your parish to someone else, what would you identify as the two or three greatest strengths of your faith community?

What is the greatest success that you have had at your parish?

What is the greatest opportunity facing you (your parish) at this time?

What are the most significant challenges facing you/your parish?

It has been our experience that parishes like yours that are strong, alive and innovative are often in contact with similar parishes, either in their own archdiocese or in other parts of the country. Would you be willing to recommend to us the names of some other parishes we might interview?

- (1) Ministering in innovative ways
- (2) Being successful (i.e., effective or impactful)
- (3) Influential within their region (with other parishes, the community, etc.)

Has this conversation made you think of anything else that we haven't covered together that you think may be helpful to our research?