

2021 Vitality | DioATL

Parochial Report Overview



From 2020:



+100%



-0.8%



-47%



-16%

Attendance Trends

Parishes were
at about

50%

of Pre-Covid in-
person attendance

In 2021, the average parish was at about 50% of their pre-Covid in-person attendance. On average across the Diocese, about half of parishioners were coming back in person in 2021.

Characteristics of Churches

with higher than Diocesan average in-person attendance

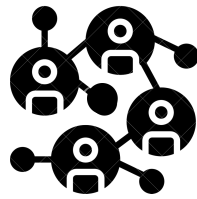
Experimentation

A spirit of experimentation and deep commitment to adaptability. Early adopters of new expressions of church



Responsive to Context

Practices of deep listening to each other, so they understood the needs and could meet those needs.

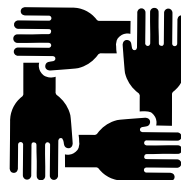
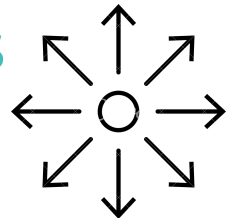


Relational Fabric

Interconnectedness and belonging in some form of small groups, in which members took responsibility for each other's care and well-being

Outward Focus

Deeply attuned to the needs of their neighbors. Committed to loving and serving neighbor.



Mutuality

Team approach to ministry, leadership, responsibility for the congregation. These things were done together.



Office of Congregational Vitality

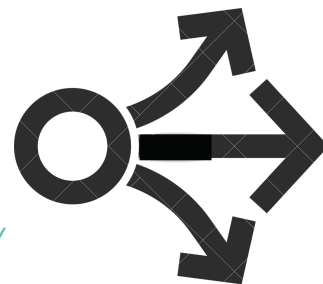
Your Priorities for the Future

Equipping Leaders

to be evangelists and disciple-makers

Discerning Next Steps

to be Church more effectively in your neighborhood



In last year's Diocesan wide survey, you told us that equipping leaders to reach new people and to make disciples was key. You also told us that you wanted us to help parishes embark on a discernment process to rethink how to be a vital church in your surrounding community.

New Initiatives in 2022

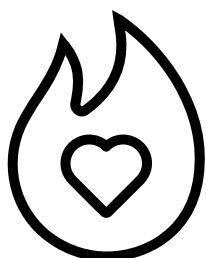


FAB School for Ministry

The School's first initiative is the discernment and formation of licensed lay ministers. In January 2023, we will commission the first cohort of lay ministers who have discerned their vocation and have been formed for licensure as lay preachers, catechists, pastoral care givers, pastoral leaders, and worship leaders

Genesis II: Re-Vision & Renew

We partnered with the Presiding Bishop's office to work with small congregations in the Diocese of Atlanta. This is a journey of exploration for congregations to reflect on their identity, God's call, and how to "be" church in new ways in their communities.



LeadersCARE

We partnered with the Society for the Increase in Ministry (SIM) to secure a grant from Trinity Wallstreet to train leaders in spiritual practices, grounded in prayer and formation, that will help leaders discern and embrace God's future for their churches.

