

## Measuring Your Diocese's Health: Completing the Checkup Form

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The Diocese Health Check aims to “grade” a diocese in three areas: the bishop as a pastor, the diocese in its functions, and the diocese in its ministries. In each area, activities are graded on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 indicating there is no visible activity in the area and 5 indicating “optimal evidence of activity.”

The assessment tool was developed by E-VAAC (Evangelizing for a more Alert and Aware Church) in India. We are using the same tool, so that measurements are not skewed by an altered focus, even though some examples and spellings (such as “call centre workers” and “seafarers”) may not match the usual experience in a U.S. diocese. (Imagine a substitute.)

Please consider administering the Health Checkup in your diocese and sending your results to the VOTF National Office. We will compile the results and send them to E-VAAC for the overall review.

Ideally, in addition to completing the Checkup yourself, you should ask 10 to 15 senior lay leaders who are familiar with how your diocese functions to complete the form. You may send fewer (or more), of course, but the more people who review the diocese, the better the assessment. It also is important that those responding have some knowledge about how a diocese operates. Also consider gathering a group of reviewers to collaborate on a single combined response to the Health Check questionnaire.

### ***Administering the Diocesan Health Check***

1. Make additional copies of the Health Check for others who are asked to complete the review, then present your own responses on one copy.
2. Read through the five-page Health Check, especially pages 1 and 2. Note the grading scale on page 2.
3. Complete pages 3 through 5, then return to page 2 and enter the overall grades for each segment. Also enter your final comments on page 2.
4. Copy the completed form and send the copy to VOTF: Diocesan Health Check, P.O. Box 423, Newton MA 02464. (You also could collect all copies and mail them in one package, or send one response and note how many people prepared it.)