

# Hospitality

## Best Practices for New Members



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a friendly welcome and kind or generous treatment offered to guests or strangers

*Merriam Webster's Dictionary*

“The key to Stewardship and Evangelization is to build community in the parish: When you offer people a sense of Prayer, Hospitality, Belonging, and Community, then they’ll be ready to hear the call for responsibility and service...”

*Father Thomas McGread, Pastor, St. Francis Parish, Wichita, Kansas*

“Welcoming defines our identity as valued members of God’s people. God has called all of us in Christ so each member has equal dignity before God and others...The ministry of hospitality cannot be delegated to ushers or greeters... The call to welcome comes with baptism and extends to the entire community.”

*Father Robert Rivers, Director of Diocesan Services, Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association*

“Parishes need to welcome warmly all members. Everyone has something to contribute, everyone is needed. Communities known for the vitality of their faith and for the quality of their service to people in need inspire others to participate in ministry.”

*Bishop Robert Morneau, Auxiliary Bishop of the Green Bay Diocese*

“A parish that places Stewardship as a priority will create an atmosphere of welcoming and hospitality that can be seen throughout all aspects of parish life.”

*Archdiocese of Milwaukee Parish Stewardship Manual*

“There are certain things a parish can do that make statements or give off vibrations that repel or attract. There is, in a word, such a thing as a theology of place: ... the indicators of life, community, and spirituality.”

*Father William J. Bausch, Pastor, St. Mary's Parish, Colts Neck, New Jersey*