

# A Parish That Is Ready For the Visitor

Are your parishioners ready and poised to be truly hospitable? Are there expectations and tools in place to facilitate hospitality? Rate your parish by circling a number from 1 through 5; with 1 = highly unlikely and 5 = very likely.

1. The climate of our parish is perceived as positive.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

2. We have a clear, concise parish mission statement.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

3. Parishioners can verbalize our mission statement.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

4. Parishioners are encouraged on a regular basis to bring one or more guests to Mass and/or parish events.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

5. Many parishioners **do bring** a guest with them to Mass or a parish event at least once a year.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

6. Each visitor at Mass is greeted by at least one person other than the Pastor or Greeter.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

7. Parishioners make an effort to introduce themselves to strangers.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

8. We train our greeters to be gracious hosts; to offer information and answer questions in addition to a nod or handshake at the door.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

9. Parking spaces near the door are purposefully left open and signed for visitors.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

10. Planners of our worship, learning events and fellowship gatherings take into account the possible presence of non-members from the time an activity is planned through its implementation.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

11. We encourage the presence of children at Mass.

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12. We provide resources to assist and guide parents and children with worship.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

13. When Mass is over, people in the pews will make eye contact with visitors, introduce themselves and welcome the visitor to the parish.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

14. Parishioners will invite the visitor to join them in the fellowship area after Mass. They will introduce the visitor to others.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

15. People stand around after Mass and visit with each other. Parishioners notice and will reach out to include those who are not engaged in the conversation.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

16. Parishioners are excited about the mission of their parish and tell others about the parish and its ministries.

SCORE 1—2—3—4—5

17. Parishioners will seek to learn about the needs and interests of visitors/guests.

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