

# How Glad We Are That You Are Here!

How well does your parish build a good first impression into a lasting relationship? How committed is the parish to follow-through and continuing engagement? Rate your parish by circling a number from 1 through 5; with 1 = highly unlikely and 5 = very likely.

1. There are cards in the vestibule or pews inviting visitors to leave contact information and comments.

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2. When a new person/family registers, they receive a new member packet of information.

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3. The new member packet states the parish mission/vision for ministry.

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3. The new parishioner packet includes information about parish ministries, faith-building groups, volunteer opportunities, fellow-ship events, etc.

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5. A personal contact (phone or visit) is made with each new member/family within 2 weeks after registration

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6. A letter from the Pastors is sent welcoming each new member/family.

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8. Orientation sessions are held for new members.

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9. New members are offered a tour of parish facilities.

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10. Newcomers have many opportunities to become part of one or more parish ministry/study/formation groups.

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11. New members are personally invited to attend parish events during their first year as parishioners.

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12. The parish makes an effort to discover the gifts and talents of all parishioners as a prelude to inviting them to become active in parish ministries and volunteer opportunities.

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13. Parish committees and ministry groups are eager to embrace new members.

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14. New committee members are encouraged to share their experiences and their input and suggestions are received with genuine interest and consideration.

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15. Youth are encouraged to serve in liturgical ministries. They serve as lectors, cantors, ushers, choir members.

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16. Adult members of the parish are friendly to youth and make an effort to know their names and engage them in conversation.

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17. The parish works to discover and utilize the gifts youth have for ministry.

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18. Youth with the gift of hospitality are highly visible in reaching out and encouraging/inviting their peers.

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