Hospitality is our joy:
We are All Called to be Parish Ambassadors
Lord, give us the eyes of Jesus to truly see our neighbors and the strangers we meet.

Teach us what it means to be part of a community, and to love the stranger as we love ourselves.

Teach us to be authentically welcoming, purposefully attentive and intentionally kind. Forgive us for our self-centeredness, for our silence and for our indifference.

Help us to follow His example of service to friend and stranger alike.

We ask this through the intercession of Christ, our Lord.

Amen.
Proclaim Christ and Make Disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church.
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to be Parish Ambassadors

I’m an Everyday Ambassador
Hospitality?

**hospitality**
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noun

1. The friendly and generous reception of guests, visitors and strangers.

The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.
Welcome

Every weekend, at every single Mass

- Non-Catholics
- Strangers looking for a home
- Seekers who have never heard the Good News
- People who don’t know “the rules”
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How do we become more hospitable?

- Families with young children
- Millennials
- New volunteers
- Strangers who come seeking
- Non-members who have been away
- Visitors at funerals and sacraments
See your parish through the eyes of a stranger

Welcome to our church

or

Members only
As individual parishioners, at Mass do we:

- Extend a hand?
- Make eye contact and smile?
- Move into the pew?
- Help those with special needs?
- Encourage the presence of children?
- Bring a guest to Mass?
• A Welcome Kiosk in the gathering space
• In Office registration
• New Parishioner Welcome Packet
Stewardship; “If you have made families feel welcome and a vital part of the parish, you will not have to ask them for money. They will already be giving of their time, talent and treasure. Focus first on helping them become a part of the parish, and stewardship will come”.

Hospitality in Multi-cultural Parishes
Welcome to...
HOSPITALITY is our joy
You are a Parish Ambassador!

How can you respond?

• Speak joyfully about your parish
• Extend a warm and joyful welcome
• Greet people - be on the lookout for strangers
• Welcome families with children and affirm them
• Make personal invitations
• Welcome technology
• Welcome the grumpy and sullen, the ones who don’t know the rules, and who look different
Continuing the Journey

Everyone is called to be a missionary. Wherever you find yourself, this is your mission field.
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