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.









Hospitality?

hos·pi·tal·i·ty

noun

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









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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"





Hospitality is Our Joy

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





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?



Best Practices



- A Welcome Kiosk in the gathering space
- In Office registration
- New Parishioner Welcome Packet



Hospitality in Multi-cultural Parishes



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".



Internal Hospitality

Welcome to...





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.



