

Parish Stewardship Welcoming committee

The Welcoming Committee is a group of parish members dedicated to ensuring a welcome to all new members of the parish family. The work for the Welcoming Committee provides a great deal of satisfaction by bringing a feeling of welcome to our new members of your Parish Family.

How do we welcome new parishioners? "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25-35

Whether it's at the parish office, a phone call or even online ... consider these important steps when welcoming a new member to the parish:

- Step 1: Request that a profile questionnaire be filled out (*...and the information entered into PDS*).
- Step 2: Provide a current parish ministry directory and interest forms – make it known that new-comers are most welcome to participate in all activities and ministries.
- Step 3: List the names of new members in the bulletin – or take photos of the new members to be published in the bulletin and/or the parish picture directory.
- Step 4: Provide church envelopes and/or information about electronic giving options.
- Step 5: Provide a welcome phone call from your pastor or a personal visit.
- Step 6: Have a committee member call the new parishioner to schedule a home visit and to give a Welcome Basket that could include:
- ✓ Welcome letter signed by pastor and pastoral council representative
 - ✓ Current parish bulletin
 - ✓ Parish and community information
 - ✓ Catholic Schools brochure
 - ✓ Stewardship Prayer cards
 - ✓ Goodie or treat of some kind.
- Step 7: Invite newly registered parishioners to a Welcome Gathering (*...after Mass*) along with the members who registered in the past six months.