

Parish Assessment of Welcome & Hospitality

1. Culture

“How Welcoming Am I?”

- Am I a welcoming presence in my parish?
- Am I welcoming in my facial expressions/mannerisms?
- I see Christ in others. Do others see Christ in me?
- Do I greet people as I approach the church & in the gathering space?
- Do I speak positively about the Catholic Church, my parish, my pastor, etc.?
- Am I inclusive?
- Do I participate in the Mass to give glory to God and a good example to others?
- Do I extend Christ’s peace to others, looking them in the eye and acknowledging everyone around me?

The Welcoming Backdrop

The columns provide a flow chart of sorts, going right to left.

1. Consider the ministry in Column 1 and indicate under “Welcoming?” “yes” or “no.”
2. If you answered “no,” decide if you wish to address it at all by writing “yes” or “no” under “Work on it?”
3. Lastly, take all the ministries for which you wrote “yes” in the “Work on it?” column and prioritize them. Place a “1” under “If so, when?” for the ministry you’d like to work on first, a “2” for the ministry you’d like to work on second, etc.

Elements of Welcoming Culture	Welcoming?	Work on it?	If so, when?
Web presence			
Office staff aware of being 1 st contact			
Parish office ever open for day-time workers			
Parishioners aware of role			
Outsiders can find/understand parish info			
All liturgical ministers are welcoming			
Visitors are recognized and included			
Parish frequently a presence at community events			

2. Accessibility and Inclusion

Is Our Parish Inclusive & Accessible?

- The parish is easily identified w/ name & mass times visible from road.
- Church rectory & parking lot is well marked & easily identified.
- Rooms & buildings are clearly marked.
- Buildings are wheel-chair accessible.
- Are there parking spaces for persons w/ disabilities?
- Are large print missalettes & listening devices available?
- Hospitality ministers greet & assist people at all masses.
- New parishioners are introduced to the community.
- Our parish includes those who speak other languages.
- We welcome young children, those w/ special needs & persons of all ethnicities.
- We reach out in times of grief.

3. Particular Ministries of Welcome

The columns provide a flow chart of sorts, going right to left.

1. Consider the ministry in Column 1 and indicate under "Have It Now?" "yes" or "no."
2. If you answered "no," decide if you wish to address it at all by writing "yes" or "no" under "Worth Adding?"
3. Lastly, take all the ministries for which you wrote "yes" in the "Worth Adding?" column and prioritize them. Place a "1" under "If so, when?" for the ministry you'd like to work on first, a "2" for the ministry you'd like to work on second, etc.

Ministry	Have It Now?	Worth Adding?	If so, when?
Greeter			
Usher			
Parking Team			
Information Table			
Fellowship			
Bakers			
Ministry Brochure			
Ministry Fair			
New Parishioner Visiting Team			
New Parishioner Event			
Invite New People to Events for a Year			
Welcoming Tone to Sacrament Prep			
Child Care			