

Welcoming Parish Survey

The following are some statements which will help us to determine how welcoming we are as a parish to newcomers. In order for this to be effective, please be honest. Don't answer according to the way you wish it would be, but evaluate reality as it actually exists today. First evaluate how the church is doing on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being great and 5 being poorly. Then evaluate each of the statements in terms of how important they are to you as a parishioner at this church, again on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being important and 5 being not important at all. Please circle the appropriate number. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

	How is Our Church Doing?					How Important this is to you?						
	Great					Poorly		Important		Not Important		
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
Parishioners welcome the new people and try to make them feel at home.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
The staff welcomes new people and tries to make them feel at home.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
New people are acknowledged and/or addressed in some way during each liturgy.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
Welcoming new people requires some level of comfort with changing group dynamics. Our church is comfortable with this kind of change.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
We are OK with the pastor and staff focusing their attention on new people, even if it means that they may have to be less attentive to long term members.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
Welcoming the newcomer requires commitment. Our staff and parishioners are committed to making the stranger in our midst feel at home.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
Friendly church members greet people at each major entrance prior to and after the Mass.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
Our church makes a good first impression. The building and grounds are well maintained, bulletin boards are attractive with up to date information.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
Our bulletin welcomes new people and directs them to someone for further information.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		

	How is Our Church Doing?	How Important this is to you?
When I was a newcomer to this church, I was made to feel welcomed.	Great 1 2 3 4 5 Poorly	Important 1 2 3 4 5 Not Important
Our church has a written program in place for welcoming newcomers.	Great 1 2 3 4 5 Poorly	Important 1 2 3 4 5 Not Important
Our church has an active welcoming committee.	Great 1 2 3 4 5 Poorly	Important 1 2 3 4 5 Not Important
Newcomers are linked with long standing church members with whom they have something in common.	Great 1 2 3 4 5 Poorly	Important 1 2 3 4 5 Not Important
Our church has an active evangelism program designed to reach out to the unchurched or inactive Catholics.	Great 1 2 3 4 5 Poorly	Important 1 2 3 4 5 Not Important
Our church is handicap accessible.	Great 1 2 3 4 5 Poorly	Important 1 2 3 4 5 Not Important
Our parish truly values new parishioners	Great 1 2 3 4 5 Poorly	Important 1 2 3 4 5 Not Important
How long have you been a member of this parish?	_____ yrs _____ months	
In what year were you born?	_____	
Gender	_____ Male _____ Female	
Marital Status	_____ Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed	
What one change would you like to see our church make in order to welcome people better? (Write answer below)	Would you like to be part of a new effort to make new people feel welcomed to our church? _____ Yes _____ Name _____ No _____ Contact Info _____ Need more information	

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!