

Notes from Spiritual Committee Break Out Session

- Make sure greeters actually greet people.
- Need to make an effort to reach out to parishioners that are:
 - Single & those without children. What are the connections SFX can create? EG – Spiritual Book Group, Movie nights, etc. How do we provide what they seek in spirituality?
 - People who have pulled away from the parish
 - Elderly
 - Young adults between 25-30 who we seemed to have lost.
- Registration of new parishioners should be more than filling out an on-line form. Initiate some form of welcoming committee that reaches out. Asks if they have any sacramental needs. Any questions about the parish or this area. Welcoming gift such as a loaf of bread or bottle of wine.
- Quarterly welcome of new parishioners. After Sunday Mass in Unity Hall.
- Depending on the number of new parishioners ask all new parishioners at a weekend mass to stand for a special blessing. Can be done quarterly or annually.
- Photos in the bulletin or at the exits like RCIA,
- Periodically – monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually – the parish should plan a “Newcomer’s Welcome Event.” This can be a “coffee and doughnuts” after church, an evening “wine and appetizers” party, or a Sunday afternoon “cookies and punch.” It is a good idea to vary the time and type of event – pizza with the pastor on a Friday or other weeknight one time, Sunday breakfast another time,
- Pastor to:
 - Provide a letter of welcome perhaps sharing why he chose to shepherd SFX
 - Monthly/bimonthly “dinner with the pastor” just a simple meal
- Intro to Ministry giving a clear understanding of Ministry as Service. *
- Parish Council introduce term limits as soon as possible.*

****These were on Donna Mulvenna’s written notes. If you need further clarification, ask her directly.***