

## Parish Life Commission

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We discussed the theme of welcoming and all agreed it is a vital aspect of parish life. Since we had two younger members of the parish at the table, some of our discussion focused on what we could do as a parish to make them feel more invited to the table. Some ideas were:

- Form an “auxiliary” for the Men’s and Women’s Club focused on men and women in their 20s and early 30s
- Include social aspect for this group so they can make more connections in the parish
- To reach this group, use the parish database to make initial contact and follow up with personal outreach.

General welcome ideas included:

- Pair like people – mentorship idea. One member of the group (Jody) is relatively new to our parish and “tried out” several parishes when she first moved to the area last summer. SJC did a good job of following up – 2 weeks after initial registration the new parishioner receives a personal call from a lay person

On a completely unrelated note, members of the group remarked on how beautiful Unity Hall is and asked with some frustration why we weren’t using it for coffee after Mass.