

# How ready are we to fully welcome new people to Mass?

Review the five categories of readiness. Check those items currently in place at this church for Sunday Mass. Anything unchecked shows an opportunity for improving the likelihood a newcomer will feel welcome enough to return a second time.



## Physical Atmosphere

- ☐ Clear signage in the main languages of those in the neighborhood
- ☐ Orderly, clean, uncluttered entryway(s) and worship space
- ☐ Décor reflects the diverse beauty of God and the current liturgical season



## Participation in the Liturgy

- ☐ Priest reverently leads the celebration of the Eucharist by following current liturgical norms and diocesan protocols
- ☐ Assembly actively participates in the liturgical dialogue by saying responses, singing, joining in appropriate gestures
- ☐ Deacon, sacristans, and servers move with reverence while assisting in the sanctuary without distracting from the main actions of the liturgy
- ☐ Readers proclaim the Sacred Scriptures clearly, accurately and with dignity
- ☐ Music selections are easily sung by the assembly
- ☐ Musicians encourage assembly to join in the sung prayers
- ☐ Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion reverently assist priest in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ following current norms and diocesan protocols



Mark an "x" on the continuum to indicate this community's typical ability to help one another encounter the real presence of Christ throughout the sacrifice of the Mass.

## Initial Welcome



- ☐ Easily able to identify how to get into the worship space (which doors are unlocked, handicap accessibility, ...)
- ☐ Someone greeting each person as s/he enters the building
- ☐ Assistance finding a seat, especially if crowded



## Continuous Hospitality

- ☐ Parishioners learn one another's names
- ☐ Missal or worship aid that includes directions for gestures, prayers, responses so person has what needs to fully participate in the Mass
- ☐ Place near worship space where person can go to more freely or calm a fussy child
- ☐ Usher(s) clearly visible to help with questions or an emergency
- ☐ Communicate that people are missed when not at Mass

## Ongoing Connections



- ☐ Way for new person to give contact info if s/he wants to connect with the parish in the future
- ☐ Info about how can express faith by serving others
- ☐ Suggestions for learning resources and opportunities
- ☐ Timely, accurate, and responsive communication tools
  - \_ parish phone
  - \_ website
  - \_ email
  - \_ social media
  - \_ parish app
  - \_ bulletin

