

Welcoming Team/ Ministry



Our goal is for new parishioners – and visitors – to feel included, a part of our faith community, at home and comfortable. We strive to:

- Reach out in a friendly, welcoming, and personal way.
- Embody the Parish's Mission Statement: “We respond to the command of Jesus to love by welcoming all...”
- Encourage all to become full and active members of our faith community.
- Provide people with helpful information about our parish.
- Serve as a catalyst for the parish community, encouraging all to invite and welcome people to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, heightening awareness and increasing the level of hospitality of the parish.

Join the team!

Were you “welcomed” when you joined our parish?

Great! Then you know the value of a friendly welcome. If you weren't, you know the “left out” feeling – like you just don't quite fit in. Wanting to be an active part of the parish – just not knowing how to start....

How can you help?

- **Contact newly registered members of our parish and share your enthusiasm for St. Francis.**

If you can give just a few hours a month to welcoming someone new to St. Francis, please fill out the form on the back or contact Barbara Bucher, Membership Coordinator at (916-443-8084 x101 or membership@stfrancisparish.com).

- **Prepare a dish for and/or attend St. Francis Parish 101, our new parishioner orientation.**

These sessions are held quarterly, on Sundays after Noon Mass. If you can give just a few hours several times a year to help us, please fill out the form on the back or contact Barbara Bucher, Membership Coordinator at 916-443-8084 x101 or membership@stfrancisparish.com.

- **Greet people at the doors of the church before the weekend Mass you attend.**

If you can give just a few hours a month to welcoming people to St. Francis, please fill out the form on the back or contact Deborah Jones, Liturgy Coordinator at (916-443-8084 x101 or DeborahJ@stfrancisparish.com).

- **Serve coffee and donuts after the 9:30am Mass.**

If you can give just a few hours a month to help us, please fill out the form on the back or contact Kay Skonieczny, Director of Outreach at (916-443-8084 x101 or KayS@stfrancisparish.com).

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new parishioners and help them to feel a part of our faith community. For additional information, please see the Q&A on the back.

Welcoming Team/Ministry Questions & Answers

Q: What skills do I need to be a Welcoming Minister?

- A smile and the ability to “listen”

Q: Do I need special training?

- We will have short training sessions as needed during the year. Basically, to learn what to do. But, more importantly, to stress the need to welcome new parishioners in a way **THEY** want to be welcomed.

(For example, not everyone wants a visit, or even to talk long on the phone. We don't want to push ourselves on anyone - Just be aware that there are a variety of ways to make contact.)

Q: How much time is involved?

- As much or as little as you want, depending on the “job” you choose.
For those willing to contact new parishioners by phone, we welcome over 100 new parishioners each year to St. Francis. It should average 3 or 4 contacts per Welcomer per year.

Q: Am I expected to attend meetings throughout the year?

- NO!! Wow, a “no meeting” ministry, pretty cool, huh! We may occasionally have a get-together of volunteers – just to visit and share ideas.

Q: How great is the need for Welcoming Ministers at this time?

- There is **always** a need for new Welcoming Ministers.

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Welcoming Team/Ministry Volunteer Form

I would like to welcome people to St. Francis and to help with (check all that apply):

Contacting new parishioners

Providing a dish to share and welcoming newcomers at St. Francis Parish 101

Serving as a greeter before the 5:15pm 7:30am 9:30am Noon Mass

Helping serve coffee and donuts after 9:30am Mass

Name: _____

Phone numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

*Please place in collection basket or mail to:
Welcoming Team, St. Francis Parish, 1066 26th St., Sacramento, CA 95816. Thank you!*