



WELCOME MINISTRY

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

The Welcome Ministry is one of hospitality. As new members join Our Lady of Mercy Parish, this ministry reaches out to the new families and schedules a welcome meeting, to assure they feel cared for and valued. Whether the meeting take place in their home or at church, the purpose is to connect new members with veteran parishioners, and to help familiarize families with all that the Our Lady of Mercy Community has to offer.

ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:

- Meet new or prospective parishioners at Mass or their home
- Inquire how they wish to be contacted
- Send emails/text messages inviting them to activities: Feast Day, Festival, Lenten Supper, Mission, etc
- Take part in the New Member Welcome Breakfast

EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY

- Warm and friendly welcoming qualities
- Members are called on a rotating basis to welcome new families
- Attend new member gatherings
- Look for new members at church and make them feel welcome

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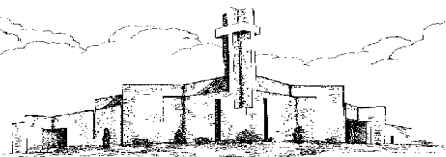
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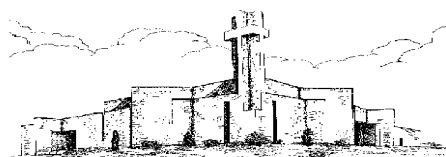
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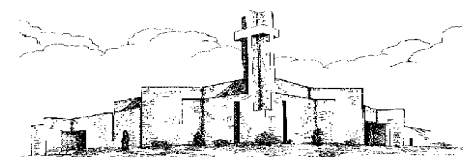
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