

How Can Our Parish Become More Welcoming?

- All Are Welcome: Christian Hospitality.* Video. 12 mins. Evangelization Ministry, Archdiocese of Louisville, 1200 South Shelby St., Louisville, KY 40203-2600, (502) 636-0296. Tips on how to become more welcoming parishes.
- Blum, Susan W. *The Ministry of Evangelization.* Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1988, (800) 858-5450, www.litpress.org, E-mail: sales@litpress.org. Excellent chapter on Hospitality as ministry. Parish checklist included that can be used to evaluate how welcoming our parishes already are.
- Christian Hospitality: A Handbook for Parishes.* Evangelization Ministry, Archdiocese of Louisville, 1200 South Shelby St., Louisville, KY 40203-2600, (502) 636-0296, www.archlou.org. Hospitality is more than waiting for people to come to Church. This is a way that we bring Church out to the people. Sample parish models and programs for outreach.
- Deck, Sylvia Cirone. *Ministry of Hospitality.* Franklin, WI: Theological Book Service, 1996. Theological Book Service, 7373 S. Lovers Lane Rd., Franklin, WI 53132, (800) 558-0580, www.theobooks.org, E-mail: tbs@execpc.com. How to setup and train people to become a welcoming and hospitality ministry for your parish.
- Jeselson, Mary Ann and Carole Garibaldi Rogers, *Great Ideas from Great Parishes: A Parish Handbook.* Liguori, MO: Liguori Publications, 2003. www.liguori.org, E-mail: bookstore@liguori.org. Practical ideas for helping a parish and its members to be more welcoming and evangelizing. "How-to" helps too!
- Harrington, Donal. *The Welcoming Parish.* The Columba Press, Blackrock, Co Dublin, Ireland. U.S. distributor—Dufour Editions, (610) 458-5005. WWW.DUFOUREDITIONS.COM. Ways of thinking about parish and activities where welcoming is a key aspect of evangelization.
- Smith Karen Sue, *Ministers of Hospitality:* National Pastoral Life Center, 18 Bleeker St., New York, NY 10012-2404, (212) 431-7825, www.nplc.org. Pamphlet with simple Greeters and Ushers "Do's & Don'ts" instructions.
- Oswald, Roy M. *Making Your Church More Inviting: A Step-by-Step Guide for In-Church Training.* Bethesda, MD: The Alban Institute, 1992, 2001. www.alban.org. 800-486-1318. Fifteen sessions of training for church groups to become more welcoming and inclusiveness that emphasizes listening, attention, and invitation to deeper discipleship to Jesus.
- Reising, Brian. *Home Visitation: Building Relationships, Building the Kingdom.* Video. Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, 1213 Byron St., Wheeling, WV 26003, (304) 233-0880, E-mail: breising@dwc.org. Introduction to the ministry of home visitation for reaching out to active and inactive Catholics.

Sjogren, Steve. *Conspiracy of Kindness: A Refreshing New Approach to Sharing the Love of Jesus*. Ann Arbor, MI: Vine Books, Servant Publications, 2003. www.servantpub.com. What if we took Christian hospitality out into the streets? Concrete ways to bring the love of Jesus and the Christian community into daily life, in order to “show God’s love in a practical way.”

The Ultimate Challenge of Evangelization: How Can We Reach Young Adults? Video Tapes. Office of Parish Life, Evangelization Ministry, Diocese of Trenton, 701 Lawrenceville, NJ 08638-0147, 609-406-7400 x5585, e-mail: jparon@dioceseoftrenton.org. How to make our parishes more welcoming to 20s/30s adults, 87% of whom are not connected to Catholic parishes. Three separate tapes: Panel of 20s/30s Adults, *How We View the Catholic Church: Young Adults Speak Out!* (2003); Dennis Corcoran, Director of Worship and Evangelization, Presentation Parish, Upper Saddle River, NJ, *How Can We Reach Young Adults?* (2003); and *The Catholic Corner* TV program: *Evangelizing to Young Adults* (2004).

Tips for Becoming a More Welcoming Parish and Everybody’s Welcome? Helping Your Church To Become More Friendly For All Kinds Of Families. Church of England, Celebrating Family Project Office, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. Tel/Fax: 01902 621594, Email: Elizabeth.Davies@cbcew.org.uk, www.celebratingfamily.org.uk/Everybody's%20Welcome/resources_by_parishes.htm. Concrete and simple things a church can do to be more welcoming.

Weeks, Andrew D. *Welcome! Tools and Techniques for New Member Ministry*. Bethesda, MD: The Alban Institute, 1992, 2001. www.alban.org. 800-486-1318. Practical help to open our eyes and heart to those who need to be welcomed in our churches, with practical ways to do the welcoming.

A Welcoming Church Assessment Pack. Building Church Leaders, Leadership Resources, Christianity Today International, Carol Stream, Illinois. www.BuildingChurchLeaders.com, <http://www.store.yahoo.com/buildingchurchleaders/wechpa.html>. Seven assessment tools to guide your leadership teams in working to create more welcoming churches.

Welcoming the Visitor: A Guide for Congregations. The Episcopal Church of America. http://www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/GW_Welcoming.pdf. To encounter a visitor to our church is a holy moment and a meeting with God in the flesh.

Welcoming the Visitor to Our Churches: A Helpful Guide to Become a Welcoming Church. The Episcopal Diocese of New York, Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue New York, NY 10017, 212-716-6000, 800-334-7626, http://www.episcopalchurch.org/adcollaborative_52884_ENG_HTM.htm Hospitality and welcoming the stranger or visitor to the communal life of the church. Assesses who the community is and who those are that visit and gives five steps to the welcoming process.