



Changing Lives. Transforming Parishes.

Bringing “Welcome” to our Parishes

Most of the people you see every day feel like something is missing in their lives. Welcome is an incredible experience that helps them discover what that something is—and what to do about it. It’s run by parishioners for parishioners, and it’s re-energizing parishes across the country.

Welcome, a program by Dynamic Catholic, is an overnight weekend experience for our parishioners given by men or women of our parishes. Through fellowship, faith sharing, hospitality, music, individual and group activities, Mass, and more, participants have the opportunity to step back from the everyday to reflect on their lives and their spiritual journeys and build meaningful relationships with other men or women in the parish. (Men and women attend separate weekends.)

Why Welcome?

We believe that Welcome is the first step in helping people make sense of life. You see, people often have this nagging feeling that something is missing in their lives. They want to work this out, but they have no idea how or even where to start. It’s amazing how many men and women just need to be invited to go deeper and given a simple format that helps them do that. When you bring the Welcome Experience to your parish, at least three things are going to happen . . .

Inspire Your Parishioners

There are questions we all ask ourselves in different ways: Who am I? What am I here for? What matters most? What matters least? Welcome puts a framework around these questions. Your parishioners will get personal clarity, be inspired to start living with a deeper sense of purpose, and be changed forever.

Build Community

We all have a deep desire to feel like we belong—to feel *welcome* in our parish. The Welcome Experience is an opportunity for your parishioners to build meaningful and lasting relationships with other men and women in your parish. They'll be excited to come to church on Sunday and more involved in your parish community.

Transform Your Parish

Do you dream of a parish that is dynamic and full of life? A parish that is developing true disciples? A parish that people are excited to be a part of? It is impossible to separate personal transformation from the transformation of a parish. With your parishioners' lives transformed through Welcome, your parish will thrive.

*We are looking for 12 men and 12 women to be the first **Giving Team** for a Welcome weekend in our parishes. Over a period of about 6 months you will be trained to give the initial weekend. After that a new Giving Team will be formed from the men and women who attend our first Welcome retreat.*

Everyone is invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30pm in the St. John Church Hall.

Testimonials

"Welcome has truly been a life-changing experience. It not only changed my spiritual life, but changed every other aspect of my life as well."

Isaac, Minnesota

"Welcome saved my life!"

Mary Jane, Illinois

“I have gone from being a ‘good Catholic’ who went to Mass every Sunday, simply because I was supposed to, to becoming an active Catholic who truly loves the faith and can’t wait to constantly learn more, do more, and inspire others when I can.”

Mae, Tennessee

“Welcome has made me a better father.”

Peter, Washington

“I really don’t know where I would be today if a friend had not invited me to Welcome 10 years ago.”

Sarah, New York

“Everywhere I go, people tell me I’m different. They want to know what has changed my life. I tell them Welcome did it.”

Jason, Wisconsin

“I knew something was missing, and I don’t know why I ignored that for so long, but Welcome helped me discover exactly what was missing.”

David, Florida