



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK FORM

### TOPIC 3A: WELCOMING PARISHES

Demographic information: Gender (circle one): [Male] [Female]  
 Age range (circle one): [<20] [20's] [30's] [40's] [50's] [60's] [70+]

### TABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the discussion, each person is invited to share on one or two of the following questions:

- What stood out to you in our time of prayer, or in the teaching?
- How have you felt welcomed at your parish?
- How can we make parishes more welcoming?

### IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION

These ideas are provided to help you get started in your discussion and to provide a framework to give feedback.

- A) **Welcome:** Foster an intentional culture of welcoming for regulars and newcomers alike.
- B) **Hospitality:** Encourage hospitality as a sign of the visible presence of Christ to others, especially those who feel marginalized.
- C) **Cultural Sensitivity:** Ensure efforts to welcome are culturally sensitive and value diversity.
- D) **Social Events:** Offer events and social gatherings that build community.
- E) **Invitation:** Invite friends and family to church.
- F) **Connection:** Connect parishioners who are at a similar stage of life or have similar experiences.
- G) **Small Groups:** Prioritize parish small groups to foster connection.
- H) **Accompaniment:** Accompany others in times of need (e.g., support groups, meal trains).
- I) **Website/Social Media:** Make it easy to learn about/get involved in the parish online, including virtual opportunities for those who cannot attend in person.
- J) **Parish/School Community:** Intentionally integrate parish and school communities.
- K) **Wider Community:** Seek and strengthen relationships with those in the wider community.

### FEEDBACK FORM

Consider the question: How can we make parishes more welcoming?

I. **Top 3 things that have worked for me:**

(To answer, please write up to three letters representing ideas from the list above.)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

II. **Top 3 things the parish or Archdiocese should prioritize in the future:**

(To answer, please write up to three letters representing ideas from the list above.)

Your responses may be the same or different from those in section I.)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

III. **My best idea:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Up to 20 words)