

### Hospitality — Greeters/Ushers

Each Sunday the first thing we do in church is to gather. As a Christian community we gather FOR each other. The first ritual we should experience therefore is a ritual of welcome, of courtesy, of hospitality. All of us (not just ushers and greeters) are called to be ministers of hospitality.

There are special ministers of hospitality and they are very important. Often an usher or greeter can set the tone of our readiness to experience God more than any other minister. They are usually the first to greet us when we arrive for Mass. They are also there to attend to any emergencies which might occur during Mass. They facilitate seating at crowded Masses, the taking up of the collection, identifying gift bearers, or directing processions.

Both men and women with the ability to be gracious hosts and to make people feel welcome are called to this ministry.

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