MEMBERS PRESENT
Mary Jo Bugembe (HNJ), Sarah Hizon (SD), Jill Niemi (SC), Ann Scharrer (SD), Cheri Wadle (HNJ), Pam Yoder (SD).

OPENING PRAYER
“You are a stranger but once; you are a child of God, redeemed by our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. We bid you welcome in His name. Through our loving and praying family may you find friendship, peace and serenity in His house.”

The above prayer appeared in the weekly bulletin for Holy Family Parish in Whitefish Bay. The committee discussed the possibility of creating a permanent sign using this prayer to be displayed at each of the churches; either printed or electronically.

REVIEW OF NEW MEMBER WELCOME WEEKEND
The SNCP New Member Welcome Weekend was held at our three churches after all Masses on September 24-25, 2022. Prior to the event, a postcard along with a follow-up call and/or email were sent to 110 new member families. Thirty-three of these families attended the event and picked up their welcome packets.

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION
Parish Database
The SNCP database is being updated with information collected from phone calls, etc. Starting in February 2023, welcome packets will automatically be mailed upon enrollment. Staff will send contact information for new parish members to a Welcome Team person from each church on a monthly basis. New member families will continue to be listed in the weekly Bulletin.

Personal Contact
Each parish group will decide how to individually welcome new families. Suggestions included a personal home visit with a welcome basket; phone call; meeting and tour after Mass.

Future New Member Welcome Weekends
These could be tied into a parish’s already scheduled after-Mass social events and need not be the same weekend at all three parishes.

Name Tag Weekend
The majority of parish members liked the use of name tags at the September Welcome Weekend and the committee supports continuing the practice of holding regular Name Tag Weekends in the future. Prior to COVID, Name Tag Sunday was an annual tradition for St. Clement parish that always took place the third weekend in September. This timing seems to be a good time of year for the other parishes to join in.

Special Blessing for New Members
Regularly schedule a blessing for new members on a quarterly basis, i.e., the first Sunday of each quarter. On the weekends that the blessing is given, a representative from the welcome team
will be on hand after each Mass to answer any questions for new members or those who wish to register.

Welcome Packets
Most of the content is still relevant and no changes will be made unless noted. Current content is:

- Magnet and Folder with Welcome Label
- Father Mark’s letter
- Love One Another campaign material
- FORMED information card
- Faith Direct Flyer
- SNCP Volunteer Ministry Opportunities (replace with updated Time and Talent information when available)
- Adults Growing in Faith – All of these activities have taken place; An updated version won’t be available until the Lenten season. Rather than pulling this from the packets, it might be a good idea to attach a small note explaining that this piece is informational only and is being included to provide a sample of the variety of faith formation opportunities available at SNCP.

Suggested items to be added:
- SNCP 2023 Monthly Outreach Projects
- Overall summary of Faith Formation structure and programs
- Faith Formation Programs and Activities Specifically for Children/Youth
- Seton School Information

FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION
Registration Process
Discussion took place regarding how to make the registration process more user friendly and accessible. Lori Biebel, SNCP Director of Communications will be contacted for assistance. Some initial ideas were:

- Designate a “points person” whose name and contact information can be prominently published as a reference for assistance with registration.
- Develop a promotional piece that includes information about How to Register, Who to contact, etc. This would be similar to the welcome magnet or a perhaps a business card format.

Respectfully submitted,

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