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Pastor's Column

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"Welcome to the St. Thomas More Parish Family!"

In the past year, we have seen the creation of a new ministry here at St. Thomas More Parish. A number of people have stepped forward to become "Welcome Ministers."

The responsibility of "Welcome Ministers" is to introduce prospective members of St. Thomas More to the life and activities of our Faith Community.

Once a household expresses an interest in our Parish, they are then "connected" with "Welcome Ministers" who meet with them personally, either on the Parish Campus or in their home, to review the mission and ministry of our Parish, to encourage them to find ways to become involved in the community, and to help them find the best way for them in which they can financially support the Parish. After this introduction, registration in the Parish then takes place.

This "one-to-one" contact, at the very beginning of their journey with St. Thomas More, is meant to be a gesture of hospitality and personalism, in which we display that we value all new people.

It also demonstrates our desire to be of service to these new households and also reminds and challenges new members that membership in the Faith Community entails commitment of time, talent, and treasure on their part.

This new ministry has met with great success. All of our new members are grateful for the personal touch, and are indicating that they are serious about their membership and intend to be good stewards of their time, talent, and treasure.

Listed below are those who have come forward to be "Welcome Ministers." I am so appreciative of their desire and willingness to take on this ministry which will benefit St. Thomas More so greatly in the months and years to come.

St. Thomas More Welcome Ministers
I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."

—Matthew 25:35

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