

Lay Witness Hospitality Intro

Intro

Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got
Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot
Wouldn't you like to get away?
Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name
And they're always glad you came
You wanna be where you can see our troubles are all the same
You wanna be where everybody knows your name

Good Evening/Morning, our name/my name is _____ and I have been invited to share our/my experience of hospitality. Hospitality is so important to the life of our parish and communities. Hospitality turns neighbors into friends and allows us to see the gifts in the stranger.

At this time you are invited to share an experience in your life when you answered Jesus call. Please choose an experience that is personal. You are not expected to share any intimate details.

My Story: (pick one)

Received

- Recall a time when you were new at job, town, school, parish, small group, neighborhood and were welcomed
- What were the circumstances?
- How did this parish, person, or establishment make you feel welcome?
- Did you sense a spiritual presence?
- Did this sign of hospitality provoke you to reach out to others?
- How do you feel with someone calls you by name?

OR

Show

- Recall a time when you welcomed someone new at work, in your town, school, parish, small group, neighborhood
- What were the circumstances?
- How did you feel?
- Did a relationship evolve from this encounter?
- How did this parish, person, or establishment make you feel welcome?
- Did you sense a spiritual presence

Outro

Hebrews 13:2 says: Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. Like Jesus on the road to Emmaus, our acts of hospitality reveal Jesus in those we welcome, and those that welcome us. To build the Body of Christ, may our parish and each of us reveal Jesus to one another through acts of hospitality.