Building a Parish Welcome Kit

A welcome kit provided to new parishioners and/or visitors provide them with the information they need and will invites visitors to return and to engage with the parish family. These materials can be individualized to each parish by adding items from a suggested list. Sample welcome letters and other forms are available

Consider including the following at a minimum in your parish welcome kit. Feel free to use the samples provided on this website.

1. **Welcome Letter** from pastor and/or welcoming committee or pastoral council (see samples)
2. **Brief history of the Ukrainian Catholic parish**
3. **Contact information** for various organizations in the parish (phone number, email address, website, ​twitter/fb name, mailing address)
4. **Divine Liturgy times and key parish events**

You may also wish to include:

* Your parish's most **recent bulletin or newsletter**
* ​List of activities in which new parishioners can become involved in the parish (e.g., as a greeter, epistle reader, candle holder, altar server)
* A gift card from local Christian store or some other gift card
* A DVD or CD of Liturgical music, a Divine Liturgy, Akathist or other Ukrainian Catholic Church service. ​
* ​Parish pictoral directory, if available
* Where possible, matching new families with existing families for a short period of welcome/mentoring