



# WELCOMER MINISTRY

Parishes can assist Welcome Circles by forming a Welcomer Ministry; just two Welcomers who simply act as a bridge between refugees and the Church.

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## WELCOME REFUGEES!

In some cases, when a Welcome Circle is formed, it is not connected to a Catholic parish.

For these circles, a parish can form a Welcomer Ministry to help bridge refugees to the Catholic church.

## WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

The parish will designate **two people** as Welcomers.

They would help a Welcome Circle and/or the refugees being sponsored to connect to parish life and bridge with the staff and pastor.

For instance, Welcomers might put announcements in the bulletin to request specific needs or donations. They might assist the Welcome Circle to connect with the parish as the location for a fundraising or educational event. If the refugees are practicing Catholics, the Welcomers would help them get to Mass and receive the sacraments.

This is a beautiful way for parishes to connect refugees in need to the Body of Christ.



**AFTER THIS THE LORD APPOINTED SEVENTY-TWO OTHERS AND SENT THEM TWO BY TWO AHEAD OF HIM TO EVERY TOWN AND PLACE WHERE HE WAS ABOUT TO GO. - LUKE 10: 1**



**MAY WE SHARE WITH THEM THE BLESSINGS WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOUR HAND, AND RECOGNIZE THAT TOGETHER, AS ONE HUMAN FAMILY, WE ARE ALL MIGRANTS, JOURNEYING IN HOPE TO YOU, OUR TRUE HOME, WHERE EVERY TEAR WILL BE WIPED AWAY, WHERE WE WILL BE AT PEACE AND SAFE IN YOUR EMBRACE.**

*-Pope Francis*



## WELCOME CIRCLES

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If you are interested in beginning a Welcomer Ministry at your parish, you can reach out to:

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Also, make sure to join our email list at [www.archseattle.com/welcomecircles](http://www.archseattle.com/welcomecircles).