

Sample Pulpit Announcements:

Option 1 (Welcome Team Member)

Hello! My name is [First Name, Last Name]. I am a member of the parish, and I am passionate about two things: (examples: football and chocolate; my family and education; America and the Catholic Church; etc). But that's not why I am up here today.

About a year ago, I felt like something was missing in my life. In lots of ways things seemed fine, but the feeling that something was missing just wouldn't go away. But I wasn't sure what it was . . . or even what to do about it. That's when I was invited to go on a Welcome weekend here.

My first instinct was to say no. "I'm too busy" was going to be my excuse. But for some reason I didn't say that. I said yes. And wow, am I glad I did. It's amazing how one yes can change your life.

Two things happened: one, I figured out what was missing and how to make a little more sense of my crazy life. And two, I met some amazing [men/women] who I am sure will be lifelong friends and companions on the journey.

I'd like to personally invite all [men/women] here this [morning/afternoon/evening] to attend the next [men's/women's] Welcome Weekend on [Date, e.g. April 8-9]. I'll be in the back of church after Mass to answer any questions and talk more about this incredible experience. We're all busy and we can all come up with plenty of excuses, but I want you to remember that one yes can change your life in wonderful ways.

Thank you, and I hope you have a great day!

Option 2 (Pastor)

I am always looking for ways to help our parish become the-best-version-of-itself and for ways to help you become the-best-version-of-yourself. And one of those ways is the Welcome Experience. The next [men's/women's] Welcome Weekend is coming up on [Dates, e.g. April 8 and 9]. I would like to personally invite and encourage all the [men/women] of the parish to attend. Stop by the table in the back of church after Mass or see the bulletin for more details.