“What’s Next?” After Catholics Come Home
Top Ten Ideas

Although the Catholics Come Home (CCH) commercials have ended, our call to reach out to others in love and hope never ends. Hopefully your parish was energized by the CCH campaign. Here is an overview of recommendations (not in any particular order) your parish can consider undertaking as a follow-up to Catholics Come Home:

1. Offer a Spirituality-Based or Evangelization-Based program tied to one of three timeframes as outlined in the Table of Recommendations. (Table available at www.gbdio.org/cchresources)
2. Infuse spirituality and evangelization snipits obtained from the diocese into parish bulletins, newsletters, homilies, etc… (To be made available monthly at www.gbdio.org/spiritual beginning September 2010.)
3. Create your own “Welcome Home Catholics” outreach ministry.
4. To encourage more people to become active in the parish (and to avoid “we’ve always done it that way” thinking), implement term limits on ministries and structure change mechanisms into committees.
5. Examine Evangelii Nuntiandi and then perhaps Go and Make Disciples.
6. Call every registered household and ask them how they are, if they have any parish suggestions and if they have any prayer requests.
7. In addition to ongoing ministries, offer specific, time-limited service projects that involve a large number of parishioner volunteers at various levels. Ex. Parish-sponsored Habitat for Humanity building project
8. Develop pastoral initiatives that further consecrate Sundays and family life.
9. Host an outside speaker on evangelization/outreach topics. This could be diocesan or regional level contacts or a parish leader from within our diocese.
10. Connect with another parish(es) to offer citywide or regionally based advertising-as-evangelization.

**Bonus Idea** (everyone’s favorite!): Create or enhance your Evangelization/ Marketing, New Member or Welcome/Hospitality Committee

To receive regular updates that describe these opportunities in detail, subscribe to the “What’s Next” listserve by contacting Kristina at kdeneve@gbdioc.org or 920-272-8304 or by checking the website regularly, www.gbdio.org/spiritual

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