

## WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER OF AT VISITATION ?

Registration is the official way we join a parish family, community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish, they automatically belong. No; membership requires formal enrollment in the parish, but it is more than just filling out a form.

Registration is a commitment to a community; a way to participate in the religious, social and ministerial activities of a parish family. Registration not only shows you belong, but it is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling Sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, participating in Faith Formation and receiving donation statements for tax purposes. Belonging to a parish is a commitment.

Just as you want the parish to provide Masses, Sacraments, Faith Formation and ministries, the parish needs to be able to count on you to help and assist in their mission; to be an active member.

## BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER AT ST. VISITATION

### INVOLVES SEVERAL KEY ASPECTS:

- **Registration:** Active members are formally registered in the parish
- **Worship:** Active members participate Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (except for illness or emergency)
- **Stewardship:** Active members serve the community in various ways (Ministries) by sharing their time and talent
- **Financial Support:** Active members support the parish financially, using offertory envelopes or online giving (Vanco). Are you registered with us? One way to know is if you receive regular communications from us, such as offertory envelopes, or weekly emails and monthly newsletter. If you do not; then perhaps you are not officially registered, or you have been marked as inactive. If you are unsure, please call the parish office.

Registering at Visitation is a statement of faith and support in the life and work of our parish. As a faith community, we are here to help each other on our journey of discipleship. Registration forms are found in the Parish Office, at the buffet at entrance of the Church, and on our website, [www.smvparish.org](http://www.smvparish.org)

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“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” –Henry Ford

“We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.” St. Clare of Assisi