

A Church Family I – Knowing the members

The Church is a family. When individual families come to worship God together we become a church family. It is our faith that unites us as a family. Giving expression to our faith, we come together as a church family every week around the altar to offer worship and praise to God through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. If we are a family as a Church we need to know the members of our Church family. We are one family and every member of the family is important. The language, color or culture does not matter.

As in a family, in the church family too some can get estranged. We should not write them off but rather have the heart of the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety nine and goes after the lost. We got to extend a friendly invitation to those who for some reason are away from the Church. Most people who are away from the church are waiting for an invitation to return. They too are part of our family and you will be amazed at what a gentle invitation can do.

There are a number of ways you can get to know the members of our Church family. Firstly, you can personally get to know the members of the Church family. Trying to get to know at least one member of our church family every week is a good practice. Secondly, you can get to know other members of our Church family by getting involved in a ministry at the Church. When you join a ministry you become part of a small group and get to know the members involved in that ministry. Thirdly, you can get to know other members of the church family by volunteering at Church. We need a lot of volunteers.