Questions and Answers about Welcome.

What is Welcome.?

Welcome. is a weekend experience given by St. Elizabeth parishioners who have attended the Welcome. retreat. Through fellowship, faith sharing, hospitality, music, individual and group activities, Mass, and more, participants have the opportunity to step back from the everyday to reflect on their lives and their spiritual journeys and build meaningful relationships with other men or women.

Who may attend?

The **Welcome**. weekend is open to any adult over the age of 18 whether Catholic or not. Currently registered members will have priority over those who are not registered. Women and Men attend separate weekends.

Where do the weekends take place?

Separate **Welcome**. weekends for men and women are scheduled. The weekends are held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's parish facilities at 10700 Aboite Center Road, Fort Wayne.

Who conducts the weekend?

Welcome. is a weekend experience given by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners who have experienced a Welcome retreat or similar retreat. One of our parish Priests works with the team and is available throughout the weekend.

How long will the retreat last?

The **Welcome.** weekend begins Saturday at 8:00 A.M. and ends at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Sunday.

How do I register?

To attend a **Welcome**. weekend you can register online at www.seasfw.org/welcome or pick up a form at the parish office.

When do I attend weekend Mass?

A special Mass is held Saturday night. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

Where do I sleep?

Participants and team members attending the **Welcome.** weekend, go home at night to sleep. Participants should plan to return to St. Elizabeth before 7:15 A.M. Sunday morning. Team members will receive instructions on what time they need to return by.

What about my meals?

Meals are prepared here on the premises by a team dedicated to meal preparation and hospitality. In addition to meals, there will be coffee, cold drinks, and snacks available throughout the weekend. Special dietary needs can be accommodated. However, if needs are extreme or if you would feel more comfortable, please feel free to bring your own food to supplement what is already provided. Please contact us prior to your scheduled weekend regarding your needs.

What should I wear?

Welcome. weekends are casual so bring comfortable clothing. We suggest having "layers" available due to temperature changes in the different areas of the building.

Can I afford this weekend?

YES! <u>There is no cost to you.</u> The **Welcome**. weekend is a gift from the presenting team and the parish.

If I have a health problem, may I still attend?

Certainly! Please contact us and we will try to make arrangements for special needs as best as we are able.

We Welcome. you to join us on this wonderful spiritual journey