PARISH WELCOME BACK PLAN

Sample Parish Timeline



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	PARISH MINISTRIES	COMMUNICATION FOCUS	KEY ACTIVITY	EVENT IDEAS	STEWARDSHIP
FEB.		Year in review, sneak peek at Welcome Back plan & post-COVID	Staff begins thinking about Welcome Back plan	Pastor livestream about what to give up for Lent	Pastor handwritten notes to top supporters
MAR.	Continue livestreaming Masses, continue pandemic protocols as directed by your diocese & local health officials	Prepare for Easter, Easter Mass times & logistics	Lent Develop the parish's Welcome Back plan	Ministry volunteer brainstorm on Welcome Back activities	Focus on almsgiving & online giving, Lenten theme of stewardship
APR.		Introduce the Welcome Back plan, timeline & key activities flyer Send Back-to-Mass survey	Easter	Outdoor hymn sing-along, at-home Easter egg hunt	
MAY	Choir practice resumes Men's & women's groups resume	Phone calls to every family, inviting them to grand re-opening	Finalize the Welcome Back plan, prepare the Welcome Back family packets	Parish clean-up, campus maintenance, flower planting	Pastor handwritten notes to top volunteers
JUNE	Youth group resumes	We're back, time capsule & remembrance	Grand re-opening with Corpus Christi procession, Mass, parish picnic	Children's fair, scavenger hunt, outdoor movie night	Themed stewardship letter, promoting online giving through the summer Donations to memorial statue, painting or wall
JULY	Vacation Bible School	Follow-up about the time capsule	Time capsule ceremony	Parents night out, senior brunch, parish day of service	
AUG.		Thank you, update on the Welcome Back plan, upcoming activities		Trivia night, parish leadership & volunteer dinner	Lay testimonial message focusing on stewardship
SEPT.	Religious education, adult Bible studies, & RCIA resume		COVID memorial event: bless a new statue, painting or memorial wall	Bring a friend to Mass + Saturday night social	Pastor state of the parish letter
ост.		Traditional Advent & Christmas communications (with all of the usual resources & assistance from PSG)	Stewardship renewal (time, talent, treasure)	Month of Rosary processions, cemetery clean-up, stewardship activity fair	Stewardship renewal message, prepare for year-end giving
NOV.			Night of reflection with adoration, reconciliation, speaker about grief	Traditional Advent & Christmas activities	Pastor handwritten notes to traditional year-end givers
DEC.	Normal Advent & Christmas		Advent & Christmas		Year-end appeal letter