

### **Contents/makeup of Spirit of Life “new Parish member” Welcome Basket**

1. Straw Basket (approximately 10” x 15” in size)
2. Tissue Paper for padding basket interior
3. Welcome letter from Msgr. Chad Gion, Pastor
4. Blessed Crucifix
5. Light House CD (i.e., Mathew Kelly – Our lives Change When Our Habits Change or other similar CD)
6. Holy Family icon or Church Crucifix (Fridge magnet)
7. Rosary Brochure on how to pray the rosary along with a Blessed Rosary
8. Small prayer booklet by Mathew Kelly or Peter Kreeft
9. Catholic Radio Brochure
10. Loaf of freshly baked, homemade banana bread
11. Invitation letter explaining perpetual adoration at Spirit of Life
12. Spirit of Life Parish stewardship, signup card
13. Prayer card containing the images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary with a prayer on back

**Basket and all contents (except bread) are placed inside a clear plastic bag with a small greeting card from the Volunteer Committee attached to the exterior of the plastic bag.**

### **The baskets are prepared, delivered and followed up on as follows:**

A list of new members is obtained from Parish Secretary at the end of each month by “welcome basket volunteers”. The appropriate amount (number of loafs) of bread are baked, for that month, baskets are prepared, and assigned to the volunteers. The assigned new members are called by that volunteer and a date and time for a home visit is scheduled. A team of two volunteers then deliver the basket to the home on the day and time scheduled. Volunteers briefly visit with the new member/family, personally welcoming them to Spirit of Life Parish.

Upon completion of the home visit, volunteers provide a brief report to the Parish on how the home visit went and whether any problems or questions were encountered in either the scheduling or conducting the home visit to welcome the new member(s). If the new members indicate that they would like; a home blessing, enthronement of the Sacred Heart/Immaculate Heart, or a visit by a priest, etc., this information is also promptly reported back to the parish and appropriately followed up on.