



## Building Family Identity and Engagement

A key step in the process of growing as a faith community is helping people know and feel a deep sense of belonging within your Family of Parishes. Consider the following practices, shared by Families of Parishes, as a springboard for discussion and planning:

- Informational town hall meetings
- Coordinated Mass and Reconciliation schedules
- Family or coordinated Holy Week liturgies
- Pastoral council(s) or Family Leadership Team present after Mass to hear ideas and receive feedback
- Family name
- Family leadership meetings/retreats
- Common Family missions/retreats
- Combined Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)
- Coordinated religious education and sacramental preparation
- Combined youth ministry or youth ministry activities
- Common Love in Action opportunities
- Combined ministries or ministry leadership
- Family Holy Hour or Family prayer
- Family bulletin, website and social media
- Special Family events, such as prayer and social gatherings

Use the [Bridges workbook](#) as a springboard for discussion and planning as you intentionally build or enhance parishioner engagement.