The Sacraments of Christian Initiation in My Parish

Most parishes offer a process for adults who are seeking initiation into the Catholic faith. Respond to the following items about your own parish faith community. You may need to do some research outside the classroom setting.

1. What is your parish community doing right now in the areas of worship, education, and social outreach that might inspire a stranger who walks into your church or parish office to feel at home, inspired, and possibly interested in becoming a Catholic?

2. How do members of your parish community serve as visible witnesses to their faith by actively participating in the Sunday Eucharist, saying prayers and responses out loud, singing, and receiving Holy Communion? Explain.

3. In your parish, what is the process for becoming a Catholic?

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4. What effect might new members of the Catholic faith have on your larger parish community?

5. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being the least effective and 10 being the most effective), how would you rate your parish's effectiveness in terms of inspiring and inviting others to be part of the Catholic Church? What might your parish do differently to welcome more people to the Catholic faith?

6. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation call all who receive them to live the Christian mission of love and service. Describe at least one way that each of the Sacraments of Initiation is a call to love and service.

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