

My Catholic Friends

One of the essential goals of this event is to form or renew friendships among your fellow Catholics. We've set aside time for pure fellowship and catching up, so you've got no excuse! Use this space to make some notes:

- The names of one or two people you especially want to connect with after this event.
- Their contact information.
- Anything you want to remember later, such as, *"Send get well card after next month's surgery"*, *"hates coffee, loves Pepsi"*, or *"this is Joan's cousin's uncle's parish youth minister."*

My Date for Next Month

Before you go home today, set at least one firm follow-up plan with a friend from this event. It could be a phone call, a lunch date, a Facebook conversation – whatever suits the two of you best.

Who:

What:

When and Where:

Ice-Breaker Questions

Feeling shy? Not all of us have the gift of chit-chat. Walk up and introduce yourself to someone who's standing or sitting alone. ***They have to be nice to you, it's one of the event goals.***

If you can't think of a way to get conversation going, try one of these:

Tell me your name again? How is that pronounced? Do you mind if I write that down?

Do you tend to be shy, or do conversation and meeting new people come easily to you?

What parish are you from? Have you been at that parish long?

What part of the country / world are you from originally? Where have you lived?

Where is "home" for you? What makes it home? What is that place like?

Have you been a member of this parish / organization for long? Are you just visiting today?

Tell me about how you became Catholic? (Or, why you are exploring the Catholic faith?)

Tell me about what brings you here today?

What is something going on in your life right now that's not what you expected?

What is something going on in your life right now that people might not guess about you?

Is there a particular ministry or apostolate you've been involved in recently? One that you've enjoyed in years past?

What would you say is one of the biggest challenges or difficulties in your day-to-day life right now?

How would you describe your spiritual life right now?

Tell me about your relationship with God up until this point in your life.

How can I pray for you today? How can I pray for you over the next week? How can pray for during this time of year?