



Catholic Diocese of Memphis

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THE POWER OF “HELLO”

People with good intentions usually appreciate being welcomed. Those with harmful intentions often prefer to go unnoticed.

This Month’s Safety Message

Every member of the church plays a role in creating a safe and welcoming environment. Church security is not just about cameras, locks, or safety teams - It's about people paying attention to one another.

One of the simplest and most effective security tools is a friendly greeting: ***"Hello."***

"Good morning! Welcome to St. Mary's. Is there anything I can help you find today?"

Why it Works

- ✓ It helps identify members that may need help.
- ✓ It increases visibility.
- ✓ It builds a culture of caring where everyone is looking out for one another.
- ✓ It strengthens relationships between church members and visitors.
- ✓ It lets everyone be involved in church security.

