

Good Evening and welcome to Sacred Heart and to our monthly Roc Mass, where we highlight and celebrate the gifts and talents of young adults and teens. At this Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome as our young people begin their two year preparation for Confirmation.

We extend a warm welcome this evening to those who have answered our invitation to Come and See, to those who are here for the first time, to those who are new to our community of faith. "Welcome"! We are delighted that you are here. We know that it takes courage to walk into a new place, to walk through the doors of the church, to be open to a new experience. Thank you for being here.

After Mass we will have a reception in the social hall, right across the atrium, where we will have the opportunity for some sharing. In addition there is a card in the atrium for Msgr. Hossan as we thank him for his service with us.

What does it take to be a welcoming community? It takes everybody! - with open mind and open heart...with the desire to be with one another...to pray together as we share our joys and our burdens, and to serve others near and far. It takes a dynamic community, willing to trust and to risk. It takes faith.

So in that spirit, let us with grateful hearts, turn to those around us and offer a warm welcome. Please stand.