

Serving as a
Hostess at a
Magnificat Meal



The Magnificat Meal is primarily a **Prayer Meal** and, as such, we need to focus all of our attention on the spiritual aspect of the Meal. Of course, we must feed our bodies; the Lord Himself enjoyed many a meal on this earth. But the main focus of the Magnificat Meal is to nourish our souls.



Handbook: Meals: 4



From the moment a woman steps through the door and is **greeted** warmly until the time she leaves the hall, **we are to manifest the presence of Jesus to her** - by our loving attentiveness, by our conversation, by our whole manner.

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Remind the attendees to allow the Holy Spirit to be their personal Host.

Don't limit Him by "saving" seats. He may want to have you sit next to your new best friend!

Greeters

The person involved in this ministry must have a gift of welcoming others sincerely and making them feel “at home”.

Greeters assist at the entrance and direct guests to the check-in table.

Each person is greeted warmly and lovingly.

Greeters are sensitive to newcomers and special guests; they place them at tables and introduce them to the hostess.

Greeters escort the speaker to the head table. They also assist with any emergencies that may arise and troubleshoot any problems that may occur during the Meal.

Handbook: Appendix : 32-36





The Meal is an **evangelistic tool** which can be as simple as coffee and doughnuts or as elegant as a moderately priced banquet.

It provides an opportunity for women to gather for a shared faith experience rooted in God's word in Sacred Scripture within a structured time frame.

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The Meal is:

- a meal and fellowship affording women the chance to talk, share, and enjoy one another in an atmosphere of God's presence and love; however, men are welcome to attend with the understanding that the Meal is directed toward women;
- communal prayer in praise of God's goodness in word and song; intercessory prayer for universal and individual needs;
- a personal testimony where one individual speaks of how God deeply touched their life, and in this way, gives their own Magnificat.

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What is your part as a Hostess?

Hostesses are **key** to the Meal experience. It is important that a commitment to the Magnificat Ministry be taken seriously.

A Hostess commits herself to these basic requirements:

- She agrees to pray for the Ministry and for the day itself.
- She is warm and sensitive to her guests.
- Preferably, she is involved in, or at least supportive of, the charismatic spirituality within the Catholic Church. Appendix: 33

Hostesses are part of the Hospitality Ministry of Magnificat. Appendix: 32

At the Meal:

A hostess is assigned to each table to welcome the guests as they arrive and explain the proceedings of the day.

Hostesses are *ministers of God's love* at Magnificat.

The welcome they extend can do much to dispose a guest to respond to the Lord throughout the Meal.

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Sample Hostess Instructions

Hostess Duties


Welcome the women to the table and make sure they have their name tags. Ask them to introduce themselves.

Explain the items at each place setting and on the table. (Ex.: paper for writing prayer requests, info on the speaker, Meal brochure, etc.) Prayer requests will typically be placed in a basket or envelope and will be collected as directed by the head table.

When it is time for the offering, pass around the basket/love offering envelope on the table. It will remain on the table until you receive further instructions.

When the Meal is over, bring any Magnificat materials – flyers, pens, etc. – to the hostess table or as directed.

Thank you for serving as a hostess, “a minister of God’s love”.



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