

## Summary of Liturgy Committee Meeting - August 17, 2017

### Meeting Agenda Items:

- A. Opening Prayer - a brief Liturgy of the Word
- B. Development - Introduction to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Using a guide sheet entitled, "RCIA Drill Down," the committee did an overview of how to read the RCIA document. Here are the main points of the discussion:
  1. A "rite" is a liturgy. So the RCIA is actually several liturgies that together form the process of initiation of adults.
  2. There are 2 main parts to the book. Part I is the official liturgy required for any unbaptized adult person who wishes to be initiated into the faith. Part II is a collection of rites that are adaptations of the official rite.
  3. Every "rite," or liturgy, has an introduction, which gives the purpose and meaning of the rite. Because there are several rites (liturgies) in the RCIA, there are several introductions.
  4. The first introduction, entitled, "*Christian Initiation, General Introduction*," describes the purpose and meaning of all the initiation rites of the church, including the RCIA, infant baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
  5. The RCIA is divided into "periods" and "steps" each of which has its own introduction. More about this next time.
  6. Unbaptized people doing the process of initiation are called "catechumens." From this comes the term, "Catechumenate," the official name of the initiation process.
  7. People who are already validly baptized in another Christian denomination are called "candidates" for reception into full communion.
- C. Calendar
  1. Mass of Celebration & Gratitude - Wednesday, September 27, 2017 @ 7 p.m. This is an opportunity to thank God for all the parishioners who have shared their time, talent, and treasure doing the work of God!
  2. Parish Eucharistic Devotions - 7 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 15; Mon., Oct. 16; Tues., Oct. 17  
Theme is Discipleship. Topics for the 3 evenings are:
    - a. Intentional Discipleship
    - b. How Eucharist Sustains Intentional Discipleship
    - c. Discipleship and Mission
- D. Ministry Reports
  1. Altar Servers
    - a. Altar server summer outing to Mudhens baseball game in Toledo.
    - b. Three server training sessions coming up for boys and girls 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up. All trainings are on Saturdays at 9 a.m. in church: Oct. 14, Jan. 13, Apr. 14.
    - c. Liturgy Committee is looking into getting different colored cinctures (the rope around the waist that servers wear over their server robes); doing a cost-estimate for purchasing new ones or buying rope and asking someone to make them. Colors would be red, white, gold, green, purple - the liturgical colors.

2. Art and Environment - New white floral arrangements on the altar this summer were donated by Robin Bleile in memory of her mother, Donna Moore.
3. Eucharistic Ministry at Mass and to the Sick/Homebound -
  - a. Marcia Roth and Pat Krause are working on procedures for ministry to nursing facilities.
  - b. There have been several requests from parishioners needing Communion brought to their homes; Eucharistic Ministers have been scheduled for them.
4. Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC)
  - a. Tri-yearly LWC team meeting held on Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 9-10 a.m.
  - b. LWC now has 18 ministry team members after several more parishioners discerned a call to serve God by ministering with the children of the parish through LWC. It is great to have Larry French as a new lector for LWC! Young children need to hear men, especially dads and grandpas, proclaim the Word to them. We need more men willing to model ministry to our children this way!
  - c. Summer LWC is going very well! Team members have been very faithful.

#### 5. Musicians

Music Director, Mark Niese, attended the National Pastoral Musicians Convention in Cincinnati from July 10-14, 2017. Theme was "Formed as One: Union of Voices, Unity of Hearts," It focused on ways for pastoral musicians to build bridges - not walls - in their parish communities and liturgical celebrations. The various liturgies included many diverse languages - Spanish, Vietnamese, Latin, Chinese - and different musical styles - Gospel, chant, jazz, and more. Mark attended several workshops including "Unity through Diversity of Music," "The New Order of Celebrating Matrimony," and "Choral Classics Every Choir Should Know."

6. RCIA - Deanery RCIA sessions will begin on Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Alphonsus, Peru.

#### E. Old Business

1. Summary of Liturgy Committee meetings to be posted on bulletin board in hallway between Church and Gathering Space. Information about liturgical events will be posted there, too.
2. New music resources and new Lectionary for Masses with Children ordered. New weekday Lectionary set was ordered; old set will go to the Shrine.

#### F. New Business

Hallway bulletin board & parish website will also serve as vehicles for addressing #1 and #2 under "Scope of Activities" from the St. Paul Liturgy Committee Charter.

1. "Articulate the vision of liturgy found in the church's liturgical documents."
2. "Educate the parish with respect to the liturgy & liturgical celebrations."

There will be periodic postings of pictures with write-ups on the hallway bulletin board.

Next meeting: September 21, 2017 @ 7 pm

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Liturgy Committee Meeting Summaries are also available on the parish website, [www.stpaulchurch.org](http://www.stpaulchurch.org) Click on "Ministries." Click on "Ministries A-Z."