

## LITURGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

06/30/09

7:00 PM

The meeting began with prayer.

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The suggestions made in the first meeting regarding additional members have been carried out. Members now include: Becky Basche, Ted and Pat Feller, Lisa Gully, Shiloh Oorlog, Jeff and Shelly Stingley, Laurie Moran, Rose Smit, Shirley Donnelly, and Fr. Hal.

We then reviewed briefly the committee meeting outline, that is, the objectives of each meeting. Learning time was spent considering a hand-out (1 ½ pages) entitled "Forming the Assembly – To Celebrate the Mass". It gave the background of the liturgical movement and a short consideration of "What's Next?"

Future learning possibilities include listening to a CD, "The Mass", which contains 12 25 minute talks. It was thought that we could listen to one talk at each meeting or on occasion as determined.

Also, it was decided that it will be appropriate to review/revise our mission statement and vision statement at our next meeting.

It will also be on the agenda to consider officers for the liturgy committee: a chair person, a co-chair person, and a recorder/secretary.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

## Forming the Assembly To Celebrate the Mass

### Liturgical Formation For Your Parish

Celebrating liturgy well doesn't come naturally. The symbols, prayers and ritual actions of the liturgy must be learned and understood in order to celebrate and enter into the meaning of the liturgy. Liturgical formation of the people of God is an ongoing need in every parish. Although this need has become more obvious since the Second Vatican Council set us on the course of liturgical reform, catechesis for worship is need in every age. ~~The faithful have both a right and a duty to take part in the liturgy with understanding and competence.~~ This is one of the fundamental insights and goals of the liturgical movement.

### The Liturgical Movement

The modern liturgical movement has a long history, extending back at least into the nineteenth century. Throughout that time liturgists in various centers in Germany, France and Belgium were conducting research into the history of the liturgy and making pastoral adaptations of the liturgy.

The movement grew from a concern that people had become disconnected from the liturgy at a time when the emerging modern world needed to be nourished by the deep mysteries of the faith. Theologians and liturgists felt a pastoral desire to help people benefit more from the riches of the liturgy. Historical insights about how the early Christians had worshiped in a age of great vitality in the Church led to efforts to seek a similar vitality in the modern age.

In the 1920s, the liturgical movement took root in the United States though it remained the concern of relatively few Catholics until the Second Vatican Council. Pioneers in the liturgical movement in the United States saw the renewal of the liturgy as the way to the renewal of the faithful. Such a renewed Church could then be more effective in renewing society and dealing with social problems in light of the Gospel.

The Second Vatican Council met from 1962 to 1965, and it also saw the renewal of the liturgy as the key to renewing the Church. The first document of the Council issued was the **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy**, dated December 4, 1963.

With the publication of this constitution, the liturgical renewal gained the attention of the whole Church. Though various aspects of liturgical reform had been adopted and taught by several popes through the first half of the twentieth century, the broad scope of the reforms mandated by the Second Vatican Council ensured that every Catholic would become aware of the revitalization of their liturgy.

In the decades since the promulgation of the **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy**, major changes have been implemented in the worship life of parishes around the world. We have been revising liturgical books, learning a new liturgical repertoire of music and texts and actions, developing new liturgical ministries and adapting to new liturgical rituals.

## LITURGICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

03/31/09

7:00 pm

The Liturgical Committee held its first meeting on the date and time indicated above. The meetings will be held in the BVM Conference room.

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After introductions, membership was discussed and suggestions made to fill out our roster.

We then determined that the difference between the Liturgical Environment Committee and the Liturgical Committee. In simple terms, it is this:

L.E.C. - What we see

L.C. - What we do

Both committees are important and both contribute to what we hope to accomplish in celebrating liturgy. They compliment each other.

The last item on the agenda for the first meeting for the first meeting was to determine the objectives of our meetings. They will include:

1. Time to learn
2. Time to study seasons, feasts, or saints
3. Discuss 1. and 2.
4. Share what we learn with congregations
5. Celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our faith

It was decided that for the time being we will meet on the fifth Tuesday of each quarter. Special meetings may be held as determined necessary.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm