

LITURGYNOTES – FOR AUGUST 2014

REMINDER - LITURGY DAY: SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

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New Webpage: Liturgical Formation

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litformation.htm>

We claim that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our lives as Catholics, yet attendance at the Sunday liturgy is decreasing—and even those who are there are not always fully engaged. How can we help the members of our communities return to and more fully immerse themselves in the Eucharist? How can we help our parishioners become re-energized and re-enthused about gathering on Sunday as a worshipping community? Gathered, how might we be changed and moved to be salt, leaven, and light in the world?

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Tim O’Malley of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy. He will also lead a breakout session for youth and youth ministers. Other breakout topics include multigenerational preaching (Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB), liturgy and justice (Anne Koester), and parish music ministry (Eleanor Kiel).

**Registration is now open –
please visit our webpage:**

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>

You may register (and pay) on-line or submit your registration and payment by mail. Please note that minors also need to submit a consent form.

We need registrations by September 15!

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions: October 1-3; parish study day on October 4

The FDLC will also be holding their annual meeting close to us: just outside of Chicago! The focus for this gathering is the RCIA, and will include a consultation on the National Statutes... so if you want to have a voice in the revision of this important guiding document, plan on attending! Registration is now open at: <http://www.fdlc.org/nationalmeeting/index.htm>.

Diocesan Choral Festival: Sunday, November 16, 2014

In anticipation of the Memorial of St. Cecilia, we are inviting parishes and schools to send their choirs to a choral festival at St. Mary parish in Iowa City, from 3pm to 5pm. Each choir will be asked to present one piece of their choice, and then all those present will sing a common piece together.

If you are at all interested in participating, please let me know by e-mail (agnoli@davenportdiocese.org) or phone (563-888-4257) by no later than November 1.

We will need to know the following information:

- How many choir members will be attending?
- Will you be using the organ (tracker) or piano?
- Will you be using any other instruments?
- What piece will you be sharing with us?

Even if you have let me know of your interest in the past, please confirm that you will be attending (and send me your answers to the above questions). We will send the “common” piece as soon as that selection is made and I hear from you.

For more opportunities, see the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

RESOURCES

LTP ANNUAL RESOURCES

LTP has announced that its annual resources are once again available. You may order your materials directly from LTP, 800-533-1900 or from Religious Supply Center in Davenport. Religious Supply is willing to provide the parishes with discounted prices. For details or to place your order, call Jim, 563-324-0669 or 800-292-0052, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday. Resources will be delivered to the Clergy Overnighter in November.

LITURGY PREPARATION

THE PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE/COMMISSION

What should a parish liturgy committee/commission be doing? Here is a list of the responsibilities to which they should be attending:

- Foster the “fully conscious, and active participation” of all in the liturgical life of the parish—a participation that is both internal and external, of the spirit and of the body. In particular, to be attentive to incorporating the diversity of peoples found in the parish in the parish’s liturgies and liturgical ministries (e.g., ethnic groups, age groups, the homebound, people with disabilities, the marginalized, etc.) and reflecting that diversity in liturgical celebrations and in popular piety.
- Analyze the liturgical needs and evaluate the liturgical life of the parish in order to identify areas in need of development. In particular, to help ensure that the full spectrum of the Church’s liturgies are being celebrated in the parish (e.g., the sacraments, the RCIA in its entirety, the Liturgy of the Hours) in accord with Diocesan, national and universal norms.

- Develop, plan and evaluate liturgical and spiritual development/formation programs that will enable the entire parish to grow into a deeper relationship with Christ and to learn more about the liturgical life of the Church. To keep the parish informed concerning liturgical norms and practice, in cooperation with the Diocesan Office of Liturgy.
- Invite and appropriately form lay liturgical ministers, in keeping with universal, national, and diocesan norms. To provide ongoing oversight, formation, and feedback to these ministers. For example: musicians and cantors, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, greeters and ushers, sacristans, ministers of art and environment.
- Furnish, decorate, maintain, and recommend appropriate changes to the liturgical environment in order to better support the liturgical life of the parish—and in so doing to follow the diocesan policies regulating consultation with the Diocesan Liturgical and Building Commissions.
- Help members of the community live out the connection between liturgy and life, fostering the dynamic of moving from worship to works of justice, service, and evangelization and from life back to the liturgy.
- Assist with and coordinate the liturgies celebrated by sub-groups within the parish.
- Prepare a budget reflecting the liturgical needs of the parish.
- Foster and encourage participation by members of the parish in deanery-wide and diocesan celebrations, including (but not limited to): the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, the Chrism Mass and Ordinations.
- Offer the gifts and talents of liturgical ministers from the parish to the deanery and Diocese.

Is your committee doing all these things, and doing them well? Is there an area on this list that needs your particular attention in this coming year?

A good resource for parish liturgy committees is the *Guide for Liturgy Committees* by Paul Turner and Michael R. Prendergast, part of the Liturgical Ministry Series from Liturgy Training Publications (LTP): <http://www.ltp.org/p-2014-guide-for-liturgy-committees.aspx> - in addition to *The Sacristy Manual* reviewed in the last edition of *LiturgyNotes*.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

September 14

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross replaces the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

INTERCESSIONS

(1) “Intercessions for Life” (in English and Spanish) may be found on the USCCB website at:
<http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wolarchive.shtml>

(2) Intercession for vocations (in English and Spanish) keyed to the lectionary cycle may be found at the Diocese of Arlington website:
http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx

(3) Lectionary-based intercessions focused on social justice can be found at the Center of Concern website:
<http://www.coc.org/ef>

(4) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:
<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

(5) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers intercessions and homily ideas as part of their Pastoral Initiative for Life and Family:
<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-and-world/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/3296-documents-and-activities-proposed-by-the-ccb>

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN SEEKING REFUGE FROM VIOLENCE

Courtesy of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Ft. Worth, TX
http://www.stbartsfw.org/immigrant_prayer.shtml

Merciful Lord, your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked, yet he prayed for his persecutors and overcame hatred with the blood of the cross.

Relieve the sufferings of the children seeking refuge in this country from oppression and violence in their homelands.

In your mercy, strengthen them in their weakness with signs of your love in the compassionate care they receive as strangers in this land.

Grant them and their families peace of mind and a renewed faith in your protection and care.

Protect them, and all children, from the violence of others, keep them safe from the weapons of hate, and restore tranquility and peace in the Americas and throughout the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Dios misericordioso, Tu hijo fue entregado en las manos de los malvados; sin embargo, Él oró por sus perseguidores y venció al odio con la sangre de la cruz.

Alivia los sufrimientos de los niños que buscan en este país refugio de la opresión y la violencia en sus propias tierras. Por tu misericordia, fortalece su debilidad con tu amor, visible en el compasivo cuidado que reciben como extranjeros en esta tierra.

Concédeles tranquilidad a ellos y a sus familias y renueva su confianza en tu protección y cuidado

Protégelos, y a todos los niños, de la violencia de los demás, mantenlos seguros, alejados de los instrumentos del odio, y restablece la paz y tranquilidad en las Américas y en todo el mundo.
Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.

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