

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: 11/15/19

Members Present: Fr. Jeff Belger, Ms. Gale Francione, Sr. Joann Kuebrich, Ms. Patti McTaggart, Fr. Bernie Weir

Absent: Fr. Bruce DeRammelaere, Dc. David Krob, Ms. Tammy Norcross-Reitzler,

Ex officio: Dc. Frank Agnoli

1. Opening Prayer – Sr. Joann
2. Approve 7/12/19 minutes
3. New Business
 - a. Holy Family, Davenport: Tabernacle location
Fr. Appel, Dc. Barton, Carol Jones, Dianne Landon, Roberta Pegorick. Construction and additions in phases have led to a church with access at multiple levels and multiple staircases. An elevator was added in 1980s. Images of the church reviewed. Tabernacle is designed for placement in a wall rather than to be freestanding. In need of refinishing. Current chapel used to be an upper sacristy. Competing rooflines = leaking issues, including in this chapel. The concern is that the chapel is, functionally, a work sacristy (with storage and sacrarium, light controls). This becomes a high-traffic area; thus, the chapel does not function as a place of prayer (with rare exception). Also, it is not accessible. The proposal is to return the tabernacle to central axis, which is supported by the faithful of the parish. To build new stand and possible matching altar (made larger to better accommodate EF). There is a parishioner willing to construct these. Permanently place font and ambry in space before opening to what would then be the upper sacristy (that opening would be closed off). A question would be how to distinguish altar of sacrifice and repose. Architectural elements and lighting were discussed. Options for locations of the tabernacle were discussed.
 1. Convert the existing chapel into a working sacristy, including closing the opening between the space and the nave (but leaving the opening between the space and sanctuary)
 2. Create a baptismal space in front of newly-closed-off sacristy.
 - a. Look at alternatives beyond reusing existing font. Is there space for something that would allow for immersion (see Wilton).
 - b. Submit final design of area for review; there is concern about how much space is actually available here.
 3. Relocate the tabernacle in the central axis.
 - a. Use lighting to distinguish tabernacle and altar.
 - b. Create new tabernacle stand and new altar to match ambo. Submit drawings for review.
 - c. Use different tabernacle (which they have).
 - d. Make sure that communion is from gifts offered (not from tabernacle as a routine)

Fr. Paul to write letter to bishop outlining his plan. He is to submit drawings of furnishings and baptismal area to the DLC for review. Otherwise, no need to return. The DLC members present recommended that the project go forward.

 - b. St. Alphonsus update: looking to commission altar, ambo, and baptistery from woodworker.
 - c. Due to time, the remainder of the agenda was postponed to the next meeting (which will be in 1 month instead of 2).
4. Next meeting / prayer leader
 - a. December 13, with lunch
 - b. Gale to lead prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Deacon Frank Agnoli, Chair