

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: 3/1/19

Members Present: Fr. Bruce DeRammelaere, Sr. Joann Kuebrich, Ms. Tammy Norcross-Reitzler, Ms. Patti McTaggart,

Absent: Fr. Jeff Belger, Ms. Gale Francione, Dc. David Krob, Fr. Bernie Weir

Ex officio: Dc. Frank Agnoli

1. Opening Prayer – Sr. Joann
2. Approve 1/4/19 minutes
3. New Business
 - a. Holy Trinity HS Chapel

School chapel has been underutilized, used for storage, needing “sprucing up.” Back wall needing replacement (glass). Currently, there is a single door into the chapel; 2 doors behind altar lead to reconciliation room (only used for storage, however; and can’t be used because no window) and storage closet. Class size (7th-12th grade) 20-35. Plan to use this for class Masses. Whole school Masses are in gym. How can religion teachers use it more day-to-day?

Structurally, the back wall needs to be replaced. Current plan calls for a solid wall, clear windows high (clerestory-like; will not be able to be opened), and a door to the outside (need to check – is a window in the door necessary for safety?). No plans for stained glass. Fr. DeRammelaere has drafted a Trinitarian design to be used on this wall and the wall behind the altar. The DLC supports the use of these designs. The entrance to the chapel is a simple door, with nothing in particular to set it apart or signal that this is the door to the chapel. We discussed some approaches to enhancing this entrance.

The lighting in the chapel needs updating. Currently, using “up-lighting” around the periphery – but this leaves the chapel too dark at times. The plan is to put in spots over the altar and tabernacle/crucifix, as well as spots down on the assembly, and thus have flexible lighting. The initial thought of using chandeliers has been abandoned. There are no technology / AV needs. The walls themselves are textured, and while complete replacement is preferred, this is beyond the budget allotted for this project. Instead, all walls will be repainted white. Only the ceiling will remain light blue in color. Existing Stations of the Cross will remain.

The chapel is a long, narrow rectangle. Options for seating were reviewed. Chairs (#40; Sauder) will replace the existing pews; a move the DLC strongly endorses. Different basilica-style configurations were reviewed; the advantage of chairs is that they can try different approaches. The community considered but rejected the idea of antiphonal seating; their primary concern is that junior- and senior-high school students would find such an arrangement distracting. The new presider’s chair will be of the same style as the chairs for the assembly, but with arms. The altar, ambo, and possibly credence table will be crafted by a local carpenter. Draft designs are appropriate. The DLC supports such an approach, and reminds those involved to be attentive to the scale of the place. The altar of repose and tabernacle will remain as they are. Flooring will be replaced: carpet in the main space (for ease of care) and a hard surface in the sanctuary.

HTCS is asked to submit final plans to the DLC for comment before renovations begin. The DLC recommends that the project move forward.

4. Next meeting / prayer leader: May 3, 2019 @ 10:30am / St. Mary, IC / Tammy Norcross-Reitzler

Respectfully submitted,
Deacon Francis L. Agnoli, Chair