

# DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: 5/3/19

Members Present: Ms. Gale Francione, Dc. David Krob, Ms. Tammy Norcross-Reitzler,

Absent: Fr. Jeff Belger, Fr. Bruce DeRammelaere, Sr. Joann Kuebrich, Ms. Patti McTaggart, Fr. Bernie Weir

Ex officio: Dc. Frank Agnoli

1. Opening Prayer – Tammy
2. Approve 3/1/19 minutes
3. New Business
  - a. St. Alphonsus, Davenport

Fr. Paul Appel requested to meet with the DLC to discuss the acquisition of new liturgical furnishings and other possible changes to the church building. He began by providing a brief review of the parish's history. The building was originally constructed in 1913; renovations have taken place in 1952, 1969, and 1984. Since becoming pastor, he also made some changes to the sanctuary – removing carpeting and relocating the tabernacle to the central axis. The plexiglass coverings of the stained glass windows were recently replaced with more appropriate coverings, allowing more light into the space. The issues he raised are as follows:

1. Liturgical furnishings. Approaches to acquisition were discussed: purchase existing items vs. commissioning designed work. He would prefer to do the latter. We talked about interviewing a number of possible designers; Gale and Frank will forward some possible names. We talked about the importance of involving the parish in this process—first, by a program of intentional catechesis and, second, in the interview and selection process itself. We noted that a parish conversation about liturgical space would raise a number of ancillary issues – such as the placement and style of a new font, accessibility, artwork, and seating (pews vs. chairs, especially in the front).
  2. Security. Fr. Appel raised the possibility of replacing the existing glass doors with something more substantial, and with panic bars—so they doors could be locked if needed, but not create a hazard. He was referred to Deacon Montgomery for a discussion of safety issues, and it was recommended that, when ready, he discuss this with the Building Commission.
  3. While it was recommended that planning continue, it was stressed that no changes be made until a decision is made about the churches on the west side of Davenport.
- b. V2020: Discussed preparations for the upcoming convocation.
  - c. FDLC Questions: Some discussion on these questions took place. It was asked that members send written responses to Frank for collation and submission to the FDLC.
4. Next meeting / prayer leader
    - a. July 12 at 10:30, St. Mary, IC
    - b. Prayer leader TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon Frank Agnoli  
Chair