

## FORMING DISCIPLES... BY OUR LITURGY AND PRAYER...



Our Church tells us that the liturgy is the source and summit of our life as Christians: the most important thing that we do and the font from which all our other ministry flows (SC 10). It is where we meet Christ: in the assembly gathered and presiding minister, in the word proclaimed, and in the sacraments (SC 7). Meeting Christ, we are transformed... or should be, if we are open. As the liturgy, repeated over a lifetime, soaks into our bones, we are to become more and more Christ-like. Made more Christ-like, we are sent out “to the margins” to share the Good News in word and deed, to live a Eucharistic life: a life marked by the paschal mystery, of being poured out for others. A sacrificial life. The Christian life.<sup>1</sup>

### 3 Questions

Are all of us fully, consciously, and actively participating in the liturgy? Do we know how to speak the “symbolic language” of the liturgy fluently? Is our participation a matter of the heart as well as of hands and voices? Are we present?

How do we, especially those with specific ministries in the liturgy, strive to foster an encounter Christ? Do we bring the best that we are, and that we have, to the liturgy? Do we understand the roles of art and song and silence, of the senses and the body? Do we take our time?

Do we take the time to reflect on our worship together, on what we have done and on what it means, to share our joy? How do we reflect that the liturgy is the source and summit of our life?

### Resources

Gabe Huck, *Liturgy with Style and Grace*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition revised. Liturgy Training Publications, 2018.

Anne Y. Koester, *Sunday Mass: Our Role and Why It Matters*. Liturgical Press, 2007.

Kathy Kuczka, *Connecting the Liturgy with Our Lives*. Liturgy Training Publications, 2019.

Timothy P. O’Malley, *Divine Blessing: Liturgical Formation in the RCIA*. Liturgical Press, 2019.

Rita Thiron, et al., *Our Sacrifice of Praise / Nuestro Sacrificio de Alabanza*. FDLC, 2018.

*Other resources may be found on our Vision 2020 website:*

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/evangelization-resources>

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<sup>1</sup>Diana Macalintal, *Your Parish is the Curriculum: RCIA in the Midst of the Community* (Liturgical Press, 2018), 79-81.