RESOURCES FOR LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

There are a variety of resources available for those in schools or parishes who are involved in the preparation of Eucharistic celebrations. Chief among these are the official liturgical documents of the Church. Because these provide sound guidance in keeping with our Catholic tradition, liturgical planners would do well to be acquainted with them.

Since special Eucharistic celebrations for children are meant to lead young people to participate in the liturgical life of the parish, liturgical planners should avoid creating the desire for novelty or other expectations that can never be met in regular parish liturgy.

Beyond Eucharistic liturgies, schools and parishes often engage in communal prayer services for various reasons throughout the year. The *Book of Blessings (BB)*—another official liturgical document containing an array of blessings, including the Order of Blessing for Teachers and Students, the Order of Blessing for a Catechetical Meeting or Prayer Meeting and many more—indicates that even in these celebrations, liturgical planners need to seek ways of strengthening the connection with the Sunday Eucharistic liturgy. “Due attention must also be paid to the character proper to the liturgical season, in order that the minister’s introductory comments and the people’s prayers and intercessions will be linked with the annual cycle of the mysteries of Christ.” (*BB*, # 34)

**Church Documents**


**Additional Resources**


