



Southwest Liturgical Conference

44th Annual Study Week

Liturgy Evangelizing Life

La Liturgia Evangeliza La Vida

Wednesday, January 18 - Saturday, January 21, 2006

Doubletree Hotel Austin, Texas

The Church is an evangelizer, but she begins by being evangelized herself...she is the People of God immersed in the world, and often tempted by idols, and she always needs to hear the proclamation of the 'mighty works of God' which converted her to the Lord; she always needs to be called together afresh by Him and reunited. In brief, this means that she has a constant need of being evangelized, if she wishes to retain freshness, vigor and strength in order to proclaim the Gospel. (Evangelii Nuntiandi #15.)

Come to this Study Week to listen and to dialogue with scholars, colleagues and coworkers in liturgy and catechesis about the ways in which you are open to the Word of God and sent by the Eucharist into the world today.

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Evangelizadora, la Iglesia comienza por evangelizarse a si misma. pero ella comienza por ser evangelizada ella misma... Pueblo de Dios inmenso en el mundo y, con frecuencia, tentado por los ídolos, necesita saber proclamar " las grandezas de Dios," que la han convertido al Señor, y ser nuevamente convocada y reunida por El. En una palabra, esto quiere decir que la Iglesia siempre tiene necesidad de ser evangelizada, so quiere conservar su frescor, su impulso y su fuerza para anunciar el Evangelio. (Evangelii Nuntiandi # 15.)

Venga a esta Semana de Estudio para escuchar y dialogar con eruditos, colegas y colaboradores de liturgia y catequesis acerca de las maneras en que usted está abierto a la Palabra de Dios y enviado por la Eucaristía al mundo hoy.



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Schedule At A Glance

Wednesday, January 18, 2006—*Incarnation*

- 1:00 pm Registration Opens - Hotel Foyer (near elevators)
- 2:00 pm SWLC Board of Directors Meeting
- Dinner on your own
- 7:00 pm Opening Prayer and Welcome
- Opening Address:**
Liturgy Evangelizing Life: Manifest the Mystery of Christ Today for

Tomorrow

- Reverend Clarence Williams, C.P.P.S.
- 9:00 pm Exhibits open
- 9:00 pm Reception - Exhibit areas

Thursday, January 19, 2006—*Sacramentality*

- 8:00 am Registration and Exhibits Open
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer
- 8:55 am Announcements
- 9:00 am **General Session I:**
Living as Christ's Body in the World: Liturgy and Christian Witness in Context
Reverend Keith Pecklers, S. J.
- 10:15 am Break, Vendor Carts, Exhibits
- 10:45 am **General Session Response and Facilitated Dialogue**
Sister Anita DeLuna, MCDP
- 12:00 pm Lunch on your own, Exhibits
- 12:45 pm Music Showcases
- 2:00 pm Workshop I**
- 3:45 pm Board buses for Mass
- 4:00 pm Depart to Cedar Park
- 5:30 pm Eucharistic Liturgy
Most Reverend Gregory Aymond
Bishop of Austin
St. Margaret Mary Church, Cedar Park
- AFTER MASS International Buffet**
- 8:30 pm-9:00 pm Busses begin returning to the Hotel
- 9:30 pm Music Jam Session

Friday, January 20, 2006—*Christology*

- 7:15 am Eucharist
- 8:00 am Registration opens
Exhibits open
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer
- 8:55 am Announcements
- 9:00 am **General Session II:**
Liturgy Evangelizing Life: Finding Christ in our Culture and our Prayer
Dr. Timothy Matovina
- 10:15 am Break - Exhibits
- 10:45 am **General Session Response and Facilitated Dialogue**
Sister Anita DeLuna, MCDP
- 12:00 pm Lunch on your own—Exhibits
- 12:00 pm SWLC Board Lunch Meeting
- 12:45 pm Music Showcases
- 1:45 pm Break and Exhibits
- 2:15 pm Workshops II**
- 3:30 pm Breaks and Exhibits
- 4:00 pm Workshops III**
- 5:15 pm Break and Exhibits
- 6:30 pm Happy Hour & Cash Bar—Exhibits
- 7:00 pm Exhibits close
Banquet
- 9:30 pm Taizé Prayer

Saturday, January 21, 2006—*Catechesis*

- 8:00 am Registration opens
Exhibits open
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer
- 8:55 am Announcements
- 9:00 am **General Session III – English**
Liturgy Evangelizing Life with Catechesis as the Source
Sister Anita DeLuna, MCDP
- 9:00 am Workshops IV – Spanish**
- 10:15 am Break and Exhibits
- 10:45 am **General Session IV – Spanish**
La Liturgia Evangeliza La Vida Con Catequesis
Sister Anita DeLuna, MCDP
- 10:45 am Workshops V—English**
- 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm **Sack Lunch** & Music Showcases
- 1:30 pm Workshops – Session VI**
- 2:45 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Exhibits close
- 3:15 pm Closing Session—Rev. Leon Strieder, S.T.D.
- 3:45 pm **Departure**



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Music Showcases and Taize Prayer

Daily Music Showcases

Thursday World Library Publications
The Liturgical Press

Friday Oregon Catholic Press
Good for the Soul Music

Saturday GIA Publications with English and Spanish
WLP and OCP Spanish Resources

The sack lunch is included free for those who attend the Saturday Showcases.

Music Jam Session

Thursday evening—9:30 PM—Hotel

Music Jam Session led by Study Week Presenters

Taize Prayer

Friday - 9:30 PM Taizè Prayer

In Memoriam for Brother Roger of Taizè



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Major Addresses

Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 7:00 PM—Opening Session

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Reverend Clarence Williams, CPPS, PhD is a member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Father Williams was the first Black priest ordained in his hometown diocese of Cleveland, Ohio in 1978. He served in the Archdiocese of Detroit for twenty-six years, as Pastor of St. Anthony Church for 15 years, and presently as the Director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministries. Fr. Williams is celebrating 27 years of ordination this year. Fr. Williams has a doctorate in Global Education and Cultural Communication from the Union

Institute & University in Cincinnati, Ohio. As an educator, he established the Institute for Recovery from Racisms® which is dedicated to training facilitators and designing programs to promote racial sobriety. He also conducts executive training seminars for leadership in race relations to religious congregations, dioceses, corporations, civic organizations and educational institutions. He brings his diocesan and parish experience in Evangelization and Liturgical Prayer to the SWLC Study Week 2006.

Thursday, January 19, 2006, 9:00 AM—General Session I

Living as Christ's Body in the World: Liturgy and Christian Witness in Context

Reverend Keith F. Pecklers, S.J. holds graduate degrees from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Calif., the University of Notre Dame, and the Pontifical Liturgical Institute of Sant' Anselmo in Rome where he received a licentiate and doctorate in Sacred Liturgy. He is Professor of Liturgy at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Professor of Liturgical History at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute, and was recently named to the Gasson Chair in Theology at Boston College for the academic year 2006-2007. Fr. Pecklers has published five books along with numerous articles and reviews.



His latest book, *Worship* (Continuum and Liturgical Press, 2003) received the first place award in "Liturgy" by the Catholic Press Association. He is currently serving a two-year term as President of the International Jungmann Society and works for ABC NEWS as a Vatican consultant and "on air expert."

Friday, January 20, 2006, 9:00 AM — General Session II

Liturgy Evangelizing Life: Finding Christ in our Culture and our Prayer



Timothy Matovina, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Theology and the William and Anna Jean Cushwa Director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame. He works in the area of Theology and Culture, with specialization in U.S. Catholic and U.S. Latino theology and religion. His publications include *Guadalupe and Her Faithful: Latino Catholics in San Antonio from Colonial Origins to the Present* (2005) and, with Virgilio Elizondo, *San Fernando Cathedral: Soul of the City* (1998) and *Mestizo Worship* (1998). He has also edited or co-edited six volumes, most recently *Horizons of the Sacred: Mexican Traditions in U.S. Catholicism* (2002) and *Camino a Emaús: Compartiendo el ministerio de Jesús*

(2002). In addition to his scholarly work, Matovina has offered presentations and workshops on a variety of theological topics for dioceses, pastoral institutes, and ministry formation programs throughout the United States.

Saturday, January 21, 2006, 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM—General Sessions III and IV

La Liturgia Evangeliza La Vida con Catequesis—Liturgy Evangelizing Life with Catechesis

Missionary Catechist of Divine Providence Sister Anita De Luna has more than three decades of pastoral ministry in evangelization and catechesis in the parishes in Texas, California and New Mexico. Sister Anita has served two terms as superior of her religious order. She served as regional President of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and one term as its national president. She ministered as the Vicar for Religious for the archdiocese of San Antonio and is currently serving as faculty at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. Sister Anita's field of expertise is Christian spirituality. She holds an MA in Religious Education from Seattle University, an MA in Spirituality from the University of San Francisco and a Licentiate in Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology. Sister Anita completed doctoral studies in 2000 in Spirituality with an emphasis on Mexican Americans from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. She received the honorary doctorate degree from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend in 2004. Sister Anita's hope is to merge the pastoral and the academic. She has published in several journals, has contributed to books in the topics of culture and faith, faith formation and religious issues relative to Hispanics. She lectures at diocesan conferences and various other forums and is a visiting professor at several universities and educational institutes. She authored *Faith Formation and Popular Religion* published in 2002 published by Rowman and Littlefield.





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Workshops - Thursday Session I - 2:00-3:15 p.m. (#1-9)

1. Eucharist and Culture in Dialogue: Challenges and Opportunities.

Rev. Keith Pecklers, S.J.

From a review of the basic principles of liturgical inculturation, this workshop will treat a variety of cultural and social challenges facing the Church in North America as it endeavors to promote the liturgical renewal desired by Vatican II. It will conclude by offering some concrete suggestions and proposals as we look toward the future.

2. Preaching that Evangelizes (Clergy)

Rev. Clarence Williams, C.P.P.S.

Will the preacher also be evangelized in the preaching? The call of the Gospel to “go and make disciples” is a particular charge for those who proclaim and preach the Gospel message? What is needed in the preacher and the hearer of the preaching to allow God’s transformative power to enter the community? This workshop will explore the Church’s message of evangelization and the ways in which it can form and inform those who preach. Come and find out how to engage in preaching that evangelizes!

3. * Sacramentality and Devotional Prayer

Rev. John Thomas Lane, S.S.S.

This workshop will examine *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, the *Order For Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* and the latest Vatican document on popular piety and devotion. Suggestions for parish rituals will be given and practical advice reflecting on liturgy, life, popular piety and devotion.

4. The Loss of Sacramentality

Rev. Leon Strieder

Not only do we often struggle with our understanding of sacraments – that they effect what they signify – but we struggle to think sacramentally. We have lost our ability to foster a sacramental imagination. We will look at some great texts that will help us to be Sacramental People.

5. * Music as an Agent of Conversion

Mr. David Anderson

The sung prayer of the gathered assembly has great power in the formation and conversion of disciples. Great care should be taken in the texts and tunes we choose for this task of formation that can lead to evangelizing. This session will present music that seeks to turn hearts and minds toward conversion, evangelization and justice.

6. Forgiveness and Healing: Preparing for the Sacrament of Penance

Rev. Michael Olson

The relationship between forgiveness and healing manifests the integrated relationship between nature and grace. Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance needs to avoid a strictly juridical approach to forgiveness on the one hand and an overly idealized approach that often leads to presumption of God's goodness on the other hand. This workshop will propose that how we understand the human person is essential for an authentic preparation for the Sacrament of Penance.

7. Weddings: From "Pastoral Plan" to "Evangelizing Encounter"

Rev. Joel McNeil, Mrs. Terri Bernhard

A pastor and a lay marriage minister share how they try to make conversion central from marriage preparation to the wedding celebration. If you secretly wished that Christ only left six sacraments...you might find hope here!

8. Anointing of the Sick: Ministering to the Family Before, During and After Anointing

Ms. Debbie George

A parish liturgist and NACC chaplain provides support and continuity of care for patients and families experiencing illness and death. What does Anointing of the Sick have to do with the spiritual journey of the patient and surviving family?

9. Anchoring Confirmation's Place to the Eucharist: Order or Age?

Ms. Linda Porter

The experience of bringing a diocese into the process of Christian Initiation has led the Diocese of Tyler into dialogue and reflection as to the pastoral realities of initiating children who were baptized Catholics under the age of 7. Should our pastoral practices reflect the relationship of the Sacraments of Initiation and the importance of the Sacrament of Penance in the call to holiness for every Christian disciple? A movement from BEC to BCE brings a great opportunity to evangelize all households of faith.

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10. The Feasts of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Justice in the Americas

Dr. Timothy Matovina

The basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City is the most visited pilgrimage site in the Western Hemisphere. At the unanimous request of the bishops of the hemisphere, Pope John Paul II recently acclaimed Guadalupe as the patroness of the Americas and accepted their proposal that the Guadalupe feast be celebrated throughout the continent. This presentation examines the ever-expanding writings on Guadalupe down through the centuries and her influence in both church and society, particularly her message of justice, reconciliation, and healing. The workshop is recommended both for those who know little or nothing about Guadalupe as well as those who have had some experience of her and want to deepen their knowledge and appreciation.

11. Evangelizing through Sacred Art and Culture

Mr. Ken Griesemer

The sacred liturgy has the power to transform our lives. The place where we celebrate the liturgy, and nurture our devotional lives, must reflect and support our liturgical and devotional prayer. This workshop will be a conversation around the relationship between culture, church building, sacred art, and evangelization. Every parish community, whether building, renovating, or preparing seasonal environment has the wonderful opportunity to reach out and evangelize in the context of our diverse church. The cultural richness of immigrant peoples, the multivalent American culture, and our deeply rooted Catholic culture all collide as we celebrate the sacred mysteries.

12. Youth in Liturgical Leadership: Forming and Shaping Prayer
Mr. Stephen Petrunak

How can youth become actively involved in the liturgical leadership within a parish community? How can the prayer of the community reflect the enthusiasm and commitment of youth? This session will include strategies for youth participation in liturgical leadership, as well as potential road-blocks that prevent youth involvement.

13. Evangelizing From Beginning to Beyond: RCIA and Mystagogy
Dr. Kathleen Carey

Certificates are dangerous! Certificates mark endings! Certificates signify works and accomplishments in the past! Like evangelization that begins long before we meet potential Catholic Christians, Mystagogy continues for a lifetime. In this workshop we will explore the formation process that is found in the structured catechumenate and how these tools and skills can prepare adults for a lifetime of spiritual growth. This workshop is intended for those who are knee-deep in the muck, the mire, and the mess of the RCIA process.

14. Christ the Preacher: Living the Word and Preaching It (Clergy)
Very Rev. Michael Mulvey

The Spiritual life of the preacher is revealed in the preaching! This workshop will explore how liturgical prayer, personal prayer, a community of faith, the spiritual disciplines of study, meditation, and contemplation lead one to Christ, the center of all preaching. Find out some new ways to prepare yourself and your community to live the Word of God.

15. Ever Ancient Ever New: Dealing with Change and Transition in Church Life
Dr. Dolly Sokol

Change has been a part of our Church since its origins. Change has allowed our Church to grow in numbers, mature in faith and respond to the "signs of the times". Change can also be difficult. How a parish, organization or diocese leads and manages the process of change can make all the difference in how the change is received and implemented in the organization. Come and explore some theories of organizational change and transition and learn how they can be applied to current and/or upcoming changes in the life of the local church.

16. The Christ Who Evangelizes the Liturgy Committee for Life
Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmermann, C.P.P.S., PhD., S.T.D.

What happens to the "inner workings" of a liturgy committee (commission) when Christ is at the center *evangelizing* the members? What is the essential work of such a committee? These and other questions will be addressed in order to come to a different understanding of the real work of a liturgy committee.

17. Music as a Bridge to Culture and Generations
Mr. Jaime Cortez

This workshop will explore musical suggestions that can help unify the Hispanic and English-speaking cultures. Information on how to set goals for a community that is working to bridge the gap between the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking members of the parish. The proper bilingual song can make a big difference. Musical selections will be included.



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18. La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora Guadalupe y la Justicia en las Américas

Dr. Timothy Matovina

La basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es el destino de peregrinos más visitado en todo el continente Americano. Aceptando el propósito de los obispos de las Américas, el Santo Padre Juan Pablo II ha declarado que Guadalupe es la patrona de América y que se celebre su fiesta en todo el continente. Esta taller examinará los muchos escritos Guadalupanos desde el siglo 16 hasta el presente, enfocando en el mensaje de la Virgen en cuanto la justicia, la

reconciliación, y en la historia de salvación en América.

19. Music: Giving Voice to the Sacrament

Mr. Daniel Girardot

Explore how appropriate liturgical music helps facilitate active participation of the faithful in the sacraments. Some experiences of the human heart cry out for an acclamation of the action and presence of God. New life in baptism, consolation at death, healing power of anointing, newfound peace in reconciliation and praise for the call to married life are all sacramental moments that need appropriate ritual music to acclaim God's saving grace. We will explore repertoire and role of music in the celebration of baptism, confirmation, reconciliation, anointing of the sick, weddings and funerals.

20. Presiding with Grace and Ease: Liturgical Leadership of the Assembly (Clergy)

Rev. Keith Pecklers, S.J.

This workshop will consider some basic principles for liturgical presiding and then offer practical guidelines and a general update for leaders of prayer in light of the new *General Instruction on the Roman Missal* (GIRM). Especially directed toward clergy, but lay presiders are also encouraged to participate.

21. Cultural Awareness and Worship: "One Church under God"

Mr. Gil Leija

Come to discover or rediscover some of the reasons culturally who we are as Catholics and why we worship as we do. Come to see the differences and similarities we share with the many cultures of the Church. Come to discuss behaviors and attitudes we have as Catholics in the one Church of God so that we can focus our efforts at understanding, accepting and promoting diversity we experience in the Church today so that our worship can be unifying. Lastly the question to be answered is what does this mean for the future of our Church in the United States.

22. Liturgy and Youth Culture: Christ in the World Today

Mr. Stephen Petrunak

Where do youth find their connection within liturgy and community life? How can youth find Jesus present within their culture? How do we plan "youth friendly" liturgical celebrations? This session will explore practical

strategies for planning liturgical experiences for youth.

23. Hospitality and Inculturation: Enlarge the Site of your Tent

Rev. Ed Koharchik, C.S.P.

How well do we respond to God's call to spread out our tents (Isaiah 54: 2-3) and welcome others into our communities? Calling on the Mission of the Paulist Fathers to "Reach Out, Bring Peace, Seek Unity and Build Understanding," Father Ed Koharchik, C.S.P. will present ways of being mindful and accepting of those who come to us, and how to cultivate the gifts that they bring.

24. Spirituality of Abundance: Balancing the Gifts of the Community for Worship

Rev. Jayme Mathias, O.F.M. Conv.

Everyone is good at something! In this workshop we will explore the ways in which the gifts of the community can be assembled and shared "for our good and the good of the whole Church." Suggestions for recruiting ministers from among both the young and the seasoned members of the community will be explored.

25. Liturgical Catechesis: What is it and when do we do it?

Mr. Nick Wagner

What is the role of liturgical catechesis in the life of a Christian? How can you help make the presence of Christ come alive for your parish? What can you do to link the liturgy with the daily lives of the people in your community? How do you help make the presence of Jesus real and concrete every Sunday? In this workshop you will learn the four key components of liturgical catechesis; learn how liturgical catechesis works; and learn the three liturgical questions you need to catechize anyone, any time about the action of God in their lives.

26. Eucharist: We Go Forth to Proclaim the Good News

Ms. Barbara Budde

The celebration of the Eucharist fills us with grace through Word, Sacrament, and the witness of the community. From that celebration we are propelled into the world to be agents of transformation through God's grace. The Church's documents on evangelization remind us that our lives as well as our words evangelize others. This workshop will explore how the Eucharist relates to evangelization through service.



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27. Una Comunidad Devota Busca Crecimiento de y en la Fe y Participación Activa en la Liturgia

Sister Celia Ann Cavazos, M.C.D.P.

En la liturgia Eucarística y sacramental la Iglesia celebra lo que profesa y vive. Celebramos el Misterio Pascual - nuestra salvación que aprendemos en nuestro catequesis - Creencias (sagrada Escritura y Sagrada Tradición), la Liturgia, la moral y la espiritualidad.

28. Los Ministros Litúrgicos: Formación, Preparación y Celebración

Mrs. Mary Francés Reza

Nuestra Espiritualidad Bautismal nos impulsa estar "impregnados totalmente del espíritu y de la fuerza de la liturgia," más allá que la estructura de la misa, modelando nuestro ministerio como servicio mutuo hacia la Iglesia, el Cuerpo de Cristo. Formación, preparación, y celebración basados en las escrituras, los ritos, la música y los documentos litúrgicos será el enfoque de este taller.

29. Música para Las Fiestas y Solemnidades del Año Litúrgico

Mr. Jaime Cortez

Este taller dará sugerencias para unificar a los miembros de la parroquia de habla ingles con los que hablan español. Se dará información para cómo hacer metas para poco a poco eliminar la distancia entre los latinos y los anglosajones de la parroquia. Se demostrarán los cantos multiculturales apropiados para estas ocasiones.

30. Celebrando los Ritos de RICA

Mr. Joe Coleman

Repaso de las celebraciones en las diferentes etapas del proceso. Discusión de la música que se puede usar en cada etapa del proceso. *Este taller será ofrecido en inglés y español.*

31. Quinceañera

Mrs. Veronica Salazar

Quince Años es una gran oportunidad de estudiar y celebrar el ritual católico. La tradiciones, la historia y el rito se discutirán en este taller para ayudar a un líder de parroquia. Este taller les dará información acerca de aplicar una Quinceañera en su parroquia.



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39. Wake-Up Call: Parents, Baptism and Evangelization

Mr. Charlie Balsam

This workshop will address this fact: between the wedding and First Reconciliation, Baptism is often the only opportunity parishes have to support and strengthen the faith and marriages of parents. A one-session "lecture at" parents cannot accomplish this. And if we do not "wake up" parents to the rich Gospel path before them, who will? In the spirit of *Catechesi tradendae 18-19*, we will explore this natural transition period in marriage and perhaps re-think the traditional approach many parishes take to this foundational sacrament. The Rite itself can direct our thinking.

40. * Building Bridges: Youth and Liturgy

Mr. Tony Alonzo

So many good questions have been raised in the past several years: Why aren't young people coming to church? After we get them to church how do we keep them engaged and enthusiastic? How do we embrace culture and challenge it at the same time? This workshop will explore the things that make a difference for teens when it comes to choosing church in the midst of the overwhelming demands of modern life! Come explore ways to invite, involve and integrate teenagers in the liturgical ministry of a parish. Come ready to sing and discuss practical strategies!

41. Staying Ahead of the Liturgical Year – Preparing Liturgy for Seasons and Feasts/ *En Anticipación del Año Litúrgico – La Preparación de la Liturgia para las Estaciones y Fiestas—Bilingual*

Dr. Dolores Martinez

This workshop will present a time line that allows for the Liturgy to be prepared well. Who is involved in these preparations? Where do we begin? How are the preparations communicated? What effect does this advance preparation (anticipating the future) have on the spirituality of the preparers (worshiping in the present). Este taller presentará plan de planificación que permite la buena preparación de la Liturgia. ¿A quién incluimos en la preparación? ¿Con qué comenzamos? ¿Qué plan tenemos para comunicar las preparaciones? ¿Qué efecto tiene esta preparación adelantada (la anticipación del futuro) sobre la espiritualidad de los que preparan la liturgia (quienes oran en el presente)?

42. Sharing Our Gifts: Ministry of Sacristan, Altar Server, and Others

Mrs. Pat Kerwin

The liturgy is the work of the whole Church; our call to ministry is rooted in baptism. Attention is often given to the more visible, formal liturgical ministries, but every minister has particular gifts to offer in the celebration of the liturgy. This workshop will explore the spiritual foundation for all liturgical ministries and give particular attention to the spiritual and practical preparation for sacristans, altar servers and others who support liturgical preparation and celebration.

43. Year of the Eucharist: What Have We Learned?

Michael R. Prendergast

The Year of the Eucharist has shaped our Eucharistic spirituality. Reflect on the key themes: the word, conversion, memorial, sacrifice, thanksgiving, Christ's presence, communion and charity, silence, adoration, joy and mission. We are now called to be the presence of Christ to the world.

44. Meaningful First Communion Liturgies: Forming Candidates for the Banquet of the Lord

Mr. Nick Wagner

First Communion celebrations can be pageants or they can be prayers. The difference depends upon the preparation and reflection as well as the celebration. If we do First Communion well, that affects how we prepare for and celebrate reconciliation. This workshop will look at the liturgical and catechetical principles involved in preparing young children to celebrate their first communion and first confession. Come prepared to rethink and renew the way children in your parish come to the table.

45. Living the Word and Proclaiming It (Lectors, Bi-lingual)

Very Rev. Michael Mulvey

The one who proclaims the word is more than a reader alone. It is in proclaiming the lived word that hearts are moved to live the call of the Word of God. As Readers (Lectors), we pray, prepare, practice and proclaim the Word. How do we listen to it and live it. This workshop will offer some helpful reminders about this ministry as a source of personal prayer and spiritual growth.

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