

The Office for Divine Worship – Diocese of Worcester

Mission/Goals

The purpose of the Office for Divine Worship is to serve as a central location for addressing the liturgical needs of the diocesan family. Our efforts are devoted to offering canonical, historical, theological and pastoral guidance in the celebration of the Church's liturgical rites. We do this by providing consultation and input to parishes on liturgical matters, workshops, courses and liturgical publications.

Also, the office provides liturgical assistance to the Bishop of Worcester in his role as chief liturgist, and is responsible for carrying out the implementation of episcopal directives and the liturgical directives that come from the Holy See.

The office oversees the liturgical aspects of church renovation and building in the diocese, and the director sits as part of the Diocesan Building Commission.

- The Office for Divine Worship plans and prepares over 34 Annual Diocesan Liturgical Celebration at the Cathedral of St. Paul and Liturgical Celebrations that the Bishop will preside over.
- The Office for Divine Worship also coordinates The Liturgical Celebrations that the Bishop will preside over that take place in the parishes, schools and institutions of the diocese.
- The director of the Office for Divine Worship serves as the Diocesan Master of Ceremonies and Master of Ceremonies to the Diocesan Bishop.
- The Office for Divine Worship maintains a liturgical library of books and music.
- The Office for Worship acts as a resource for information about job openings in music. It maintains a resumé file of musicians seeking employment as well as parishes seeking musicians.
- The Office for Divine Worship conducts training for Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and other parish based liturgical ministries when required.
- The Office for Divine Worship maintains and services the Cathedral Pontifical Sacristy and presently maintains the Liturgical Environment in the Cathedral Worship Spaces.
- The Office for Divine Worship coordinates the inventory and cataloging if ecclesiastical/liturgical furnishings when a diocesan parish is to close.

