

Minutes of Liturgy Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016

Opening Prayer: Liz Wallace read the opening prayer.

Father Nick called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03.

OLPH Liturgy – The Year Behind - *Where we've been:* We reviewed the following procedures put in place this past year.

- **Greeter/Usher Ministry** – Besides the duties of usher, the Greeter/Ushers also greet those entering church, hand out the worship aides, and pass out the bulletins after Mass. Long-handled collection baskets passed by the usher have been replaced by small round baskets. The baskets are started by the ushers in several sections of the church and passed from person to person. This new procedure for the collection works well when all Greeter/Ushers are there.

There is concern about some Masses being short Greeter/Ushers, some Greeter/Ushers only wanting to usher, worship aides not always being distributed, and sections sometimes being missed by the collection. It was agreed that the Greeter/Usher ministry needs more members and that duties should be clearly stated. Also, name badges will be ordered for Greeter/Ushers so that they are easily recognized.

It was also agreed that second collections should be announced by the celebrant after the homily instead of by the cantor before Mass.

- **Distribution of wine** - It was agreed that pouring the wine before each Mass solves the problem of stains and also eliminates guesswork as to how much wine should be poured.
- **Purificators on Arm** - Everyone agreed that Purificators on the arm has been working well.
- **Procession on Palm Sunday** – The procession was well-received. Next year we will decorate the convent porch with red bunting and palms, improve the sound system, have palms along the walk way back to church, and ushers to guide the procession.
- **Altar of Repose** – Everyone agreed that the altar of repose was beautiful and should definitely be repeated next year.
- **Advent Wreath lit before Mass** – This year the Advent Wreath was lit before Mass. Some families missed lighting the candles. It was suggested that next year a family be selected to light the candle on the first Sunday of Advent with the lights kept low until the candle is lit. After the first week, we would light consecutive candles before Mass.
- **O Antiphons** – Well received and teach Catholic traditions.
- **Christmas Mass at Playdium** – This Mass really helped with the crowds we get every year for the Christmas Eve children's Mass. Sally suggested that next year there be fewer trees on the stage.
- **No processing in for Extraordinary Ministers** – Most EMEs approve of this change, and we will continue with it.

OLPH liturgy – The Year Ahead - *Where we're going:*

- **The word Presider will be replaced by Celebrant** – This change will begin on Trinity Sunday.
- **Cleansing of Vessels** – Starting on the first Sunday in September, the vessels will be cleaned at the Credence table instead of the Sacristy. After being cleansed, they will be transported to the Sacristy on a tray.
- **Ministry Meetings** – It was suggested that all Ministries meet at least twice a year.
- **Training Sessions** – It was suggested that three or four regular training sessions be held throughout the year to train Liturgical Ministers. A date will be chosen in September after Labor Day for the first training.
- **Altar Servers** – It was suggested that the priests visit the school classrooms to recruit new altar servers. Dave Kalina said it is also important to recruit more students from Religious Education. Sally Corbett said she would be happy to help with training the servers.
- **Corpus Christi** – There will be a procession at 12:30 on Corpus Christi. Sally will make a canopy that four servers will carry. The colors will be white and gold.

New Business – Time of Arrival for Liturgical Ministers: It was agreed that all Liturgical Ministers should arrive fifteen minutes before Mass begins. This gives the Mass Coordinator time to find substitutes for positions that have not been filled ten minutes before Mass.

Fr. Nick then led a discussion on chapters five thru seven of Romano Guardini's *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. Everyone agreed that we have a new appreciation of the liturgy after reading Guardini. Fr. Nick then presented each of us with a copy of Guardini's *Meditations Before Mass*.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30 with a closing prayer by Liz.