

## **WORSHIP COMMISSION**

### **PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION**

The Worship Commission promotes and strengthens the continuing liturgical renewal of the Second Vatican Council. The Worship commission promotes ongoing education, planning, and evaluation in the areas of the liturgy. The Commission is also involved with liturgical celebrations and is the liaison for relations with other Christian and non-Christian churches and religious bodies.

The Worship Commission collaborates with the other parish Commissions and the Parish Pastoral Council, and the Office of Christian Worship. It develops and establishes objectives to realize and accomplish parish and Archdiocesan goals and ecclesiastical norms in the area of liturgy and parish worship. The Commission proposes and submits its priorities and budget to the Parish Pastoral Council and develops and oversees the evaluation of its own work as well as that of Parish liturgical life.

The Worship Commission participates in evaluating and making recommendations for the celebration of Baptisms, Funeral Masses and Wake Services, as well as for special celebrations. The three major areas of worship to evaluate and enhance are welcome, homilies, and music. This commission meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Special Celebrations include:

- World Marriage Day and Wedding Anniversaries
- Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers
- Monthly Children's Mass and Quarterly Teen Mass
- Advent & Lent Vicariate Reconciliation Services
- Sung Evening Prayer and Stations of the Cross during Lent
- Weekly Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions
- Rosary during May and October
- First Friday Adoration
- Priesthood Sunday
- Vocations Awareness Month
- May Crowning
- Corpus Christi Procession

All liturgical ministers are trained in their particular area of service and some require Archdiocesan certification. There is always a need for more volunteers in each of these ministries.

## **FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- A. To make recommendations to the Pastoral Council regarding the priorities, policies, guidelines, and directives of the parish, Archdiocese and Church Universal which should be considered in the planning and carrying out of the worship life of the parish.
- B. To coordinate the preparation for the liturgical celebrations for all seasonal and special feasts.
- C. To coordinate and oversee the preparation, function and evaluation of all liturgical ministries in the Parish, including Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Musicians, Altar Servers, Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters and Ushers), Sacristans, Members of the Creative Arts Committee, etc.
- D. To insure the integrity of the liturgical year through assisting in the appropriate scheduling of celebrations and prayer services.

### **WORSHIP**

- A. To discern the worship, liturgical and prayer needs of the parish
- B. To assist in providing quality liturgical celebrations and prayer services through involvement in the planning and evaluation of these.
- C. To plan and prepare liturgical events and celebrations.
- D. To insure compliance with liturgical directives, guidelines norms and policies of the parish, Archdiocese, and Church Universal.
- E. To collaborate on the liturgical aspects of the rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, infant baptism, sacramental preparation, marriage preparation, communion to the hospitalized and homebound, funeral celebrations and ministry to the bereaved, and with those parish committees and other groups specifically charged with work in these and related areas.
- F. To foster an atmosphere of hospitality and harmony in all aspects of our work.

## EDUCATION

- A. To update its members with the knowledge, understanding and expertise needed to function effectively.
- B. To oversee the continuing education of the Parish in liturgical matters.
- C. To support the continuing education and formation of all liturgical ministers according to Archdiocesan directives, guidelines, norms and policies.

## STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION

The Worship Commission will include some pastoral staff, members from the parish, and representatives from the various liturgical ministries and service.

Other ad hoc committees will be established according to need. These committees will include members from the Worship Commission as well as other members of the parish not on the Commission.