



Trinity Cluster Liturgy Committee April 12, 2015 – 4:30 p.m.

The Trinity Cluster Liturgy Committee met on April 12th in the McCauley Center at St. Patrick in Monona at 4:30 p.m. Members present were: Chairperson Deb Smith, Fr. Nils Hernandez, Joanne Enyart, Linda Miller, Linda Bacon, Connie Leete, Barb Ruff, Blanca Schroeder, Lilia Tinderholt. Not in attendance: Terri Strutt

Barb Ruff led the opening prayer with a reading for today from a book called Jesus Calling. The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

Fr. Nils led a faith formation session on the Liturgical Principle as it applies to the Roman Missal. It focuses on two directives – Read the Black; Do the Red. The Do the Red are the executive instructions that are to be followed in order to have unity within the church. If it is not followed the unity becomes fractured and Tradition is lost. We cannot choose which parts we want to follow and ignore the rest. The Catholicism of the Catholic Church (CCC) has several references to following the Sacred Tradition that was established when the first community of Jesus celebrated the same paschal mystery – passion, death, and resurrection – that is the liturgy of the church. There are several diverse forms that can be followed but the diversity must not damage the unity that has been established. Fidelity and Sacred Tradition are important – Fr. cannot add or remove parts at will. The Roman Missal is to be followed as it comes from Rome to the local church of Dubuque to the local parishes within the cluster. The liturgy must have a flow as it flows from the cross upon which Jesus died for us. Each mass is like celebrating at Mount Calvary with the love of Jesus that we reflect on each week. Faithfulness to Christ and the Sacred Tradition of the Church leads to unity.

A discussion was held on the evaluation of the Triduum and Easter Sunday. People who have been asked to participate at each of the liturgies may need to be reminded a few days prior about what time they need to arrive. It is a good idea to have at least one person in reserve in the event that someone does not show. Attendance at each service was estimated to be about 150 people. Holy Thursday will need five servers. It might be a good idea to have a liturgical aid for the various responses if the service is going to be bi-lingual. This work will begin in January so it is ready. A discussion was held on the time of the Good Friday service, as attendance was not what Fr Nils would have expected. The service at 6:00 at St. Patrick and then in Spanish at 7:30 did not give Fr. Nils enough time to travel and prepare. It was decided to try a 3:00 p.m. English service next year with a 7:00 p.m. Spanish service. This will give everyone time to travel and prepare and not interfere with other things. The Easter Vigil was long but beautiful. The masses at St. Patrick and St. Mary on Easter Sunday were well attended.

Attendance at the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday's at 5:30 was low – St. Patrick averaged about 17 people, St. Mary about 20 people, St. Bridget about 14 people for the English ones and 60 people for the ones on Spanish at 6:00 on Friday's. It was mentioned to possibly move the stations to a Tuesday night followed by a soup supper. Having them on a Wednesday night prior to Faith Formation does not allow for the soup supper. Also parents are rushed to get home from work, feed the children supper and get them to the first session of Faith Formation. The Hispanics served food following their stations, which may have helped with their numbers. Numbers varied for the April 1st session that was held at

6:45 p.m. during the Faith Formation sessions. We may try the same format next year but offer soup or a light meal on the last one. The stations would be at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meal with no Faith Formation that evening but students would be expected to attend. It was mentioned that we have done a soup and substance in the past and that will part of a future discussion.

First Communion will be held in each parish on the weekend of April 18 and 19. The children will be welcomed to the table as they process in to the song "God's Circle of Love" and join their parents in the pews.

The Sending Off mass for the Seniors will be the weekend of May 16 and 17 at St. Patrick and St. Mary. This is also The Ascension of the Lord Sunday. No special decorations are needed for the environment. The Sending Off mass for St. Bridget will be on Sunday, May 24 in conjunction with the feast of Pentecost. Again there are no special decorations needed. This will end the Easter season.

The cluster mass will be held at Pike's Peak on Sunday, July 19th at 9:00 a.m. The planning for this event will take place at the May liturgy meeting. The rain location will be at St. Mary church. Fr. Nils suggested we provide some entertainment after the meal. It was suggested to do a cakewalk and play bingo to build unity and fellowship in the cluster. Also on the agenda for the May meeting will be a discussion on the mass settings that are to be implemented with the Advent season in November.

Barb Ruff led a prayer to close the meeting which adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held May 7th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick. St. Bridget will be responsible for prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Heitland, secretary