



Cluster Liturgy Committee Meeting
October 2, 2014 – 6 p.m.
St. Patrick Conference Room

Members present: Chairperson Deb Smith (St. Patrick), Secretary Julie Heitland (St. Bridget), Fr. Nils Hernandez, Barb Ruff and Linda Bacon (St. Patrick representatives), Linda Miller, Terri Strutt (St. Mary representatives), Blanca Schroeder (St. Bridget Hispanic community representative), Joanne Enyart (St. Bridget representative).

Deb Smith opened the October meeting with prayer. The minutes from the July meeting were approved with one correction.

The committee discussed the cancellation policy due to weather. Joanne Enyart made a motion that if school is cancelled or lets out early for inclement weather than all meetings would be cancelled for that night. Barb Ruff seconded the motion. The motion passed on consensus. All committees will follow the same policy.

Fr. Nils held a faith formation session. We examined article 14 from the Sacrosanctum Concilium document from the Second Vatican Council on “The Promotion of Liturgical Instruction and Active Participation.” Following some discussion on what the document says and means a video prepared by the Archdiocese of Dubuque Office of Liturgy was shown. It reiterated our duties as a liturgy committee and what was stated in the document. We will continue this discussion at upcoming meetings. Fr. Nils then lead a discussion on what constitutes a good liturgy vs. a bad liturgy. Committee members shared their ideas on each one and a list was compiled to be a starting point for further discussion.

The schedule for the cluster pictorial directory was discussed. Many slots are full. With pictures being taken on Wednesday nights during Faith Formation and using the Faith Formation areas for pictures, Fr. Nils will be having adoration and confession on those nights. Andrew will be in contact with the Site Coordinators and musicians at each site for set-up needs and preparations.

Upcoming liturgical events were discussed as follows:

- Pictures at important cluster events – Fr. would like several pictures taken at key events in the cluster. They can be shared with him for publishing on the cluster website.
- Youth mass – More notice and direction is needed to the Site Coordinators as to what is expected for that night. St. Patrick will be in October and St. Bridget in November. Fr. Nils will have Andrew get this information out to those that need it.
- All Saint’s Day November 1 – this is not a day of obligation.
- All Soul’s Day November 2 – a remembrance mass for those who have passed away during the past year. This will be held at the 4:30 mass at St. Bridget on Saturday, November 1st. The readings will be for the remembrance of the dead. There will be refreshments served following the mass.

- Training of liturgical ministers (altar servers) – Fr. Nils would like to have a training session at each of the three parishes with all altar servers. He would like to have the bells rung at the consecration, funeral training, and a refresher on some of the other responsibilities. Fr. Nils would like to be present when this training takes place. This will take place in the Spring of 2015.
- A training and commissioning of extraordinary ministers will also take place in the Spring of 2015. This would include lectors, sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers.
- Each parish was asked to let the cluster office know how many lector workbooks would be needed for this parish so the order can be placed.
- Christmas Eve mass times will remain as they have in previous years – St. Patrick at 4:00 p.m.; St. Bridget at 6:00 p.m.; St. Mary at 8:00 p.m. Christmas Day mass will be at 9:00 a.m. at St. Patrick.
- Fr. Nils lead a discussion on the daily mass times. He would like to have them all uniform at 9:00 a.m. This will be presented to the Pastoral Council for their approval to begin in January, 2015.

The next meeting will be held on **November 6 at 6:00 p.m.** in the conference room at St. Patrick. St. Mary committee members will be responsible for prayer and refreshments. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with a recitation of the Our Father.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Heitland, secretary