

Gesu Catholic Community
Policy Regarding Outside Speakers at Mass
July, 2014

This policy has two parts: (A) Speaking during the announcement period at Mass and (B) Speaking during the Homily.

- A. Individuals or groups wishing to speak during the announcement period of Mass should obtain permission by following this procedure:
 - 1. If representing a group outside Gesu, submit a written request with the announcement/presentation content (outlined or scripted) to the appropriate Gesu Parish Commission: Worship, Faith Formation, Outreach, Community Life or Administration. The Commission Chairperson will present that request directly to the Pastor for his approval. When the request is presented directly to the Pastor, Commission Chairs should be notified so that they can keep the Commission members informed.
 - 2. If representing a group within Gesu Parish, a written request may be submitted to the Pastor or Pastoral Staff member shepherding the particular group. Staff members include Associate Pastors, Parish Life Director & Liturgist, Deacon, Pastoral Minister, Director of Faith Formation, School Principal, Director of Music Ministries, Parish Business Manager, and Development Director.

Individuals wishing to speak during the announcement period must request and receive the permission of the Pastor at least two weeks prior to the requested speaking date.

- B. Individuals wishing to speak during the homily must speak with and receive the permission of the Pastor and presider of that liturgy at least two weeks prior to the requested speaking date.

For diocesan or pastoral reasons, the Pastor, in consultation with the Worship Commission and Staff, will determine the appropriateness of each request.