



St. Francis de Sales Faith Community

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Prayer & Worship Committee

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Attendance: Greg Buchberger, Sarah Gray, Nick Vorpapel, Kathy Melcher, Joanne Gasperik

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: Discussion of H1N1 Flu and distribution of Communion. Fr. Terry did not distribute wine at school Mass this week because of the large number of students who are sick. As far as our Sunday celebrations, we will be asking the Eucharistic Ministers to be sure to wash their hands before Mass, and we will be putting hand sanitizer in the sanctuary near the credence table for the Eucharistic Ministers to use before distributing Communion. There is also a hand sanitizer dispenser mounted in the sacristy, as well as one at each church entrance. Communion Cups and Bowls are always to be washed with soap and water!! – As per Fr. Terry’s bulletin article, please be respectful and use common sense. If you are not comfortable holding hands, then don’t, and please be respectful of those who have chosen not to hold hands.

Evening for Liturgical Ministers: As in the past, all Liturgical Ministers are invited to come to enjoy food, fellowship, and reflection. This is the only event which we ask our Liturgical Ministers to attend each year, so we really hope that people will attend and continue to grow together and support one another in our prayer. Topics were discussed for the time of reflection, possibilities including: the New Roman Missal, our call to discipleship, a re-commitment to serve our parish, etc. Other topics for possible discussion include scheduling of our Eucharistic Ministers, more involvement at other mass times, EM Coordinators, washing vessels after Mass, Recruiting new members, especially for Hospitality, future workshops/refreshers for individual ministries, etc.

Upcoming Dates/Events

- o Friday, October 30 – 10:00 a.m. Decorate Chapel for November/All Souls Day
- o Sunday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints
- o Monday, November 2 – All Souls (Día de los Muertes)
- o Tuesday, November 10 – 5:00 p.m. Decorate Church for November/Thanksgiving

- o Sunday, November 15 (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.) – Evening for Liturgical Ministers
- o Sunday, November 22 – Feast of Christ the King
- o Friday, November 27 – 10:00 a.m. Decorate Church for Advent
- o Wednesday, December 23 – 3:00 p.m. Decorate/Setup Church & Parish Center for Christmas
- o Sunday, January 10 – 12:00 p.m. Remove Christmas Decorations and Re-set for Ordinary Time.

New Roman Missal:

Handouts were given out which include the changes that will be happening in the parts of the assembly at Mass. It is important to note that this Roman Missal was completed in Latin in 2000 under the direction of Pope John Paul II. We are just now getting to the point where the translation of these texts into English is almost complete. The Roman Missal has been revised a few other times since Vatican II. It must be made clear that this is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to dig deeper into our faith, and to enrich our prayer through deeper understanding and knowledge!! This translation in no way takes us to pre-Vatican II or toward a Tridentine liturgy. This is simply an attempt to preserve the deeper meaning of the words that we pray when we gather for Mass. This is the same Mass that we have now, simply a new translation of the same text. This translation will not affect any of the songs/hymns sung at Mass, other than the ritual texts of the Glory to God, Sanctus, and Memorial Acclamation.

Many ideas were shared on how to help our assembly through this transition when it comes time for implementation. Formation sessions, catechesis, questions and answers forums, bringing in expert and dynamic speakers, etc. were all mentioned as ways to help our assembly to learn about and to embrace these changes as part of our Catholic heritage. Printed materials were discussed as well, in addition to speaking at Mass or having some simple catechesis before Mass begins each week. This is an exciting opportunity for all of us to learn more about our faith and our prayer!

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.