

**St. Cecilia Parish
Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee**

Date: May 16, 2003

Subject: Minutes of May 13 Committee Meeting

Participants: Fr. Terry Rasmussen, Gary Aitchison, Kay Aitchison, Jo Ann Dalhoff, Cathy Gerbracht, Bill Haas, Bob Hauser, Ron Rasmussen, Mary Ross, Cyndi Volcko, Rosemary Wilson

A. Call to Order/Prayer

Bob Hauser called the meeting to order, beginning with a prayer service and music.

B. Minutes of last meeting

Approved as distributed, with one spelling correction.

C. Changes Occurring July 1.

Fr. Terry briefed the committee on changes that will occur July 1.

Fr. Ben and Brother Bruno will not be here.

Fr. has indicated his willingness to support the current weekend schedule, 5:00 p.m Mass on Saturday and 8:00, 9:30, and 11:15 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Father also reported he has the bishops approval to do so but must prepare the parish for the day when his health or a personnel change will make that impossible.

There will be no Monday Mass at Saint Cecilia (Saint Thomas has one at noon when there are classes).

There will be no regular 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Mass at Saint Cecilia—maybe once per month if interest from the Knights of Columbus or others is high.

The Saturday morning Mass at Saint Cecilia will be replaced by a prayer service, communion service, or Liturgy of the Hours.

Teen Mass (one/month) will most likely move to 5:00 pm Saturday, although Father said he was open to 11:15 a.m. Sunday if that works out with teens & musicians.

In the near future, the parishes of this archdiocese will be implementing the contents of the new General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM).

Discussion followed concerning what must be done so the transition is smooth.

Father Terry noted that Sandy Fagan, Debbie Landuyt, Cheryl MacVey, Rita McKenna, Barb Tallman, and Ann Schmitt have been trained as Lay Leaders of Prayer. He also noted that the deacons have been trained as Leaders of Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest and that Alan Christy and Sandy Fagan are currently receiving that training.

We need to get the information and education on changes out to the parish. Father has bulletin inserts that will be helpful on hand; August will be a good time to get them out.

Bob Hauser will get the GIRM documents out to the SG&L Committee members, so they can begin educating themselves on that topic.

D. Renewal of Marriage Vows

Gary & Kay Aitchison reported. That will occur at 3 p.m. Sunday May 16, 2003. Father Terry will do a Marriage ceremony. There will be a reception in the Social Hall afterward. Since this is the first time this is being done here, they have no estimate of how many will participate.

E. Parish Liturgy Ministries

Ron Rasmussen reported he is going to be scheduling a training session for new Eucharistic Ministers because there were a number of volunteers from the latest RCIA group. Ron will coordinate this with Cathy Gerbracht because there will also be interest from some in the new Confirmation class.

Bob Hauser distributed information on Peter Ghiloni and Elaine Rendler, and their workshop, mission, retreat offerings. Ghiloni is Assistant Chaplain and Directory of Liturgical Music at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. Rendler is a teacher, author, choir director, composer, and pastoral liturgist, from Fairfax, Virginia. Bob said he was proceeding with planning for such an event in the fall of 2003 and these people were under consideration. Both emphasize liturgy and music. SG&L committee members indicated interest in a number of the offerings and encouraged Bob to continue.

F. Teen Mass

Mary Ross and Cathy Gerbracht reported. Some parents reported they were moved by the graduation celebration. Mary and Cathy reported that attendance at the lunch afterward is trending down, and that they are considering options for the future, e. g., cake & ice cream, invitation in the bulletin. Committee members noted that there are so many graduation events and parties that they begin to lose importance to the graduates. As noted above, the Teen Mass is moving to 5:00 p.m. Saturday for June, July and August. Teens will serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers; adults will handle the Offertory collection.

G. Pentecost — June 8.

Committee members will decorate the church at 9:30 a.m Friday June 6.

H. Future Retreat/Mission Possibilities—Manibusan, Cortez, Newman Singers, other ideas

Bob Hauser reported that the Newman Singers' schedule is full; they will probably not be coming here. Jesse Manibusan's schedule is full also but Jaime Cortez is a possibility. Joanne Dalhoff reported that Des Moines is interested in having Cortez; and suggested that costs might be minimized if both could be done on one round trip flight rather than two. Hauser agreed to investigate sharing with Des Moines.

I. Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Cyndi Volcko reported that planning for this June 22 celebration is proceeding.

J. Eucharistic Adoration

Cyndi Volcko reported. She noted we celebrate the fact that Saint Cecilia Parish has Eucharistic Adoration. She called attention to a recent Witness article on the new encyclical, Ecclesia de Eucharistia, on the Eucharist and its relationship to the Church.

K. GIRM (General Instruction on the Roman Missal) Update

As noted above, parishes in the Archdiocese of Dubuque will be implementing the contents of this in the near future. According to Bob Hauser it deals a lot with changes in prescribed actions and postures during Mass. He will distribute documents concerning the GIRM implementation to SG&L committee members so we can begin educating ourselves before the next meeting.

L. Celebrating 25 Years of Franciscan Service.

Members of the SG&L committee agreed to meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday May 21 to work on planning for this celebration. As noted earlier, it will occur on Corn Fest Sunday, August 24. The celebration will focus on our gratitude for the Franciscans and their 25 years of ministry to us, not on their leaving. In part, the planning group will try to identify persons who might present brief personal testimony regarding their experience of that ministry and their gratitude for it.

M. Small Christian Communities

Bob Hauser raised the question: Who has responsibility for Small Christian Communities? Is it the Parish Community Life Committee or the Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee? There was no answer. Father said he would support paying a stipend if someone would agree to be the coordinator. Someone suggested this topic might well be addressed by the Parish Council after the May election.

Next SG&L Committee Meeting: 7:00 pm June 10, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Haas