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at the 13 January 2004 meeting.**

**St. Cecilia Parish
Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee
Minutes of 11 November 2003 Committee Meeting**

Members Present: Deacon Gary Aitchison, Jo Anne Dalhoff, Garland Dahlke, Jacque Zbaracki, Cyndi Volcko, Greg Willard, Bob Hauser, Cathy Gerbracht, Rosemary Wilson.

A. Call to Order/Prayer: Bob Hauser called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer.

B. Minutes of last meeting: The minutes were approved as written.

C. Liturgical Ministries: Cathy G. will train extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist in the new GIRM directives after the 8:00 and 9:00 A.M. Masses on Sunday, November 16 and 23. Bob H. Will do the same after the 5:00 P.M. Saturday and 11:15 A.M. Sunday Masses on those same weekends.

A question arose regarding the number of hosts being consecrated at weekend liturgies. Since the Archdiocese would like us to be working at consuming only hosts consecrated at a given liturgy, how can we assist in this directive? Bob H. Informed the group that Fr. Terry would have to implement any changes.

Servers' Training is scheduled for November 17 and 19, 2003.

No new lectors have offered to serve. Five new extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist have been trained by Cathy G.

D. Eucharistic Adoration: Cyndi V. reported that an appreciation lunch for coordinators is planned for February 8, 2004. The Eucharistic Adoration group asked that the weekend after Labor Day be the annual "sign-up" weekend. In 2004, that would be Sept 11-12. The group is searching for a priest to make a presentation on Eucharistic Adoration on that weekend. No one has yet responded affirmatively.

E. A Guide to the General instruction of the Roman Missal: Information was provided by participants in the Archdiocesan workshops held in Marshalltown and Mason City. Changes in the Mass were cited and discussed. Some of these included the following:

- Profound bow (from the waist) during the Creed, simple bow (nod of the head when saying Amen) at communion.
- Before the Eucharistic prayer, Fr. Terry will gesture when people are to stand.
- Silence is to be observed at certain times - emphasis is "don't rush" the liturgy.
 - This issue resulted in a discussion of the practice of "turning to one's neighbor - before mass- to shake hands and introduce self." The committee decided to promote eliminating the "introduction of self and shaking of hands" before mass in order to promote a period of silence before the beginning of the liturgy.
- Lord's prayer - no specific position for hands
- No announcements from the ambo

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- A discussion followed with regard to how this might be handled. A number of suggestions were made.
- The presider is expected to not leave the altar area to shake hands with members of the assembly at the “Sign of Peace.” Pastorally speaking, there may be times when this would be appropriate.
- Several members of the committee again questioned Fr. Terry’s decisions to allow non ordained individuals to provide reflections or “teachings” during the homily time. After some discussion, it was decided that the committee would no longer pursue this issue. It was recommended that individual members of the committee who had concerns about this issue might talk with Fr. Terry about it.

F. Advent/Christmas: A meeting was set for November 20, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. to continue planning for the season.

Bob H. has ordered Advent reflection books, Children’s advent materials and “At Home with the Word.” Advent calendars will go into the bulletin. Gary A. will talk with Kay about coordinating this with Dawn Aitchison. Making Advent wreaths will also be a parish sponsored event.

Only one mass is scheduled for December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M.

Advent reconciliation service is scheduled for December 18, 2003.

A mass for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated on December 12th. A procession will be included.

Bob H. raised the need for assistance in hanging, etc. the advent environment. It needs to be in place on Saturday, November 29, 2003. Because of the Thanksgiving holidays Bob is usually left with all the decorating.

G. Review of parish SCAP policy: No changes were made to the document as distributed. Bob H. will take it to the Parish Council for approval.

H. Remembrance Service: Scheduled for Thursday, November 13th. Help is needed to serve as greeters, lectors, etc. Martha Simmons and the bereavement committee is working on this experience.

General discussion included moving of the Teen Mass to Sundays (probably in March), celebrating only 3 weekend liturgies beginning in January (Fr. Terry will decide), meaningful celebration of the “Anointing of the Sick” (plans are to continue this celebration two times next year), and “Stand Against Violence” weekend, January 17-18, 2004.

Meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.