

Liturgy Committee Core Tasks

Reflection Sheet 1

The rites should be distinguished by a noble simplicity #34 CSL

1. Sunday Celebrations

The Sunday Mass is the main focus for preparation though there are other liturgies such as sacraments and funerals to be prepared. Much of the preparation is already done in the framework of the church documents, the liturgical year and seasons. The work of the liturgy team is primarily to assist the assembly to pray. This is achieved through the effective preparation of liturgies that enhance the rites and encourage participation by the people.

Questions for reflection and discussion:

- What is the feast/season?
Do we know enough about this particular feast/season?
What time frame do we have before the feast? What are the liturgical celebrations for this feast/season?
- Are there alternate texts?
Who selects the text to use if there is an alternative?
How do we communicate the selected text and to whom?
- Are the gestures and movements adding to prayer?
Who is gesturing and moving? Is the movement/gesture necessary or does it distract from the liturgy?
- Is silence valued?
Do we allow enough silence?
How is the silence held?
Do we know enough about silence and liturgy?
- How can parish worship be enhanced?
- How is the preparation and celebration of special masses or celebrations such as First Communion carried out for a Sunday?