



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN DEPARTMENTAL PASTORAL PLANS

Office

Office of Worship and Episcopal Ceremonies

Mission Statement

The Office of Worship and Episcopal Ceremonies assists and advises the Bishop in his role as liturgist in deepening and strengthening liturgical life within our diocesan and parish communities.

Vision Statement

The Office of Worship and Episcopal Ceremonies promotes, fosters and supports prayerful worship throughout the Diocese of Metuchen both by celebrating vibrant liturgies and forming our ministers and people in excellent and uniform liturgical standards in accordance with the documents and traditions of the Church.

Three-Year Goals

- 1 To facilitate a smooth and successful transition to the English translation of the Roman Missal throughout the diocese.
- 2 To assist the Bishop in developing a pastoral letter on the importance of liturgy in the life of every Catholic. (Synod Norm 56)
- 3 Develop ongoing homiletics formation for clergy. (Synod Norm 57 & 36)
- 4 To affirm cultural diversity in worship. (Synod Norm 50)
- 5 To embrace unity in our diversity by continuing to provide consistent liturgical formation for ministers in languages other than English, as needed, and by preparing diocesan liturgies that integrate cultural adaptations as appropriate.

* Note: The highlighted Goals & Objectives support the Diocesan effort to “Embrace Unity in our Diversity”.

One Year Objectives

Goal 1: To facilitate a smooth and successful transition to the English translation of the Roman Missal throughout the diocese.

	Objective	Person Responsible	Date Due
1	Implement the revised Missal to all parishes by Advent 2011.	Rev. Msgr. Robert Medley Clare Giangreco Thom DeLessio	Dec 31, 2011
2	Evaluate implementation success and identify areas where additional catechesis and training programs may be needed.	Rev. Msgr. Robert Medley Clare Giangreco Thom DeLessio	Spring 2012
3	Provide follow up study sessions with clergy and/or other parish liturgical leaders as needs are identified.	Clare Giangreco Rev. Msgr. Robert Medley Thom DeLessio	Spring 2012

Goal 2: To assist the Bishop in developing a pastoral letter on the importance of liturgy in the life of every Catholic. (Synod Norm 56)

	Objective	Person Responsible	Date Due
1	Develop letter outline and proposal for Bishop.	Rev. Msgr. Robert Medley & DLC	Mar 1, 2012
2	Develop communications plans for announcement and distribution.	Clare Giangreco	Mar 30, 2012
3	Create draft of letter.	Bishop Paul Bootkoski Rev. Msgr. Robert Medley	May 1, 2012
4	Develop catechetical resources for clergy.	Clare Giangreco	June 30, 2012
5	Promulgate letter on Corpus Christi 2012.	Bishop Paul Bootkoski	June 30, 2012

Goal 3: Develop ongoing homiletics formation for clergy. (Synod Norm 57 & 36)

Objective	Person Responsible	Date Due
1 Develop program proposal and budget for Bishop.	Clare Giangreco Rev. Msgr. Robert Medley	June 30, 2012

Goal 4: To affirm cultural diversity in worship. (Synod Norm 50)

Objective	Person Responsible	Date Due
1 Investigate policies, procedures and teachings on how to properly celebrate the liturgy in a way that speaks to people of all cultures.	Rev. Msgr. Robert Medley Clare Giangreco	Spring 2012
2 Develop diocesan guidelines for properly Incorporating culture into the celebration of the liturgy.	Rev. Msgr. Robert Medley Clare Giangreco	Fall 2012

Goal 5: To embrace unity in our diversity by continuing to provide consistent liturgical formation for ministers in languages other than English, as needed, and by preparing diocesan liturgies that integrate cultural adaptations as appropriate.

Objective	Person Responsible	Date Due
1 Include liturgical devotions, music, intercessions and other cultural adaptations within the 30 th anniversary Pilgrimage to Washington.	Rev. Msgr. Robert Medley Thom DeLessio	Nov 19, 2012
2 Collaborate and coordinate with the Offices of Hispanic and Multi-Cultural Ministries both on liturgical formation workshops and liturgies where appropriate.	Rev. Msgr. Robert Medley Clare Giangreco Thom DeLessio	June 30, 2012