

# Committee Report

## Prayer and Worship

9 January 2007

### Attendees:

Melynn Long, chair	Scott Schaefer
Fr. Jim Loehr	Debbie Greenwaldt
Greg Norgord	

### 1. Topics/Issues/Projects Discussed

- a. Advent/Christmas – Reviewed the past 6 weeks' liturgical events and church environment. Some brief discussion on Christmas Masses – move a Christmas Day Mass to Christmas Eve? Little interest at present for Midnight Mass.
- b. Upcoming ecumenical service – On Friday evening, January 19, St. John Neumann and Christ the Servant will host an archdiocesan ecumenical celebration of the Word here at 7:00 PM, preceded by a dinner at 6:00 PM. The service will be lead by Fr. Jim and Pastor Rick Engen, with preaching by Episcopal Bishop Steven Miller.
- c. Lent – Ash Wednesday is February 21. We will alternate with Christ the Servant to host the Soup and Substance sessions on Thursdays during Lent. Frequency of Stations of the Cross has yet to be determined. A seder meal is planned for Palm Sunday weekend. Easter vigil will take place on April 7 and we will welcome RCIA candidates into full communion. Easter is April 8.
- d. Art and Environment – Christmas “take down” is Saturday. A memo from June Wessa on behalf of Generations of Faith asked if A&E would support a project to create an altar cloth and ambo covering made of quilting squares decorated by the GOF families and, if so, what colors should be used.
- e. Jubilee – There has not been a committee meeting since prior to the Jubilee Mass. Scott reported he has a DVD of the Jubilee Mass.
- f. Choir – Scott requested information on behalf of the choir regarding their presence during Lent and music content ideas. He also presented their ideas on generating interest in choir and recruiting new members, as well as sought direction on several areas of concern.

The choir sent thank you letters to the choir director at St. William's, as well as the choirs of St. William's, St. Mary's, and St. Paul's churches for their participation in our Jubilee Mass.

- g. Other – Melynn reported receiving a question from a parishioner asking why we did not publicly announce the Mass intentions. Greg reported a request from a parishioner to print the words to the responsorial psalm (at times too

long to remember or not able to understand the psalmist). Scott will relay the responsorial psalm comments to the choir board.

## 2. Decisions Made

- a. Art and Environment – The committee approved the Generations of Faith suggestion to create an altar cloth and ambo cover, agreeing with the color selection they had suggested (gold, white, and silver).
- b. Choir – The committee approved the choir's proposed schedule beginning February 1. The choir will be present at the following Masses:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month – Sunday at 10:30 AM
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month – Sunday at 10:30 AM
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month – Alternating months Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month – no choir
  - Holidays (specific Masses to be determined)

The committee also requested the choir board contact Diane James of the Stewardship Committee to arrange for a Sunday in February to promote choir membership.

- c. Other -- The committee decided to continue the current practice of publishing Mass intentions rather than announcing them at week-end Masses.

## 3. Follow-Up

- a. Stewardship committee still needs to be contacted to schedule pulpit announcement about the committee in an effort to attract participation.

## 4. Next Meeting: Tuesday, 6 February 2007.

Submitted by: Greg Norgord