

**With Zeal and
Patience:
Parish Worship
Commission Workshop**

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September 13 & 16, 2021 ~ 7:00 - 9:00 pm

- Introductions
- Opening Prayer
- What Brought You to this Workshop?
- The Role of the Parish Worship Commission
- Resources for Ongoing Worship Commission Formation
- Creation of By-Laws
- Profile of Parish Liturgical Life
- Break



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- Liturgical Year/Calendar Year
- Evaluation of Liturgical Year
- On-going Formation for Commissions and Parishes
 - Lectors
 - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - Cantors/Psalmists
 - Ushers
 - Lay Leaders of Prayer
 - Budget
 - Questions that have not yet been asked



Role of Parish Worship Commission (parish/region)

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Liturgical Principles: CSL/SC

The Pascal Mystery is the central focus to every liturgy

Sacramental Principle: God interacts with us in the way we can understand

The early Church's thought is the foundation for understanding liturgy

The principle of noble simplicity guides the arrangements and celebration of the liturgy.

Sacred Scripture shapes the words and actions of every liturgy

Full, active and conscious participation is the right and duty of the assembly; enables the faithful to receive the riches of the liturgy

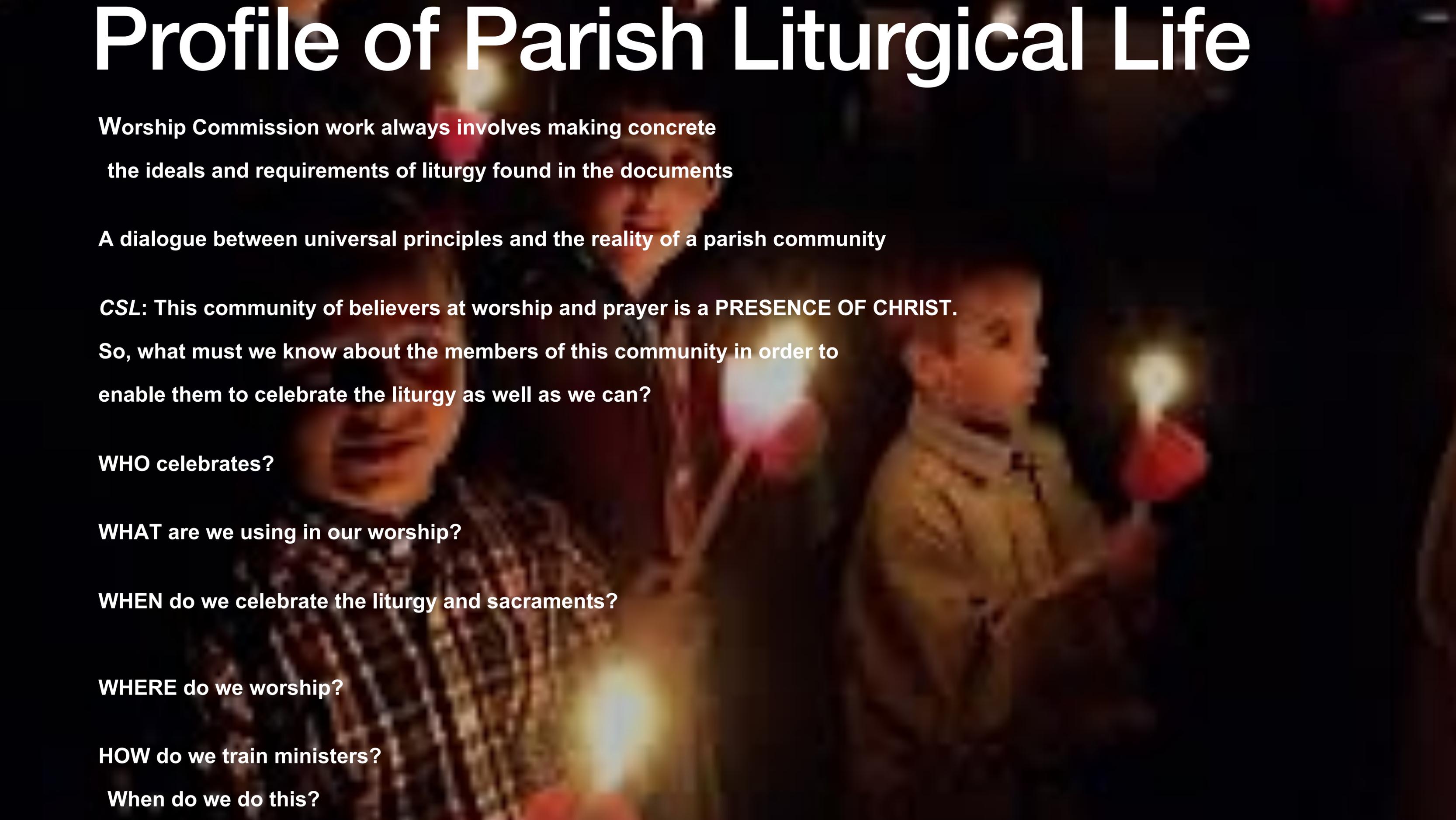
By virtue of Baptism, the laity participate in the ministerial roles of liturgy

Catechesis about the liturgy is vital at all levels

The church promotes and guides the work of musicians, artists, and architects in service to the liturgy.

The Liturgy of the Hours, the "Prayer of the Church," sanctifies day and night for all.

Profile of Parish Liturgical Life

A blurred background image of a church service. Several people are visible, some holding lit candles, creating a warm, dimly lit atmosphere. The focus is soft, emphasizing the overall scene rather than individual details.

Worship Commission work always involves making concrete the ideals and requirements of liturgy found in the documents

A dialogue between universal principles and the reality of a parish community

CSL: This community of believers at worship and prayer is a PRESENCE OF CHRIST.

So, what must we know about the members of this community in order to enable them to celebrate the liturgy as well as we can?

WHO celebrates?

WHAT are we using in our worship?

WHEN do we celebrate the liturgy and sacraments?

WHERE do we worship?

HOW do we train ministers?

When do we do this?

Beacons of Light: Families of Parishes

Worship Commisions for Multiple Sites

- One Worship Commission
- Each Parish Has Customs
- Geography Does Not Imply Unity
- Objective Practice — —> Pastoral Implementation
- Study Principles In Order to Create Practices
- Pastor's "Style" & Parish History



Stretch Break

3 - 5 minutes



The Liturgical Year

CSL, 102: Within the cycle of the year the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, incarnation and birth through his ascension, the day of Pentecost and the expectation and hope of the Lord's return

Raises questions for Worship Commissions:

- **Do people even realize that we move from season to season?**
- **How does each season differ?**
Color? Environment? Music? Parish Events?
- **What must we do so our parish will see that we're moving through the liturgical year?**
- **Can we provide resources for parishioners to bring aspects of the liturgical seasons into their homes?**



Evaluation of Liturgical Seasons

Was the liturgy authentic in leading people to Christ?

Did Divinity and Humanity meet?

Was a Mystery honored, or tamed?

Were the actions, words, music and space communicating awe in the presence of God?

Was the Assembly fully engaged in worship?

Were all the liturgical ministers transparent in their roles?

Homily Feedback

- Presume preaching to a people who long to be redeemed.
- Scripture, Liturgical Texts, Season & Human Experience.
- Teach, Delight, Persuade
- Goal: conversion, not coercion
- Timely & specific
- Prepared
- Homileo: conversational, not chatty



Lectors

- Ongoing training
- Understand the Exegesis
- Understand Hermeneutics
- Not putting on one mask, but taking two masks off
- God speaking to us *today*.
- Emphasize, but be transparent



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMoHC)

- Ongoing formation of the Mystery we celebrate
- the Body of Christ *for* the body of Christ
- See this Bread and see this Cup and see yourselves
- Church is most visibly itself when we celebrate the Eucharist; Communion is the apex



Cantors/Psalmists

Music is integral to the liturgy

All musician's role is to foster that participation

It is fitting that there be a cantor or a choir director to direct and support the people singing. Indeed, when there is no choir, it is up to the cantor to direct the different chants, with the people taking the part proper to them. **(GIRM, 104)**

Support, never dominate

Psalmists:

should understand the place of the responsorial psalm in the context of the Liturgy of the Word

The main part of the Liturgy of the Word is made up of the readings from Sacred Scripture together with the chants occurring between them. **(GIRM, 55)**

The responsorial psalm fosters meditation on the Word of God **(GIRM, 61)**

By silence and by singing, the people make this divine word their own **(GIRM, 55)**

To carry out this function correctly, it is necessary for the psalmist to be accomplished in the art of singing Psalms and have a facility in public speaking and elocution. **(GIRM, 102)**

should allow for prayerful silence at the conclusion of the reading before singing the psalm



Ushers

- Liturgy begins with the Gathering
- Hospitality
- Attentive to the needs of parishioners and guests
- Ministry of service via direction
- Availability
- Part of the Assembly



Lay Leaders of Prayer

Standards for all liturgical ministers apply:

should reflect the assembly in age, gender, ethnic background

should exercise only one ministry at a given liturgy

should receive liturgical formation and are properly trained to do their ministry

Goal: to foster the full and active participation of the faithful

General principles of leadership:

read, speak clearly

spirit of preparedness, confidence, authenticity

prepare ritual texts AND any directions or remarks

Remember that we are leading the Body of Christ in prayer. Respect

who they are, respect their time, respect their cognitive abilities,

respect their expectations of ministerial leadership

Video recording helps a lot



Budget

The way we spend our money tells others what's important to us

Working within a budget:

- fosters responsible stewardship of parish resources
- ensures we have the resources we need to make liturgy happen
- helps us to plan for what we may need in the future

Worship Commission:

informed
engaged
proactive

Does your parish have a wishlist for worship resources?



General Instruction of the Roman Missal (**GIRM**):

noble simplicity

truly worthy

beautiful

authenticity

[one word NOT used: expensive]

Where do budgets overlap?

**Archdiocese of Cincinnati fiscal year: July 1 to
June 30**

Creative ways to offset expenses:

Christmas/Easter flower fund

Christmas/Easter musician fund

Parish groups to pay one-time expenses

**Individual parishioners or businesses for specific
projects**

Yearly sacristy walk-through



A photograph of the interior of a Gothic cathedral, showing a long nave with high vaulted ceilings and a large rose window at the far end. The architecture is characterized by pointed arches and ribbed vaulting. The lighting is warm, highlighting the stone's texture.

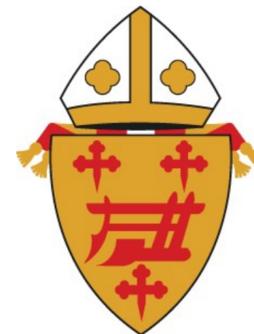
Questions?



Wrap Up

- Resources (online, print)
- Survey
- *Praenotanda*
- Beacons of Light
- Thank You!

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