

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS RESOURCE ROUNDTABLE: INITIATION

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ROUNDTABLE

- Introductions and Prayer
- Principles for Resumption
- Adult Initiation
- First Communion
- Upcoming from the ODWS
- Q&A



PRINCIPLES FOR RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

- Uphold the common good, continued human flourishing, even if it means short-term sacrifice of public worship and piety
- The Church must be good citizens, obeying lawful civic authority
- Resume public worship while continuing dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation.
- Assure social distancing and follow public health authorities
- Safeguard priests, deacons, and other liturgical ministers, many of whom are at-risk for serious health issues



ADULT INITIATION: KEEP IN MIND

Elect

- Usually reserved to the Easter Vigil. This year:
 - In the context of Sunday Mass
 - If large number of Elect, multiple celebrations
 - Plan ahead:
 - Position of Elect, Godparents
 - Procession to the font
 - Rites remain the same
 - No immersion, water given to ground following celebration
 - Option of outstretched hands rather than laying on of hands



ADULT INITIATION: KEEP IN MIND

- Candidates for Reception into Full Communion
 - Always possible when candidate is ready
 - Preference for Sunday Mass
 - Acknowledge person's baptism
 - Rites remain the same, with optional adaptations as above
- Catholics to be Confirmed
 - Email Fr.Angi for permission
 - Preference for Sunday Mass
 - Acknowledge person's Catholic baptism (and First Holy Communion if applicable)
 - Rites remain the same, with optional adaptations as above



CHILDREN'S INITIATION: POLICIES AND PRACTICES

(First Communion)

Archdiocese of Cincinnati (Sacraments for Young People)

- During a regularly scheduled Mass
 - Focus is the celebration of the whole Church gathered to celebrate the sacrament
 - Candidates should *not* be involved in liturgical roles or ministries
 - No liturgical requirement that candidates or families be in the Entrance Procession
 - ~~Procession with the Gifts:~~
 - ~~*can include candidates bringing the bread and wine~~
 - ~~*should have only one plate of bread and one cup of wine brought to altar~~
 - ~~*appropriate to include gifts of food for the poor~~
 - Recessional purpose is to help the ministers leave with a sense of order and dignity
 - Practice with bread and wine to enable them to be more relaxed and participate more fully
- in this time, not necessarily a Sunday
 - who is here that they've seen before? how can they connect?
 - “~~their Mass~~” > what other ways can they be involved?
 - if are in procession, how? who? why?
 - can include
 - only one of each
 - logistics?
 - they are not ‘ministers’
 - “do not over-practice”
- “AND
NOTHING
ELSE”





CHILDREN'S INITIATION: POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Teach/Explain differences:

- People sitting farther apart
- Water removed from holy water fonts
- Bread and wine brought directly from the credence table to the altar
- No physical contact at the Our Father or Sign of Peace
- No Holy Communion from the chalice
- Holy Communion on the tongue is strongly discouraged
- Hymnals, missalettes, and other materials removed from the pews
- There may be fewer servers or none at all
- Everyone is encouraged to wear a face mask (except the priest)

Guidelines for the Resumption of Public Worship

- Health and safety requirements and recommendations must continue to be followed.
- Among these are social distancing, the use of face masks, and concern for the most vulnerable.

BEFORE

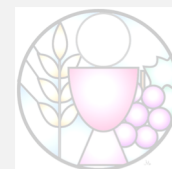
teach
inform
practice?

DURING

arrival
Liturgy of Word
communion

AFTER

party?
certificate? gift?
record sacrament!



UPCOMING FROM THE ODWS

For parishioners & bereavement ministers:

Now and at the Hour of Our Death, Tues, 5/19, 1p-2:30p OR Weds, 5/20, 7p-8:30p

For EMsHC (in Spanish):

El sacrificio vivo y santo training, Sun, 5/24, 1:30p-3:30p

Free book available for download

For lectors & psalmists: *Dwell in the Word*, Tuesdays May 26 & June 2, 7p-8:15p

Send us your questions or concerns: worship@catholiccincinnati.org

Q&A

- Questions?
- Concerns?
- Ideas to share