

## Worship Commission Meeting

22 September, 2023

**PRESENT:** Althea Burrier, Fr. Patrick Behling, Chrissy Butzen, Beth Campshure, Martha Endejan, Dawn Meyer, Harry Schneider, Michelle O'Brien, Judy Pollard

Brief introductions.

Fr. Behling opened the meeting with prayer.

### Review of Advent and Christmas, 2025:

- Michelle expressed appreciation for the Christmas decorations at all sites.
- Several mentioned that they thought attendance seemed down from last year at some of the liturgies.
  - Fr. Behling commented that throughout the Diocese, people seemed to be going earlier on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Michelle said that the choirs were wonderful and everyone was happy with the music.
- The owners of Edith's Bridal have donated the large nativity set that has been in their store window for many years. We will need to find a way to store it to prevent it from being damaged.
  - There are several "messes" in the basement that should be addressed, including, but not limited to, the costumes and materials used for the Living Nativity, some of the materials used for the Lady of Guadalupe celebration, the large number of dinner ware that has been left in the basement, odds and ends of furniture and old things in general, that will probably never be used.

### Suggestions for Lent, Holy Week and Easter:

- Music for Lent:
  - Michelle would like to see the use of the Antiphons to be consistent at all sites, for every Sunday in Lent. There was discussion as to whether it should be before the Entrance Hymn or after. Michele feels that having it before sets a tone of contemplative prayer.
  - Discussion followed regarding the use of chant and English versus Latin.
    - Fr. Behling suggested that perhaps we should make an incremental change-begin using the chant with English first to move people from the mind-set of rhythmic music. Then when comfortable with that, introduce the Latin.
    - The chant form adds a distinctiveness to the music.
- All the statues will be covered for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Fr. Ryan has advised Michelle that Evan and his crew will be available to help cover and uncover the crucifix at Holy Family.

### Adoration Update:

- Adoration is going well at PBVM.
- The Committee is working on recruiting new Adorers in 2026.
  - Plans include another video of current adorers.
  - The members offered up a suggestion of more one-on-one invitations.
- Amy and Elaine are doing great job with the newsletter.
- The plan is to leave Adoration at PBVM until all the work is completed at Sacred Heart and the space has been blessed.
- Michelle brought up one point: when communicating through the Portal used by Adoration, keep the messages related only to Adoration, for instance when it is necessary to cancel due to inclement weather.

There are charges for the messages, so the system should only be used for things that directly relate to Adoration.

#### Lector Training:

- The Lector Training was held on Thursday, November 13, 2025.
  - Deacon Dale did a great job.
  - The video was posted on the website and Facebook.
  - Ideally every existing lector and anyone interested in becoming a lector should attend.
- The date for the 2026 training is Thursday, November 19, at 6:00pm.

#### New Statue Proposal:

- There was good discussion held again regarding the proposal for statues in the church at Holy Family.
  - Michelle read the original request from Fr. Ryan in order to bring Fr. Behling up to date.
- There had been a suggestion by some members of the Committee to put the discussion to the whole congregation. Fr. Ryan does not think that is a good idea.
- We debated whether we should form a sub-committee. Ultimately, following the discussion, it was decided that each member should put their thoughts down on paper and forward them to Michelle at least 1 week before our next meeting. She will distribute them all to the Committee members to review before the next meeting and come prepared for discussion.

#### Next Meeting:

- Michelle asked if we could reconsider the date for the next meeting as she has some personal conflicts with the date that was previously set. The new date and time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting will be Thursday, April 15, at Noon, at Holy Family.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Campshure  
17 January, 2026