



DIOCESAN WORSHIP COMMISSION GUIDELINES

Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

NAME AND PURPOSE

The Diocesan Worship Commission is the body of Catholic parishioners qualified by training, background, and/or interest, appointed by the Ordinary to assist him in his work as principal liturgist. The Commission, serving in a consultative capacity to the Bishop, fosters the growth of the worship and spiritual life of the people of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings especially as it pertains to ritual, music, Christian initiation, sacramental celebration, new building and renovation and art/environment of liturgical spaces.

FUNCTIONS

The Diocesan Worship Commission, under the guidance of the Ordinary, will have the following functions:

1. to assist the Bishop in the implementation of decisions of competent church authorities in liturgical matters.
2. to foster the liturgical formation of the people of the Diocese, including Commission members.
3. to inform itself of local conditions regarding liturgical practices within the Diocese and to be informed of programs locally and in other areas of the country that will facilitate sound liturgical practices.
4. to establish goals and objectives for the Commission in light of diocesan goals and objectives.
5. to bring to the Commission, the liturgical needs and concerns of the people of the Diocese.
6. to offer advice and guidance to the Bishop with regard to all construction and/or renovation of liturgical (worship) space in churches, schools or other Catholic institutions.

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MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership will be by appointment of the Bishop.
2. The normal term of each member shall be three (3) years. With the agreement of the member, the Bishop may be re-appoint him/her to additional terms.

OFFICERS

1. The Bishop will serve as Chair of the Commission and establish the agenda for each meeting in consultation with members of the Commission.
2. A Secretary will be selected who will record the discussion of the meeting, actions to be taken and persons designated to follow through with decisions made.

MEETINGS

1. The Diocesan Worship Commission will meet at least three times a year. One of its meetings will include formation for the Commission members.
2. On occasion, a special meeting may be called by the Ordinary to address a timely issue regarding liturgy.
3. At least one meeting in each year will be in person. Other meetings may be held via electronic means.
4. The normal quorum shall consist of a simple majority of members.
5. The ordinary mode of operation of the Commission shall be by consensus.

COMMITTEES

1. There are no standing committees.
2. Ad hoc committees may be formed to address specific needs as deemed necessary.
 - a) The Bishop shall appoint a competent person from the membership to act as chair if an ad hoc committee is required.
 - b) The chair of each ad hoc committee shall select and contact qualified and interested individuals from throughout the diocese to serve as members.

Approved by:

Bishop Michael W. Warfel
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