

September 26, 2007

TO: Mike Marchal, Dick Neidhard, Carmil O'Connor, Brian Volck, Mark RingswaldEgan, Karen Brandstetter, Scot Buzza, Marilyn Kaiser
FROM: Richard Bollman
RE: WORSHIP CORE Meeting, September 25. Minutes.

(Mark and Scot were unable to be there.)

AGENDA:

1. OCTOBER sign-ups.

We set the Sundays for sign-ups (14th and 21st), asking Karen to make clear in the listing who are CONTINUING ministers, and who are NEW or RETURNING.

We plan to provide training for Communion Ministers on SUNDAYS, before the 11 and the 7 o'clock masses, and after the 9. We want to encourage all communion ministers to participate, for about a 15 minutes session. This would be required of new sign-ups. Times need to be coordinated with music practice. Catechesis about the ministry, as well as basic "directions" are important. We need to reiterate the way this is a personal encounter in the ritual, but not "inter-personal," and to urge people to use foresight so that the bread that is blessed and broken at the mass itself be distributed to all (not to rely on previously consecrated eucharistic bread). The designated team for distribution ought to be noted on the music program for all masses.

Training for new lectors needs to be scheduled so that no one starts the ministry without some assistance about the formalities, use of microphone, and how to make best use of their own voice and conviction in conveying the scripture.

Finally, there was discussion of the steps we take between sign-ups and setting the new schedule, to assure a fair distribution of assignments.

2. CONFIRMATION schedule.

We moved to a more broad discussion of inclusion for our teens in liturgical ministry. We noted that the archdiocesan requirement, that people be confirmed (fully initiated) before they are invited to read or distribute communion, gets in the way of including even seniors right now. We proposed that juniors and seniors confirmation be advanced to a spring date, and that eighth graders be invited into the confirmation class as well, to join with freshmen and sophomores for the fall date. Karen and Richard will take this up at a staff meeting and help us continue the dialogue.

3. There seems to be right now no urgency about creating separate teams to attend to the three separate liturgies, though we will take this up again at our next meeting. The next meeting will offer a chance to look at developments for Christmas and Triduum. We set the date for the meeting:

THURSDAY, November 15, 7:30, Jesuit Residence.