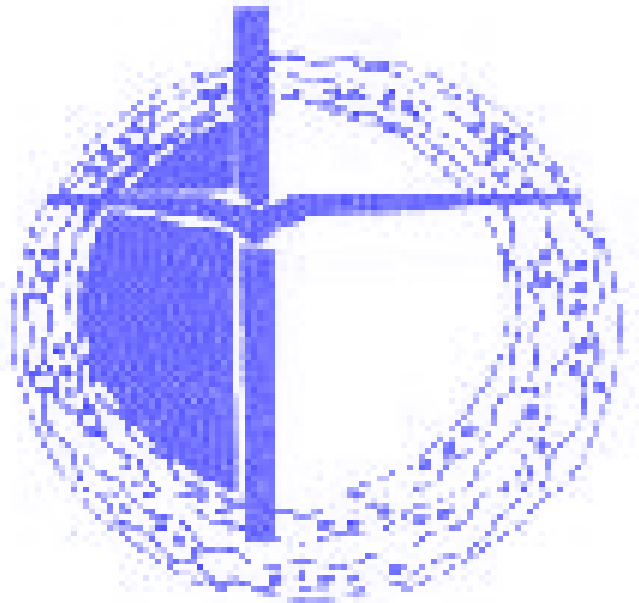


Mandate

Archdiocesan Liturgy Committee

Archdiocese of Perth



*“For where two of three are gathered in my name
there am I among them”* [Matt 18:20]

THEOLOGICAL AND PASTORAL PRINCIPLES

This mandate is based on the following Theological and Pastoral Principles articulated in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (CSL).

1. The heart of the liturgy is the celebration of the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ in whose life, death and rising the redemption of all people was accomplished once for all, through whose paschal the church was born. (nos. 5, 60).
2. Every liturgy is an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, head and members, for the glory of God and the sanctification of human kind (no. 7). All members of the community, priestly people through baptism, celebrate with Christ, the one and only high priest and leader of prayer.
3. The liturgy is the most perfect manifestation of the Church. The mystery of Christ is made visible when God's holy people actively participate in the same eucharist, at a single altar, each according to his or her role (nos. 2, 26, 28, 41). "Church" is not an abstraction but a reality when a community gathers to be the sign of Christ's presence with one another.
4. The Liturgy is thus the fount and summit of the Christian life (no. 10). Evangelization, conversion and faith find their ultimate expression in the liturgy, which in turn, is the source of all holiness. At the same time, liturgical participation commits one to a life of faithful discipleship. Liturgical spirituality is rooted in this realization of the centrality of the liturgy in the Christian life.
5. Active participation in the liturgy is essential so that this primary and indispensable source of all holiness may achieve its end (no. 14). Active participation, the right and duty of all in the assembly by reason of their baptisms, is both internal and external, including verbal participation, actions, gestures, bodily attitudes and silence (nos. 19, 30, 48-50, 113).
6. Catechesis is fundamental if the community is to be fully aware of what it is doing, actively engaged in the rite and enriched by its effects (no. 11). The clergy, above all, must receive appropriate liturgical instruction so that they may live the liturgy themselves (nos. 14, 18) and teach their communities its spirit and power (nos. 14, 19).

The Liturgy Documents [A Parish Resource], 1991

AIMS

The aims of the Archdiocesan Liturgy Committee shall be:

1. To provide formation and support to parish communities in all aspects of liturgical life.
2. To seek to work in conjunction with Parish priests, Parish liturgy coordinators and Parish liturgy committees in bringing about full and faithful Implementation of the Liturgical documents.
3. To initiate a network of information and encouragement to promote and develop sound Theological and Pastoral principles and practices of liturgy.

FUNCTIONS

1. Committee will advise and support the Archdiocesan Liturgy Co-ordinator, and activities associated with the Liturgy office.
2. The Committee's main area of concern will be to encourage and provide formation for good liturgical practices and principles in Parish life, in accord with the liturgical reforms of Vatican II.
3. The Committee will consult with the clergy and contribute to their ongoing formation, specifically in the area of liturgy.
4. The Committee will have a consultative role with the Diocesan Resources Committee and relevant persons involved in the building and renovation of Chapels and Churches, particularly in relation to the architectural and artistic design of liturgical space.
5. The Committee will undertake such tasks, consultation or research as the Archbishop may request from time to time in conjunction with the Liturgy Co-ordinator.
6. The Committee will foster and encourage good liturgical music and art through formation and information workshops.
7. The Committee will consult with and advise persons working in the area of liturgical education and formation for ministry.
8. The Committee will draw up and propose guidelines and policy statements for the approval of the Archbishop.
9. The Committee will liaise with established sub-committees or working parties as well as establish new sub-committees or working parties where necessary.
10. The Committee, through the Liturgy Office, will be responsible for liaising with National bodies concerned with issues related to the liturgical life of the Church.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the committee shall consist often persons appointed by the Archbishop. Members shall serve for a term of two years, and be eligible for re-appointment for a maximum of anther two consecutive terms. They are then required to take one years leave if they wish to consider re-appointment.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Members shall commence and finish their periods of appointment on 31 December of the appropriate year.

Where a member resigns other than at the end of the term of appointment the vacancy thus created may be filled by co-option of a new member.

At least two names of acceptable co-optees, voted on by the whole Committee, are to be forwarded to the Archbishop for his selection and appointment.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Nominations to fill vacancies occurring on the Committee shall be sought from as wide an area as possible in the church. Appropriate bodies will be informed in writing of such vacancies.

A committee consisting of Two nominees of the Archbishop and two members of the Liturgy Committee will receive and consider nominations and forward recommendations for appointment to the Archbishop.

The Liturgy Committee may provide written comment to the Archbishop on the recommendations made.