

Diocesan Convention 2020

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN LITURGIST

The work of the Diocesan Liturgist reflects to a degree the livelihood and vitality of the Diocese, since it falls to the Liturgist to develop liturgies for events which serve as markers of our common life together. To that end, the Liturgist works with the Bishop to develop worship materials for diocesan events. The Liturgist also serves as an intermediary between the Bishop and with individuals who are being ordained, and with those who are undertaking new parish ministries.

Each year, worship materials are developed for diocesan events such as the Diocesan Convention, Council of Trustees retreats, Commission on Ministry retreats, and the Clergy Conference.

Since last year's report, liturgical materials have been prepared for the celebrations of new ministries at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg; St. John the Baptist, York; St. Andrew's, York; Mount Calvary, Camp Hill; St. John's, Bellefonte, and St. John's, Lancaster.

Assistance has been provided to develop worship materials for the priestly ordination of the Rev. Kyle Murphy at Christ Church, Williamsport last December, and for the diaconal ordination of Stacey Catigano, which is scheduled for September at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg.

Future planning is an integral part of the work of the Liturgist. To that end, planning for the annual Convention usually begins sometime during the summer. For Convention 2019, an Evening Prayer service and a closing Eucharist were developed. For Convention 2020, an opening Morning Prayer and closing prayers are planned (due to the necessity of conducting the convention via Zoom).

The pandemic's arrival this year caused the cancellation of some events for which the Liturgist assisted in the planning and development of materials, including the annual Chrism Mass and the annual Clergy Conference.

Finally, the Liturgist prepares and offers reports for the quarterly Council of Trustees meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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