

Diocesan Liturgist Report

As your new Diocesan Liturgist, I want to begin by thanking both Bishop Scanlan for her confidence in appointing me to this position and my immediate predecessor, Fr. Gene Tucker, for his faithful service to the Diocese in this role.

Since assuming this role in January, I have assisted with planning three ordinations: The Rev. Jen Trenary and The Rev. Dina Carter-Ishler to the priesthood, and The Rev. Martha Ambrose to the diaconate. I was also involved in planning the liturgies for the Clergy Reaffirmation of Vows in April, the Clergy Conference in May (while Bishop Audrey was on sabbatical) and the Diocesan Convention liturgies. We also developed liturgies to honor the closing and deconsecration of Resurrection Mission, Mt. Carmel and the deconsecration of a building and rededication of the font and altar for St. Luke's, Altoona which will continue worshipping in their building after it is sold to a new owner.

I am grateful for the assistance of The Rev. Kevin Barron, a fellow member of the Society of Catholic Priests in North America, who is joining me in the work of crafting and resourcing for diocesan liturgies. It is my vision to make sure our liturgies reflect the participation and diversity of all our parishes – their people, the places, and the liturgical elements (vessels, vestments, etc.).

Thanks to the assistance of the Commission on Ministry, especially The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson and Ms. Mary Novello, we have developed a pre-ordination workshop to assist candidates in planning these liturgies (something they just don't teach you in seminary).

I look forward to continuing to be a resource for our diocese and its parishes in 2024.

Yours in Christ,

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