

Sunday Celebrations in Anticipation of Eucharist

Pastoral Planning: Questions for community discernment:

1. Does our community have a 'real and serious' need for SCAE?
 - Have we done everything possible to try and ensure the community has access to Sunday Mass e.g. review the Mass schedule; consider of demands on clergy ...
 - If Sunday Mass is still not always possible what are our options?
 - The community travels to Mass elsewhere?
 - Do nothing?
 - Hold regular SCAE?
 - Hold irregular/rare SCAE?
 - Are there other options?
2. What needs to be communicated to the whole community?
 - What information does the community need?
 - What formation does the community need?
 - How and when will this be done?
 - Who will do this?
3. What liturgy are we going to use for SCAE?
 - Who is involved in this discernment?
 - Who makes the final decision?
4. Once the liturgy to be used is decided, what liturgical decisions need to be made:
 - Will the Altar be used, or another table, or neither?
 - Where is the Lay Leader to be positioned?
 - Will there be a separate Leader of the Rite for the Distribution of Communion?
 - Which form of the Gathering Rite is to be used, essentially will it include any form of Entrance Procession?
 - Where are the Introductory Remarks to be positioned?
 - What is to be included in the Introductory Remarks?
 - Will incense be used in the Procession and Enthronements of the Word?

At what level will these liturgical decision will be made?

- at a parish/regional level so there is some consistency in all SCAE liturgies?
- at a Mass centre level?
- for each liturgy?

Information about these and other liturgical options will be covered in Part II of the *Remaining Faithful* formation.

5. What decisions need to be made regarding liturgical ministries in SCAE?
 - Are there deacons who will be involved?
 - What process are we going to use to discern lay leaders for these liturgies?
 - Who will be involved in the discernment?
 - When will this be done?
 - What are we going to do about preaching/reflections at SCAE?
 - Who will give the reflections?

- Do we need to discern people for the ministry of lay preaching?
 - If so, who will be involved in this discernment process?
 - When will this discernment process take place?
 - How will the reflection be prepared? OR Where will it be sourced?
 - What formation – initial and ongoing – will be required for people exercising this ministry?
6. What are we going to do about Commissioning Lay Leaders (not Deacons)?
- How will we do this?
 - When and where will this be done?
 - For how long will they be commissioned?
7. What needs to be communicated to all liturgical ministers about SCAE?
- How are we to ascertain the willingness of all liturgical ministers to minister in SCAE?
 - How and when will we communicate with all liturgical ministers?
8. What systems/structures will be needed to sustain SCAE?
- Do we need to write a brief Parish 'Policy' Statement for *Sunday Celebration in Anticipation of Eucharist*?
 - If so what information does this statement need to contain?
 - How do we publicise/communicate this statement?
 - What lines of accountability and responsibility need to be determined and communicated clearly?
 - Who is going to be responsible for SCAE?
 - Who will be responsible for the preparation of individual liturgies?
 - What processes are needed to ensure people have adequate notice regarding regular SCAE so they can discern their response?
 - How are the various liturgical ministries to be organised/rostered?
 - What advanced organisation is needed for emergency SCAE?
 - How, and how often, are we going to review and evaluate SCAE, including the ongoing need for it?
 - Do our systems and structures embody the principle of collaboration and the notion of 'team' articulated in the documents? Are they transparent?
9. What systems/structures will be needed to support and sustain SCAE ministers?
- What ongoing formation will be required for the LLL and for other ministers, including the community?
 - How will LLLs, and others as may be determined, be assisted to engage in ongoing reflection on their ministry, and to review their ministry, particularly as they come to the end of their commission?
 - What is needed to ensure people are continually called to ministry: the ministry of Lay Liturgical Leadership; the ministry of Lay Preaching?
10. Does our understanding of SCAE suggest any changes to the way the community celebrates
- Sunday Eucharist?
 - Weekday liturgy?
11. What other issues/questions do we need to consider?

It is suggested that you prioritise these issues. Perhaps the items in black need attention in the short term and the items in blue can be dealt with later.