

Meeting Report

April 2024

At their April 11 meeting Diocesan Liturgy Council members

- noted
 - preparation of upcoming Neophyte Gathering for adults baptised Easter 2024
 - dissemination of pastoral guidance regarding allergies and the Sacred Oils
 - ongoing work regarding the possibility of resuming communion from the chalice
 - work on the draft for a 'Praise and Worship Liturgy of the Word' for the celebration of Catholic Schools Week on 17 May.
- considered
 - emerging issues regarding the ministry of Christian Initiation across parishes
 - results of recent Confirmation Review and possible steps forward
 - resources for the Diocesan Liturgical Calendar including for Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter and Scripture across the Liturgical Year.
 - the proposal for a diocesan celebration of significant Marriage Anniversaries
 - options for a singing event focused on showcasing possible new Mass settings for interested parishes
 - logo options for the new Sacred Heart Beat initiative
- were notified of formation opportunities including
 - '10 Questions' initiative focused on the Liturgical Year
 - responses to 'Sing to the Lord' cantor training initiative and next steps
 - a Season of Creation celebration in September

The work of the Council extends beyond its meetings, particularly through its subgroups and currently includes

- ongoing work with the College of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies
- supporting parishes, agencies and groups in the preparation of liturgies at which the Bishop or his delegate presides
- the work of the Christian Initiation Forum particularly with regard to emerging issues
- facilitating formation including
 - 'Grace, Simplicity Order' a formation and discernment process for those who have expressed interest in the ministry of Assistant Master of Ceremonies
 - 'Sing to the Lord'
 - Ministering at Two Tables – a formation process for Deacons.

The Diocesan Liturgy Council serves the diocesan community in promoting the principles and practice of the sacred liturgy. [Information about this Council is available online](#). The work of the Council is supported by the Pastoral Ministries Worship and Prayer team.

The remaining DLC meetings for 2024 are Thursdays 09 May, 13 June, 11 July, 08 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November and 12 December. Meetings are at Newcastle West from 4.00 to 6.00 pm.

If you have anything you would like the Council to discuss, please email worshipandprayer@mn.catholic.org.au.