



Office of Worship
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

May 7, 2008

Dear Priests and Parish Musicians/Liturgical Associates,

I hope this mailing finds you well. As you can see, there are a number of items in this package. Two of them are 1.) the liturgical calendar for the remainder of the year and 2.) some liturgical notes in newsletter format. The notes are meant to address matters of interest or questions that have come up within this diocese, so hopefully they will prove helpful.

Besides those inserts, allow me to briefly explain the other pieces included in this mailing:

- **Afternoons of Reflection brochure.** These free retreats (scheduled for June 1st & 8th) fulfill the annual requirement for lectors and all extraordinary ministers. Please advertise them in your parish bulletins. The form is also available online: <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/WORSHIP/>
- **Summer Conferences.** There are several liturgically-oriented summer conferences nearby, including Notre Dame SummerSong (<http://liturgy.nd.edu/summersong/index.html>) and the regional National Association of Pastoral Musicians convention in Cleveland, OH. I have included the registration form for that NPM convention, along with a letter from local NPM chapter president Theresa Slott, detailing discounts that are available up until May 15th.

Another conference that I strongly encourage all in the diocese to consider attending is the **Notre Dame Center for Liturgy's "Forgotten Sacraments" Conference** (June 16-18 on campus). It will focus on Marriage, Holy Orders, Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick. A full brochure is included. The NDCL Director, Dr. David Fagerberg, also wanted me to let you know that the Center is extending a special offer to our diocese—those who can't make the entire conference can still attend any one day for a discount rate of \$100 (housing & meals not included). Those interested in that offer should email ndcl@nd.edu directly to register.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Guidelines.** Official amendments to these diocesan guidelines have been made and approved by Bishop D'Arcy, to ensure that the guidelines are in harmony with existing Church laws. A copy of the amendments is included. If possible, a copy should be made and distributed to go with every existing guidelines booklet, until a new booklet is printed. The amendments must be incorporated into all extraordinary minister trainings, and all current EMHC's should be made aware.
- **Substitute Organists.** The Office of Worship keeps a list of substitute organists. Please contact us for a copy, especially if extra help is needed during the summer. Also, please keep in mind our diocesan Organist Training Program, which can train aspiring church organists at your parish (and even help to fund their training). Please contact us for information.

All the best for the summer months.

In Christ,

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