

**Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water  
Area Worship Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

7:00 p.m. Church of St. Thomas More, Lake Lillian

Present: Doug Bernhagen, Terry Brunson, Tim Cayler, Joan Conway, Bev Egge, Larry Fujan, Tim Macik, Fr. Steve Verhelst

Absent: Larry Gunter, Chris Herman, David Rivers

- I. Opening Prayer – Led by Fr. Steve Verhelst
- II. Recommitment to the Vision
- III. Upcoming AFC events/dates
- IV. Pastor's Report
  - a. Future Consultation Meetings at OLOL and St. Mary's will be scheduled in the fall
  - b. Thank you for all the hard work put forth to host the Diocesan Chrism Mass
  - c. Thank you for the great experiences during Holy Week; a beautiful Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday
  - d. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion
    - i. April 25 & 26, 2015 – Churches of St. Patrick and St. Mary
    - ii. May 3, 2015 – Church of Our Lady of the Lakes
    - iii. Baccalaureate Masses
      1. May 17, 2015 – Church of St. Mary
      2. May 31, 2015 – Church of Our Lady of the Lakes
  - e. Budgets – suggestions/ideas, as it will be presented at the end of the April to the Area Stewardship and Area Pastoral Council for approval

**Committee-specific agenda**

- V. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2015
- VI. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Strike evaluation of Confirmation, as it was done in March
  - b. Evaluate Diocesan Chrism Mass – March 26, 2015 at the Church of St. Mary
    - i. The oil distribution was a disaster! Need to have more specific directions, need to begin filling the oil containers sooner, need to mark with oil is at each table, need to be more aware of which churches should receive more oil because of size.
    - ii. Seemed well planned
    - iii. Music did not allow for full, active and conscious participation and did not represent the music styles of the Diocese.
  - c. Evaluate Lent/Holy Week/Easter
    - i. Lent – liked having the Confiteor and Kyrie, the homilies were very thought-provoking, good preparation for Easter, Stations of the Cross very well attended at the Church of St. Patrick. Does there need to be more time for

silence? Silence is good, makes people slow down and think, which is not part of daily life for many

- ii. Holy Week – Liturgies/Services were beautiful, well attended and obviously thought out. Suggestion to put more of an effort to inviting people to these celebrations – especially if a worship site will not be having one of the Holy Week Masses/Services.

1. Holy Thursday – probably the largest assembly seen at St. Mary’s. Average attendance at OLOL
2. Good Friday – well attended, respectful, need to make sure everything is ready for the readings
3. Easter Vigil – first time incorporating more elements of Spanish, using the projection screens and not printing a worship aid. Concern expressed that there was disconnect for people who are not use to the bilingual celebration. Comment regarding the Lord’s Prayer being spoken in various languages at the same time was very moving. Music was beautiful. A parishioner commented that this was the “most beautiful Easter Vigil” she has ever attended.
4. Easter Sunday – all worship sites had good attendance, energy and joy. St. Pat’s served rolls and coffee after Mass, and was well received.

d. Future Agenda Items

- i. Looking ahead – what role can this committee play in the New Evangelization? What would be needed (enrichment) to move forward?
- ii. Is there an opportunity to bring youth representation on this committee to provide a lens from their perspective?
- iii. Ministry Days – target something in the fall of 2015. Is the “Spotlight” idea going forward?

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: **May 5, 2015**, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Patrick, Kandiyohi

Respectfully submitted by Tim Cayler – AFC Director of Music