

Jubilee 2003
Diocesan Pastoral Plan
Promulgated by the
Most Reverend George J. Lucas,
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois,
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Goal 1
**Grow in our communion
with God and one another
through prayer and the
celebration of the
sacraments, especially
Sunday Eucharist.**

- Promote catechesis on the Holy Eucharist as the source and summit of Catholic life.
- Promote catechesis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and its place in Catholic life.
- Foster full, conscious, and active participation in the life of the Church.
- Revitalize Sunday as the first holy day of all – a day of Christian joy.
- Encourage Eucharistic adoration in parishes and institutions.
- Participate in retreats and renewal programs.

Our response to God's invitation to grow in our communion with him and with one another leads us to prayer, to the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. The Second Vatican Council expressed the profound hope that all members of the Catholic community would be engaged in "full, conscious, and active participation" in the liturgy and, therefore, the life of the Church. This is our primary goal as a diocesan Church – to grow in communion with God and one another by participating fully in the life of the Church.

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Eight Basic Principles and Twenty- Four Strategies for Good Liturgy

BISHOPS' COMMITTEE ON THE LITURGY, National Conference of Catholic Bishops [now the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops], **Music in Catholic Worship**, 15 November 1982.

MCW, no. 6. Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken and destroy it.

MCW, no. 7. To celebrate the liturgy means to do the action or perform the sign in such a way that its full meaning and impact shine forth in clear and compelling fashion. Since liturgical signs are vehicles of communication and instruments of faith, they must be simple and comprehensible. Since they are directed to fellow human beings, they must be humanly attractive. They must be meaningful and appealing to the body of worshipers or they will fail to stir up faith and people will fail to worship the Father.

VATICAN COUNCIL II, **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy** *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 4 December 1963.

CSL, no. 2. The liturgy is important to the life of the Church because

- it is the outstanding means
- whereby the faithful
- may express in their lives
- and manifest to others
- the mystery of Christ
- and the real nature of the true Church.

CSL, no. 14. **The goal of the whole liturgical reform called for by Vatican Council II is this:**

- full, conscious, and active participation
- in the liturgy
- by all the people.

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**EIGHT BASIC PRINCIPLES
FOR THE PROMOTION, REFORM, AND GOOD
CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY**

CSL, no. 5.

PRINCIPLE ONE:

Liturgy celebrates the paschal mystery (the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension) as the redeeming work of Jesus Christ the Lord.

CSL, no. 7.

PRINCIPLE TWO:

Liturgy celebrates the many ways Christ is present in the Church.

CSL, no. 7.

PRINCIPLE THREE:

Liturgy, through the power of Christ, makes people holy.

CSL, no. 8.

PRINCIPLE FOUR:

Liturgy prepares and leads the Church to the heavenly life with God.

CSL, no. 9.

PRINCIPLE FIVE:

Liturgy invites believers to live the Christian life: a life grounded in catechesis, community, worship and liturgy, and service.

CSL, no. 10.

PRINCIPLE SIX:

Liturgy is both the summit and the fount for the Church.

CSL, no. 11.

PRINCIPLE SEVEN:

Liturgy requires the faithful to have proper dispositions and pastors to realize the law is not enough.

CSL, no. 13.

PRINCIPLE EIGHT:

Devotional prayer is always in harmony with liturgical prayer.

See *Rite Magazine* (LTP) for a narrative on these principles, January-February 2005, March-April 2005, and May-June 2005.

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See the more complete workbook, "Weighing Practices against Principles: Revisiting the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, A workbook for building on the eight basic principles." Available from the Office for Worship/RCIA, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

**TWENTY- FOUR STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE
THE PROMOTION, REFORM, AND GOOD CELEBRATION
OF THE LITURGY**

CSL, no. 14. **STRATEGY 1:**
Pastors are filled with the spirit and power of the liturgy.

CSL, nos. 18-19. **STRATEGY 2:**
Promote the liturgical catechesis, instruction, and formation of the faithful.

CSL, no. 24. **STRATEGY 3:**
Promote a love and understanding of sacred Scripture.

CSL, nos. 26-27 **STRATEGY 4:**
Communal celebrations of Mass, the sacraments, and blessings are preferred.

CSL, nos. 28-29. **STRATEGY 5:**
Ministers know the nature, tasks, and limits of the liturgical ministry they perform.

CSL, nos. 30-32. **STRATEGY 6:**
The people actively participate in liturgy.

CSL, no. 35. **STRATEGY 7:**
The spoken word – Scripture, preaching, and liturgical catechesis – are done extraordinarily well.

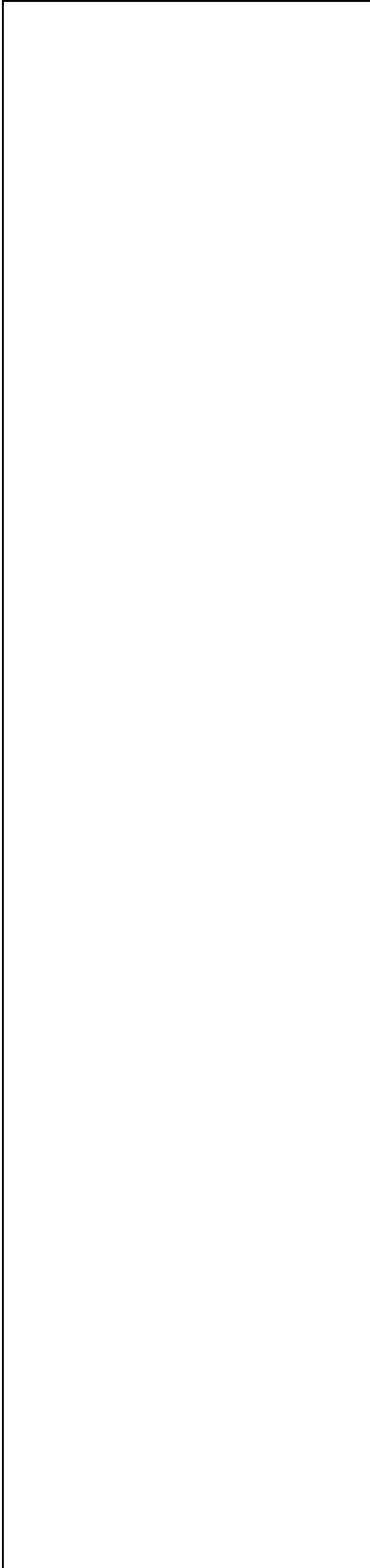
CSL, nos. 37-39. **STRATEGY 8:**
A full and intelligent use of approved adaptations and options are employed for the benefit of the faithful.

CSL, nos. 41-42. **STRATEGY 9:**
Promote and participate in celebrations with the diocesan bishop.

CSL, nos. 43-46. **STRATEGY 10:**
The parish liturgical commission, under the direction of the pastor, oversees liturgy, music, and art.

CSL, no. 48. **STRATEGY 11:**
The faithful participate fully in Mass.

CSL, no. 55. **STRATEGY 12:**
The people receive communion consecrated at the Mass in which they participate.



CSL, nos. 59-61. **STRATEGY 13:**
Sacraments, sacramentals and blessings are celebrated regularly so that Church life and material things are opportunities to praise God.

CSL, no. 64. **STRATEGY 14:**
The initiation of adults and children of catechetical age [RCIA] is implemented in the parish.

CSL, no. 72. **STRATEGY 15:**
Communal and individual rites of reconciliation are regularly celebrated.

CSL, no. 73. **STRATEGY 16:**
Communal and individual rites of the anointing of the sick are regularly celebrated.

CSL, nos. 77-78. **STRATEGY 17:**
Marriage is celebrated with care and attention to the ritual text.

CSL, no. 79. **STRATEGY 18:**
Sacramentals and blessings are regularly celebrated.

CSL, nos. 81-82. **STRATEGY 19:**
The funeral rites reflect the paschal mystery and the parish's pastoral care to those who grieve.

CSL, nos. 99-100. **STRATEGY 20:**
Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours is sung in common on Sundays and other special days.

CSL, nos. 102-105. **STRATEGY 21:**
The parish fosters both understanding and rich celebration of the liturgical year.

CSL, no. 106. **STRATEGY 22:**
Sunday is respected as the first holyday of all.

CSL, nos. 113-114. **STRATEGY 23:**
Every liturgy includes singing of liturgical music by both priest and people.

CSL, nos. 123-124. **STRATEGY 24:**
Art and decoration is suitable for Christian worship and filled with noble beauty.