

BIENNIAL MEETING OF NATIONAL LITURGICAL COUNCIL, CONSULTANTS AND
DIOCESAN LITURGY REPRESENTATIVES

Wollongong

Wednesday 15 January 2014

SCHEDULE

9am: Prayer (10 mins)

9:15: Session 1 (with Liturgy & Music Consultants) (continued in Session 2)

Focus – Liturgical Formation in Australia: Present Needs and Future Directions

Aim: To reclaim CSL's vision for liturgical formation and to identify current needs and future directions

Facilitator: Dr Clare Johnson

Process: Articulation of relevant principles re: Liturgical Formation in CSL (1963)

- NLC Members/Consultants to provide overview (4 minutes) of current liturgical formation offered at different levels, in light of principles in CSL (TBC): *(presenters will prepare a 1-page double-spaced report on their area to be circulated for comment after their presentation)*
 - Mrs. Sophy Morley (Diocesan Liturgical Formation) (All Presenters TBC)
 - Dr. Bill Griffiths (CEO & School Formation)
 - Mgr. Pat O'Regan (Parish Formation)
 - Fr. Brian Nichols (Seminary Formation – Diocesan and Religious Orders)
 - Dr. Geoffrey Cox (Liturgical Music Formation)
- Potential Future Models (4 mins): Bishop Peter Elliott & Fr. Barry Craig (TBC)
 - Pontifical Liturgical Institute – Sant' Anselmo
 - Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music, Rome
 - *Institut catholique de Paris*
 - John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family - Lateran University and
 - Potential Hosts/Collaborators (e.g. Australian Catholic University, tertiary theologates, including seminaries)
- What does Australia need? What can we do now? What should we aim to do in the near future? (CJ)

10:30 Morning Tea

10:45-12noon Session 2 (with Liturgy and Music Consultants) (Facilitator: Dr Clare Johnson)

A: Continuation of Session 1

B: Other Business: Forward planning

- Lectionary for Mass revision update
- Recommendations from Biennial Meeting in Hobart (Feb.-Mar. 2012) – areas for development

Process:

- Brief summary of the Hobart recommendations by PT

- Identify several key areas from this list for immediate focus of NLC and Consultants (volunteers self-nominate to work on these foci over the next 7 months and file an update/report to NLC for Sept. 2014 meeting)
 - Existing NLC, NLAAB, NLMB Projects
 - Powerful Points Resource on Rites of the Church
 - National Liturgical Council Website - Development
 - National/Diocesan Guidelines (or Study Texts) on Liturgical Issues (e.g. Liturgical Music, Sacraments of Initiation, Rite of Marriage, Order of Christian Funerals, Homiletics)
 - Liturgy of the Hours: A Pastoral Adaptation for Sundays (& Weekdays?)
 - NLC/ACBC Survey of Reception of Roman Missal (2010) (participants can pre-prepare their views on the purpose of such a survey & offer suggestions for questions that might be included in the survey)

12noon-12:45pm: Lunch

12:45-2:00pm: Session 3 (with Consultants & Diocesan Liturgy Representatives)

Focus: Celebrating 50th Anniversary of *Sacrosanctum concilium* (1963)
Aim: To revisit the Council's "magna carta" for liturgical reform and renewal. To affirm achievements and refocus on continuing agenda.
Facilitator: Mrs Elizabeth Harrington (TBC)

Process:

- 5 presenters (all TBC) prepare an 8 minute presentation on the following significant themes/chapters of CSL (1963): (*presenters will prepare a 2-page double-spaced report on their area to be circulated for comment after their presentation*)
 - Full, Conscious and Active Participation (Fr Tom Elich)
 - Liturgical Music (Mrs Jenny O'Brien)
 - Liturgical Art & Environment (Fr Stephen Hackett, MSC)
 - Liturgical Inculturation (Dr Carmel Pilcher RSJ)
 - Preaching (Archbishop Mark Coleridge)
- Discussion in Groups of where we stand in relation to each of these themes (one theme per group), what has been done well; what still needs to be done...
- Identify some shared/particular resolutions (1-3 aims) to be undertaken at state/regional/local level in light of presentations/discussion. How can NLC assist in the achievement of these local objectives?

2:00: Afternoon Tea

2:15-3:15pm Session 4 (with Consultants and Representatives)

Focus: Diocesan Reports on the Liturgical Apostolate Around Australia – A Synthesis of Offerings/Developments/Needs
Aim: To provide a snapshot of the liturgical apostolate around Australia: What is currently being offered, what are the ongoing challenges/needs and some concluding recommendations.

Facilitator (TBC): Fr Tom Elich
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Process:

- Diocesan reports are due to the National Liturgical Office by 18 Dec. 2013 for collation
- Collated reports will be analysed by the facilitator and a suggested plan for local implementation of liturgical resources/formation will be offered for group consideration/discussion (in regional- or state-based groups to facilitate sharing of resources/proximity of personnel). [NB: Regional collaboration/consultation by Diocesan Liturgical Commissions is highlighted in CSL (1963) art. 45.]
- Group discussion to consider recommendations that liturgical consultants and representatives can take back to Bishops/Diocesan Liturgical Commissions/Contacts/Offices in light of overview, analysis and sharing of ideas.

3:45pm Opening Mass for “Lift Up Your Hearts” Liturgy Conference

NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS & FACILITATORS

- 1) *Due to the short nature of this Biennial Meeting, it is imperative for all participants to come primed for the group sessions, with some ideas already thought through, at least initially.*
- 2) *For facilitators, the aim of the group sessions is to arrive at some form of resolution regarding what is being discussed so that participants feel that their time and effort has been productive. Even if the sessions can't resolve all issues (which can never happen!), at least delegates have some form of clear or clearer plan going forward, and that some progress has been made.*