

NATIONAL MEETING OF LITURGISTS FOCUSES ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF LITURGY AND CATECHESIS

[FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]

164 delegates from 94 dioceses gathered in the Archdiocese of Hartford, October 9 - 12, 2007 for the annual National Meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.

The meeting, jointly sponsored by the Federation of Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) and the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy (BCL), focused its three Study Mornings on *Liturgy, the Privileged Place of Catechesis*.

In his presentation, Rev. Paul Turner, reflected on the topic through the lens of a liturgist – pointing out how the liturgy catechizes through the building, people, texts, and rubrics. Dr. Carole Eipers, a noted catechist, illustrated how in the “dance of discipleship” liturgy enhances catechesis, and in turn, catechesis enhances liturgy. Each presentation was followed by directed table discussion and Q & A with the presenter. On Friday, the Study Morning facilitator, Ms. Rita Thiron, summarized the presentations and discussion and invited the two presenters to discuss the case of infant baptism from their own ministerial vantage point. Excerpts of the addresses will be posted on the FDLC web site (www.fdlc.org).

In the course of the meeting the Federation presented its annual Frederick R. McManus Award for pastoral liturgy to Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Robert F. Taft, S.J. The FDLC also honored Rev. Msgr. James P. Moroney upon his twenty years of service to the Federation as a Board member, Board Chair, and as Associate and Executive Director of the USCCB Secretariat for the Liturgy. Both Taft's and Moroney's remarks will appear on the FDLC web site (www.fdlc.org).

During the meeting the diocesan delegates adopted the following resolutions formed during the meeting and presented to the floor by the FDLC Executive Committee.

Executive Committee Resolution 2007 /01 Guidelines on Use of Media

Whereas, we are aware of technological developments in our world and that we live in a video/media/digitally dominated culture;
Whereas, we see emerging efforts at using projected images as worship aids and adornments to the worship space and celebrations;

Statement

1. It is the position of the delegates to the 2007 National Meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions that the FDLC
2. provide guidelines for the judicious use of electronic multi-media technology,

3. during the celebration of the liturgy,
4. and for the incorporation of necessary equipment
5. in the design of worship spaces in accord with Built of Living Stones #233.
6. These guidelines should include a statement of relevant issues regarding the use of copyrighted materials

We request that a time-line and procedure for implementation of this resolution be set by the FDLC Board of Directors by January 31, 2008.

Executive Committee Resolution 2007 /02 2009 National Meeting

Given the importance and significance of the catechetical materials being produced by the FDLC in preparation for the implementation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal, and given that our national meetings are opportune times for us, as a body together, to do our best work,

Statement

1. It is of immediate concern that the FDLC include time in the 2009 National Meeting
2. for a thorough presentation and study of these materials,
3. for which we, in turn, will be responsible in our dioceses.

We request that a time-line and procedure for implementation of this resolution be set by the FDLC Board of Directors by January 31, 2008.

Business sessions included the presentations of reports from the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy offered via video by its Chair, Most Reverend Donald Trautman, Bishop of Erie, and from the Federation's Chair of the Board of Directors, Reverend Monsignor John Burton. Both reports will appear on the FDLC web site (www.fdlc.org).

*THE 2007 NATIONAL MEETING
OF DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSIONS*



LITURGY:
THE PRIVILEGED PLACE OF
CATECHESIS

They recognized him in the breaking of bread