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Dear Friends:

I am very happy to greet the membership of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions on the occasion of the 2018 National Meeting. The assistance and inspiration offered to the Church in the United States by the Federation is a gift from God, its work uninterrupted since 1969. As summarized by the Federation’s Executive Director, Mrs. Rita A. Thiron, this assistance and inspiration has been and continues to be carried out faithfully “by providing leadership, scholarship, and resources to aid in the authentic implementation and celebration of the liturgy.” For this, the Church is deeply grateful.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta is honored to greet all the delegates to this National Meeting, and we hope your stay is fruitful and fulfilling. To this end, you have our prayers for the successful outcome of your deliberations, that the Holy Spirit will guide you in all matters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Wilton D. Gregory]
Archbishop of Atlanta

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Dear Members of the Federation,

On behalf of all of us in Region XIV and in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, I welcome you to “The Big Peach!”

While Atlanta was once known as a “sleepy little Southern town,” it is anything but that now. Atlanta is a bustling, thriving, diverse metropolitan area with a population of over seven million people (and the traffic to prove it). It is considered the economic and transportation capital of the South. Over twenty major national and international companies are headquartered in metro Atlanta including seven Fortune 100 companies—Coca-Cola, Home Depot, United Parcel Services, Delta Airlines, AT&T Mobility, and Newell Rubbermaid. Over 75 percent of Fortune 1000 companies have a presence in Atlanta and the surrounding area. Atlanta’s Hartsville-Jackson Airport is the largest and busiest airport in the world. (Yes, even bigger than Chicago’s O’Hare.)

The economic growth of Atlanta since World War II also contributed to the growth of Catholicism in north Georgia. While the Archdiocese of Atlanta is only 56 years old, it now includes 112 parishes and missions and over 1.1 million Catholics. That number is increasing with over 2000 people joining the Church every Easter. The diversity of population in metro Atlanta and north Georgia are reflected in our local Catholic parishes. Masses are celebrated in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, French/Creole, Polish, Portuguese, American Sign Language, and Latin. The Catholic faith is quite strong and flourishing in north Georgia.

We know that you will be warmly welcomed at every turn. While the main street may be called “Peachtree,” remember that seventy other Atlanta streets include a variant of “Peachtree” in their name -- so be aware! Metro Atlanta is known for its Southern hospitality, its quaint Southern charm, its Southern cuisine, its heat and humidity, and its love of college football.

Please take the opportunity to visit the Georgia Aquarium, the College Football Hall of Fame, Centennial Olympic Park, the World of Coke, and the CNN Center—all within walking distance of the hotel. The Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site is just 3.5 miles away. Oh, and don’t not forget to sip a Coke and eat some pecans, peanuts, and peaches.

Once again, welcome to Region XIV and to Atlanta! Feel free to make yourself at home, stay a while, and absorb all that is wonderful and unique about our region.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patricia DeJarnett, Local Chair

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the forty-ninth annual national meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions! We remain grateful to our colleagues in Region XIV who have been preparing for many months, anticipating your arrival and your needs.

We gather at a time when our whole world seems fractured. Our country is torn by conflicting rhetoric, by political parties with competing platforms, by race riots and white supremacist “rallies,” and by news outlets and social media blogs which fuel the flame of debate. It seems like there is always a division of loyalties, of ideologies, and of purpose. When there is such division, one cannot have a common hope, cannot see a common solution, cannot see a way forward. Unity will elude us.

We gather, too, at a time when our beloved Church seems ruptured. Once again, we have been rocked by scandals of sexual abuse and mismanagement. We are all tasked with healing wounds, answering angry questions, assuaging mistrust, and praying for forgiveness and wholeness. In addition, we continue to heal the wounds of centuries of division among our fellow Christians -- to see our common heritage, to perform charitable works, and to speak our common prayer.

In all this, we turn to Jesus Christ as our sure compass on a path to unity. In his earthly ministry, he reached out to the Samaritan woman at the well, to Roman officials, to Jewish leaders, to fishermen, to the rich, the poor, the lame, to hungry travelers, to lepers, to all those on the margins, and even with his last breath, to sinners. He saw in all of them their need for mercy, for compassion, and for unity with him!

It comes as no surprise, then, that our meeting theme is “The Body of Christ: A Prophetic Sign of Unity and Concord.” (Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions -I). It calls to mind what we have been charged to do as members of the Body of Christ. Our very name suggests it -- we are a federation (L- foederatio , a leaguing). This coming together is, in itself, and act of unity. We will network with colleagues, study together, and experience unity in order to further our mission.

Especially in our liturgies, we will serve a common purpose -- to glorify the living God and to seek holiness with him. And especially at the Eucharistic table -- joining in the sacrament of unity -- we will find strength to accomplish it all.

Enjoy the week. Meet someone new, make connections, inspire unity.

Blessings,

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 1  
Memorial, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

9:00 Set-up

2:00 Board meeting until 9:00 PM  
Juniper Room -- Level M 2

5:00 Evening Prayer – Chapel  
International Ballroom D

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2  
Memorial – the Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 Morning Prayer -- Chapel  
International Ballroom D

8:30 Exhibit set up until 11:00

9:00 Board meeting until noon  
Juniper Room – Level M-2
Registration opens

12:30 New Member Orientation  
Magnolia Room – Level M-2

1:30 OPENING RITE AND WELCOME  
Dr. Patricia DeJarnett, Local Chair  
Members of Region XIV

2:00 OPENING ADDRESSES  
Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Archdiocese of Atlanta  
Chair, Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship

Father Tom Ranzino, Chair, FDLC Board of Directors

Rita A. Thiron, Executive Director

3:00 Break; Exhibits Open  
International Ballroom E
3:30  Regional Caucuses

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5:00  Board bus to Basilica
      (Continuous loops)

6:00  OPENING EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

  Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
  Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Principal Celebrant

7:30  OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION:
      “A TASTE OF THE REGION”

  Omni Hotel -- South Tower
  Atrium Terrace B, overlooking CNN lobby
STUDY DAY -- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00  Study Day Registration opens  
      International Ballroom Lobby

8:30  Morning Prayer  
      International Ballroom D

9:00  Welcome  
      International Ballroom F

9:05  **PLENARY SESSION I  \  A NEW WAY FORWARD FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN**

“Racism is an attack on the image of God that has been given to every one of us by the Creator (Gen. 5:1-3). Because each person has been created by God, we are all united together with the Lord and with each other. Racism rejects what God has done by refusing to acknowledge the image of God in the other, the stranger and the one who is different. The fact that we were created in the image of God should remind us that each person is a living expression of God that must be respected, preserved and never dishonored” (USCCB Committee Against Racism).

Racism is divisive and damages the harmony and oneness that should characterize all our relationships. Following the advice of St. Paul, we can pray for the grace to look beyond prejudices: “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Eph: 4:32). How can the Liturgy and its ministers be a source of healing, acceptance, and unity?

**ARCHBISHOP WILTON D. GREGORY** was born in Chicago and studied at Mundelein Seminary. Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 9, 1973, he later began graduate studies at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute (Sant’ Anselmo) in Rome. There, he earned his doctorate in Sacred Liturgy in 1980. He has been awarded nine honorary doctoral degrees.

In Chicago, he served in various pastoral roles, including as faculty member of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, and as a master of ceremonies to Cardinals John Cody and Joseph Bernardin. He was ordained an auxiliary bishop of Chicago on December 13, 1983. In 1994, he was installed as the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Belleville, IL. On December 9, 2004, Pope John Paul II appointed Bishop Gregory as the sixth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He was installed on January 17, 2005.

Archbishop Gregory has served in many leading roles in the U.S. church. In November 2001, he was elected president of the USCCB, following three years as vice president. He served on the Executive and Administrative Committees, the Administrative Board, the Committee on Doctrine, and the Conference Committee on International Policy. He currently serves as the Chair of the Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship, a role he previously held from 1991-1993.

10:15: table Discussion

10:30  Break  
      Sponsored by Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw  
      International E
“...Division [among Christians] openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature. But the Lord of Ages wisely and patiently follows out the plan of grace on our behalf, sinners that we are. In recent times more than ever before, he has been rousing divided Christians to remorse over their divisions and to a longing for unity. Everywhere large numbers have felt the impulse of this grace, and among our separated brethren also there increases from day to day the movement, fostered by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for the restoration of unity among all Christians. This movement toward unity is called "ecumenical." Those belong to it who invoke the Triune God and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior, doing this not merely as individuals but also as corporate bodies. For almost everyone regards the body in which he has heard the Gospel as his Church and indeed, God's Church. All however, though in different ways, long for the one visible Church of God, a Church truly universal and set forth into the world that the world may be converted to the Gospel and so be saved, to the glory of God....” (Unitatis Redintegratio, Decree on Ecumenism, Second Vatican Council, November 21, 1964).

Recall that before his death, Christ prayed, “May they all be one” (Jn 17:21). How have our own prayers been joined to that plea? What role has the liturgy played in promoting or prohibiting unity? How can we all be instruments of unity?

Father Donald J. Rooney is a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, VA. Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Dallas in 1983, spent several years as owner of an advertising and design firm in Dallas, then entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Pennsylvania.

Father Rooney was ordained on May 21, 1994 and was appointed as parochial vicar of All Saints Church in Manassas. In 1996, he was assigned to the diocesan mission parish of San Francisco de Asís in Bánica, Dominican Republic. He returned to the diocese in 1998 and has served at St. Leo the Great Church in Fairfax, at St. Mary Immaculate in Fredericksburg, and at St. Bernadette Parish in Springfield.

Father Rooney is director of the diocesan Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and recently finished two terms as president of the Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers. He serves as a consultant to the USCCB Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

Noon table discussion
12:15 Q and A session to both presenters
12:30 Lunch and exhibits
WORKSHOPS
Each will be offered at 1:30 to 2:45 and repeated from 3:15 to 4:30.

WORKSHOP 1
JUNIPER ROOM – LEVEL M-2

“DO NOT FORGET THE POOR, O LORD” (PS 10:12B)
The enormous gap between rich and poor is not simply “what ought to be.” This conviction is deeply written in both the prophetic and wisdom literature of the Bible. In countless ways, the revealed word of God compels us to reach out to the marginalized. In particular, the psalms speak to us about human poverty and our duty to “rise and do justice.”

**Presenter:** Dr. Don Saliers is a theologian, musician, and liturgical scholar. Since 2015, he has been the Theologian-in-Residence at the Candler School of Theology of Emory University (Atlanta). He served as the William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship at Emory until his retirement in 2007. He holds a B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University. He was awarded a Bachelor of Divinity and his Doctor of Philosophy from Yale University. He also attended the University of Cambridge.

He is the author of fifteen books and has served as a visiting professor at the University of Notre Dame, the Vancouver School of Theology, and Boston College. He has served as Past President of the North American Academy of Liturgy and the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality. He is chaplain to the American Guild of Organists.

WORKSHOP 2
MAGNOLIA ROOM – LEVEL M-2

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: PASTORAL, SACRAMENTAL, AND CANONICAL ISSUES WITH CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION
In our mission of evangelization and Christian initiation, we frequently encounter people from other Christian Churches and ecclesial communities. This session will address pastoral, sacramental and canonical issues regarding our relationship with them, especially the Eastern Orthodox Churches. Case studies are used to illustrate the basic principles.

**Presenter:** Dr. Eileen Jaramillo is a professor of Canon Law at University of Detroit Mercy and Siena Heights University. She has also taught at Loyola University and the Ecumenical Theological Seminary. She has served as a judge in the tribunal in Catholic Dioceses of Columbus, Ohio and Lansing, Michigan. She has been a member of the Canon Law Society of America since 1990 and was elected to its Board of Governors in 2006.

She holds a B.A. in Education, cum laude from New Mexico State University; an M.Div. from SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary; and an M.A. in Theology from Aquinas College. She was awarded a D.Min. from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary and a
Licentiate in Canon Law and an M.C.L. from St. Paul University and the University of Ottawa, 1991. She received a commendation from Pope Benedict XVI.

In 2006, Dr. Jaramillo co-authored a book on reception practices and the Eastern Churches; over 4000 copies are in use in the dioceses of the USA and Europe. Evolving Into A Vibrant Religious Institute, a book she published in 2014, has made its way into 104 countries.

WORKSHOP 3  
CYPRUS ROOM -LEVEL M-2

AFTER REFORMATION 500: RE-FORMING THE BODY OF CHRIST

The five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation was an opportunity for Lutherans and Roman Catholics to heal the body of Christ by building relationships through joint commemorations, education and service. This presentation will explore the accomplishments and impediments to the vision of Reformation 500. These lessons may help ministers keep dialogue open and can serve as an antiphon for the church as we live and proclaim Christ in our communities.

Presenter: Rev. Walter Still is the First Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Ft. Myers, FL. He chaired the Bishop’s Reformation 500 Committee of the Florida-Bahama Synod of the ELCA. He earned a PhD in Theology from Duquesne University and serves as an adjunct professor at Barry University.

“Weary from his journey, Jesus does not hesitate to ask the Samaritan woman for something to drink. His thirst, however, is much more than physical: it is also a thirst for encounter, a desire to enter into dialogue with that woman and to invite her to make a journey of interior conversion. Jesus is patient, respectful of the person before him, and gradually reveals himself to her. His example encourages us to seek a serene encounter with others. To understand one another, and to grow in charity and truth, we need to pause, to accept and listen to one another. In this way, we already begin to experience unity. Unity grows along the way; it never stands still. Unity happens when we walk together."

— Pope Francis, January 25, 2015

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2:45  Break with exhibits
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3:15  Workshops Session B
see above

4:30  Break with exhibits
International E

5:00  Board Shuttle Bus (continuous loops)
Lobby 3 (near Morsels)

6:00  EUCHARISTIC LITURGY
SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Bishop Ned Shlesinger, Principal Celebrant

7:30  Shuttle bus returns to hotel
Evening Free
Please see dining suggestions in your packet
### Thursday, October 4

**Memorial – St. Francis of Assisi**

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ABOUT THE FREDERICK R. MCMANUS AWARD

The delegates to the 1994 National Meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions in Saint Louis were responsible for the establishment of a national award which would recognize an individual who or organization which has made significant contributions to furthering the liturgical renewal in the United States.

Subsequently, at its annual meeting in January 1995, the Board of Directors voted to name the award after Monsignor Frederick R. McManus and to designate him as its first recipient. Msgr. McManus (1923-2005) served as a peritus at the Second Vatican Council and drafted significant portions of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. He served several terms as the President of the Liturgical Conference and was instrumental in establishing the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions. He served as the Dean of the School of Canon Law at the Catholic University of America and was a leader in promoting dialogue with Orthodox Christians.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

1995  Rev. Msgr. Frederick R. McManus
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1998  Ms. Adé Bethune
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2016  Reverend Jan Michael Joncas
2017  The Liturgical Press
The National Association of Pastoral Musicians fosters the art of musical liturgy. The members of NPM serve the Catholic Church in the United States as musicians, clergy, liturgists, and other leaders of prayer.

On July 1, 1976, Father Virgil Funk opened an office for the National Association of Pastoral Musicians in Hyattsville, Maryland. As president and CEO, Fr. Funk had a vision of NPM helping train and form liturgical musicians across the United States. By November of that year, Sister Jane Marie Perrot, DC (Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Music Educators) joined Fr. Funk in the office; the first NPM Board of Directors held their initial meeting; and NPM mailed out its first issue of the bimonthly journal Pastoral Music.

In March 1978, the Association held its first National Convention in Scranton, Pennsylvania that drew more than 1,400 participants. By 1980, NPM opened a Western Office in Portland, Oregon, organized the first NPM Chapter in Orlando, Florida, and held its first twelve Regional Conventions. In four short years, NPM was well-established.

Since the early days of NPM, the Association has grown. After thirty-eight National Conventions, more than 100 Regional Conventions, nearly 300 issues of Pastoral Music and numerous institutes, colloquiums and instructional webinars, NPM has served the Church in the United States in varied and profound ways. At its high water mark (mid-1990s), NPM was serving nearly 10,000 active members. As many as eighty-two NPM Chapters were in operation across the United States, serving the musical needs of local Church communities with workshops, programs, concerts and festivals.

In February 2001, Fr. Virgil Funk retired from NPM and Dr. J. Michael McMahon became the second president and CEO. For the next twelve and half years, Dr. McMahon continued to develop the mission of NPM as he empowered volunteer leaders to broaden the reach of the Association. As parish membership began declining in traditionally Catholic areas of the East Coast and upper Midwest during the early 2000s, so did the membership of NPM; yet, through it all, Dr. McMahon strategically led NPM, serving the membership and its mission.

After the departure of Dr. McMahon in 2013, Msgr. Richard Hilgartner was hired as the third president and CEO, while continuing his pastoral duties. In 2016, NPM hired one of its own dedicated members, Stephen Petrunak, who brought with him a wealth of experience as a business manager and pastoral musician. Along with the NPM Board and a dedicated staff, Mr. Petrunak continues to present a clear vision of the organization’s mission and growth.

For over four decades, NPM has provided formation to generations of pastoral musicians and, in so doing, has succeeded in fostering the art of musical liturgy. For those efforts, which have enriched the liturgical life of countless parishioners, the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions is pleased to present the 2018 McManus Award to the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.
Based upon your nominations, the Board of Directors has named Very Rev. Thomas Ranzino as this year’s recipient of the Alleluia Award. The award, which recognizes a member of the Federation for significant contributions to the mission of the FDLC, honors Father Ranzino for his devotion to nearly every aspect of the Federation.

A faithful member from the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Father Tom has represented Region Five on the FDLC Board of Directors since 2003. In that time, he has served on various committees including Sacraments, Eucharist and Liturgical Year, Marketing, Fundraising, and the Executive Committee.

Father Ranzino was elected as Chair of the Board of Directors in 2014. At a time when the FDLC was operating with a new Director and a revised set of Bylaws, Father Tom led us through a period of transition with a strong, but gentle voice. He possessed a clear vision of the role of the Board and the mission of the Federation. Perhaps his greatest gift was always raising the right questions.

He has guided the work of the Board with keen insight and diligence – keeping tasks always before the Board and reminding it of established goals. In addition to his multiple diocesan and parish responsibilities, his dedication to the work of the Federation has been remarkable and his accomplishments have been numerous.

Among many projects, he shepherded a new personnel policy handbook, a new financial policy handbook, and he was the principle author of This Sacred Bond: A Pastoral Commentary on The Order of Celebrating Matrimony. He has been a valued voice as a consultant to the Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship.

With typical humility, he quietly celebrated forty years of priesthood in 2018. For the many ways he has served God’s people in those four decades and for his generous and effective contributions to the work of the Federation, we are pleased to present this year’s Alleluia Award to Father Thomas Ranzino.
In 2001, a fund was established by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions to honor Sr. Joan Tabat, OSF whose earthly life was cut short by a tragic auto accident. A member of our Board of Directors for many years, “Joannie” was a tireless champion of the liturgical reform. In addition to her national work, she served dioceses in Illinois and in Florida. A $1000 scholarship was to be awarded annually to a student who is pursuing a graduate degree in Liturgical Studies or related field.

This year’s recipient is David Wood, Director of the Office of Worship in the Diocese of Austin. He previously served in the Office of Worship in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

David writes, “I am thrilled and humbled to have been selected as the 2018 recipient of the Tabat Scholarship Award.

“The FDLC is an amazing organization precisely because of remarkable individuals such as Sr. ‘Joannie,’ who have given their lives in service to and promotion of the liturgical reform. I hope to be able to contribute to this mission whose goal is nothing short of the transformation of the world in order to welcome the Kingdom of God.

“This scholarship will be of great assistance to me as I complete the Doctor of Ministry program at Barry University in Miami. I am grateful to the FDLC and to all the donors who have made the Tabat Scholarship a reality.”

FORUM LEGACY GRANTS

When the North American Forum on the Catechumenate closed its doors in 2013, it allocated its remaining funds to the FDLC to continue its mission of formation in Christian Initiation. Thus was born “The Forum Legacy Grant Fund.” Each year, we accept grant applications from dioceses in the United States and Canada. An FDLC committee of former Forum Team Members reviews them. Now in our fifth year, we awarded $5000 in grants to worthy diocesan projects. Congratulations to the following dioceses:

Diocese of Belleville in Illinois
Diocese of Hamilton, Ontario
Diocese of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Diocese of San Jose, California
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (SWLC), Texas
BUSINESS SESSIONS

PROCEDURES FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTING

PRESENTATION: The Position Statement [PS], Resolution of Immediate Concern [RIC], or Executive Committee Resolution [ECR] is read aloud by the authoring region and formally presented on the floor. It is open to questions of clarification or discussion.

AMENDMENT: A member or region may present “friendly” or “formal” amendments. A friendly amendment may be accepted or rejected by the authoring region. A formal amendment will be approved or rejected according to Robert’s Rules of Order.

VOTING: Once the text has been finalized the resolution will proceed to a vote.

- Each dues-paying diocese is entitled to two voting representatives.
- They must be members of and duly authorized by the diocese on behalf of which they vote.
- A delegate may vote in the following categories: “Yes”, “No”, or “Abstain.”
- Each ballot must be signed.
- Ballots are collected and authenticated by the regional representative and submitted to the vote counters.

ADOPTION: Position statements which receive two-thirds “yes” votes of the total ballots submitted are considered to have received the endorsement of the National Meeting delegates and will be turned over to the Board for action as indicated in the body of the Position Statement, RIC, or ECR.
POSITION STATEMENT 2018-01
Submitted by Region 2

RATIONALE
Over the last decade or two, liturgical, music and art commissions, and offices of worship in considerable number of dioceses have been greatly diminished or ceased to exist. Practical reasons, such as the lack of financial resources and the consequent lack of trained personnel or the reorganization of diocesan structures, have played a prominent role in this “downsizing.” However, more significant is the changed nature of the liturgical apostolate in the early decades of the twenty-first century. While continuing to implement newly-translated texts, commissions and offices are still needed to promote and deepen the renewal envisioned by the post-Vatican II reform, to acquaint new generations of Catholics to the nature and requirements of the liturgical life of the Church, and to assist bishops in preserving unity among the diverse styles of diocesan liturgical life.

PREAMBLE:
Whereas, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (no. 45) stated that “every diocese is to have a liturgical commission to promote the liturgical apostolate under the direction of the bishop,”

Whereas, recent decades have seen a decrease in the number of commissions and offices in the dioceses of the United States;

Whereas, that decrease has been due to a variety of factors, including lack of financial resources, fewer persons being formally trained in liturgy, diocesan restructuring, and more importantly, the changed needs for an organized and official apostolate;

Whereas, those needs include (among others) the continued promotion of “the true Christian spirit” of all the baptized based on the Church’s liturgical life, the deepening of full, conscious and active participation in our congregations, the education of new generations of Catholics on the nature and purpose of the liturgical life of the Church, and the assistance of bishops in preserving unity among the diversity of liturgical celebrations in a diocese;

Whereas, new pastoral-liturgical needs require reimagining the structures for addressing those needs:

BODY OF THE STATEMENT:
It is the position of the delegates to the 2018 national meeting of diocesan liturgical commissions that
1. the FDLC Board of Directors, in consultation with the Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship,
2. develop models for diocesan liturgical, music and art commissions
3. in order to continue the work of pastoral liturgical renewal in dioceses and parishes,
4. in fulfillment of the mandate of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy to Bishops that they have such commissions.
5. We ask that this work be done in time to present such models to each Bishop and FDLC member-dioceses at the 2019 national meeting which celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the Federation.
POSITION STATEMENT 2018-02

Submitted by Region 8

RATIONALE
Our region is in large part rural. Even the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis has numerous small and rural parishes with limited resources. We find that many of our small or rural parishes struggle to fully celebrate the liturgy with music and a full complement of ministries. Sometimes it is due to limited human resources. At other times, finances make the support of musicians and liturgists difficult or impossible. We know that there are parishes which regularly celebrate the Sunday liturgy without music or with music only on a few Sundays of the month. In the more complex and solemn celebrations this challenge is even greater.

We also feel that there are others who have struggled with this and may have wisdom and some best practices that could help and support others. We are asking for a means of sharing information and best practices that could be accessed not only by diocesan directors, but by local folks as well.

PREAMBLE
Whereas: the liturgy is the source and summit of the Christian life;
Whereas: the encounter with Christ is an evangelizing moment;
Whereas: there are many small parishes, both urban and rural, in dioceses across our country;
Whereas: there are often very limited resources in these parishes;
Whereas: in many of these parishes well-formed leaders and music ministers are limited or non-existent;
Whereas: this can bring about a sense of disconnect;

1. It is the position of the delegates to the 2018 Meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions
2. that the Board develop a public platform
3. to share resources to assist small and rural parishes with limited means
4. in order to promote liturgical life and authentic celebrations.

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- Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, nos. 5, 110, 111, 112,
RATIONALE
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal itself reminds us that “the celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and the People of God arrayed hierarchically, is the center of the whole of Christian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for the faithful individually” (no. 16). Nonetheless, from the earliest accounts, it was deemed advantageous to reserve the Eucharist primarily to make the Body of the Lord available to the sick outside of Mass. In time, the reserved Eucharist became a worthy focus of prayer and adoration by the faithful. In more recent centuries, the praiseworthy practice of removing the Eucharist from the tabernacle for a more intensive period of adoration, whether in the ciborium or in a monstrance, has become an important expression of piety and devotion, and has been enshrined in the Church’s approved liturgical texts.

Wisely foreseeing a variety of pastoral needs and circumstances, the approved ritual texts allow for the possibility of relatively short periods of exposition, extended periods of exposition at retreats and other gatherings, the incorporation of Exposition and Benediction into other liturgical moments, such as the Liturgies of the Hours, and even the practice of “Perpetual Adoration” under the proper circumstances. In recent years, however, it has been observed that Eucharistic exposition has become far more commonplace than in generations past. Concerns arise when this very solemn moment becomes routine to the point of being trivialized, or when Eucharistic exposition is presented as something more central than the Mass itself, or even when the exposition of the Eucharist draws the faithful away from Mass instead of toward it. Additional concerns arise when the ministers of these rites create novel adaptations of the approved rites or show diminished awareness of the approved texts governing these rites.

A number of novel practices involving exposition of or benediction with the Eucharist have become increasingly commonplace and are worthy of concern, such as the exposition of the Eucharist at meetings and presentations when the Eucharist is not the focus of attention; the practice of processing with the Eucharist within churches in contradiction to the approved rites; the practice of inviting the faithful to touch or to be touched with the monstrance containing the Eucharist; the practice of Perpetual Adoration without the necessary episcopal oversight, especially when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in an unworthy setting or at risk of desecration; the practice of exposing the Eucharist in a bedroom or office in a small monstrance for personal adoration; or even the practice whereby priests or deacons at Mass bless non-communicants in the Communion Procession by making the Sign of the Cross with a Host.

PREAMBLE
Whereas, the practice of exposing the Blessed Sacrament for the adoration of the faithful and the blessing of the faithful with the exposed Sacrament by an approved minister are worthy practices enshrined in the Church’s tradition and liturgical books;
Whereas, the worship of the Holy Eucharist outside of the Mass should always draw the faithful toward fuller participation in the Mass itself;

Whereas, the ritual texts *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass* and (in the Dioceses of the USA) *Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist* supply explicit instructions within a variety of legitimate pastoral contexts for the exposition of the Holy Eucharist;

Whereas, the Vatican’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments promulgated the 2004 instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum* in part to address errors and abuses associated with worship of the Holy Eucharist outside of Mass, some of which still persist;

Whereas, the English translation of the basic ritual text *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass* has not been updated since 1974, and, as this Federation has happily seen with recent revisions of other liturgical texts, the promulgation of an updated text presents opportunity and motivation to revisit familiar liturgical praxis;

**POSITION STATEMENT**

1. It is the position of the delegates of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions that:
2. the Committee on Divine Worship be called upon to undertake a review of existing texts
3. with an eye toward drafting and seeking approval for an updated edition of *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass*.
4. Since such a project will take several years to come to fruition,
5. the delegates renew the call articulated by the Albany assembly
6. to assist Bishops and dioceses by updating, producing, and making available
7. useful catechetical and liturgical materials related to the existing rites and instructions
8. governing the worship of the Eucharist outside Mass.

Upon approval by the Federation, we request that a timeline for this endeavor be established by the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

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October 1968 The BCL convenes a meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commission personnel in Chicago in order to prepare for the *Ordo Missae*. An “Advisory Committee to the BCL” is established, made up of representatives from each of the twelve regions of the USA.

February 1969 The Advisory Commission becomes a “Federation of Commissions.” The BCL conducts an election among the chairs and secretaries of the diocesan commissions in the USA, electing two from each region. They meet for the first time in Pittsburgh and become the charter members of the Board of Directors.

January 1970 The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions was formally established in El Paso and a Constitution and Bylaws were adopted (patterned upon the Southwest Liturgical Conference). The first officers are elected.

1974 Office established in Pevely, Missouri; first Executive Secretary hired: Rev. Mauer Burbach, OSB

1977 National Office moved to Chicago, Illinois

1976-1978 Development of Offices of Worship across the country; a self-study was conducted on the structure of the FDLC

January 1978 Professional consultant leads board meeting and by June 1978 an ad-hoc committee restyles the Board meetings and restructures the FDLC in terms of “regions.” Members of the Board have responsibilities both as Board members and regional representatives. The report was adopted “in substance” at the 1978 Panama City National Meeting.

June 1980 Several more modifications to Bylaws and Constitution; formally adopted at National Meeting in Sun Valley, Idaho. Board votes to move National Office to Washington, DC.


July 1, 1982 FDLC legally incorporated in Washington, DC. The Articles of Incorporation were derived from the FDLC Constitution.

January 1983 Revised Bylaws approved by the Board; additional changes at New Orleans meeting

January 2014 Board of Directors unanimously approves revisions to the Bylaws at a meeting in Chicago
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NORTH TOWER – All Meeting Spaces

SOUTH TOWER – Tuesday Evening Reception
THE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1
Memorial, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
10:00 Set-up
2:00 Board meeting until 9:00 PM
Varies Early Arrivals

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2
Memorial – the Holy Guardian Angels
8:00 Morning Prayer
8:30 Exhibit set up until 11:00
9:00 Board meeting until noon
Registration opens
12:30 New Member Orientation
1:30 OPENING RITE AND WELCOME
2:30 Addresses:
3:00 Break; Exhibits Open
3:30 Regional Caucuses
5:00 Board buses to Basilica
6:00 OPENING EUCHARISTIC LITURGY
7:30 “Taste of the Region”

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4
Memorial – St. Francis of Assisi
8:30 Morning Prayer
9:00 Morning with BCDW
10:00 Regional Caucuses at tables
10:30 Break with Exhibits
11:00 BUSINESS SESSION
Noon Lunch and Exhibits
1:30 BUSINESS SESSION: Comm. Work
3:00 Committee Reports
3:30 Break (exhibits close at 4:00)
4:00 BUSINESS SESSION
5:00 CLOSING MASS at hotel
6:30 Cocktails
7:00 Banquet and Awards

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
Wednesday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 Study Day registration opens
8:30 Morning Prayer
9:00 Welcome
9:05 PLENARY SESSION I:
Archbishop Wilton Gregory
10:15 Table Discussion
10:30 Coffee break; Exhibits Open
11:00 PLENARY SESSION II: Rev. Rooney
Noon Table Discussion
12:30 Q & A to both presenters
1:30 Lunch and Exhibits
2:45 Workshops – Session A
3:15 Workshops – Session B
4:30 Break
5:00 Shuttles to Shrine
6:00 EUCHARISTIC LITURGY
Buses return to Hotel
7:30 Free Evening in Atlanta

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5
Memorial USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
OPTIONAL DAY TRIP
8:00 Board Meeting
9:00 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
National Historic Site
2:00 Return to hotel