



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETING OF DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSIONS

STUDY DAY – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023
NETHERLAND HILTON HOTEL
CINCINNATI, OH

“The Church baptizes children and therefore, relying on the gifts conferred by this sacrament, it must be concerned that once baptized they grow in communion with Christ and each other. The sign and pledge of that communion is participation in the Eucharistic table, for which children are being prepared or led to a deeper realization of its meaning” (Directory for Masses with Children, 8).

From October 10-12, the members of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions – liturgists and formators from the dioceses of the United States -- will gather for their annual meeting. You are cordially invited to join them on Wednesday, October 11, the full day set aside for study and discussion. We welcome your presence in person in Cincinnati or virtually!

The meeting’s theme is “Sign and Pledge of Communion: Masses with Children.” We plan to honor the fiftieth anniversary of the *Directory for Masses with Children*, the universal document promulgated by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1973. The topic will be especially important as we strive to bring young families back to church after the pandemic and to provide for the liturgical formation of both children and parents. A roster of outstanding presenters will offer insights into best pastoral practices, engage with Church documents, and propose formation standards.

PLENARY SESSIONS



“Unless You Become Like a Little Child: The Challenge and Promise of Liturgical Childhood for the Church.” **Dr. Timothy O’Malley**, is the Director of Education at the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame.



“Children as Natural Mystics: A Second Look at the *Directory for Masses with Children*.” **Dr. Donna Eschenauer** is the Associate Academic Dean and Professor of Theology at St. Joseph’s Seminary, Dunwoody, NY.



“ Liturgical Formation for and with Children” **Sr. Sandra Demasi, SSJ, D. Min** has served in education at the elementary, secondary, and university levels. She is the former Director of the Office of Worship in Newark, NJ; a prolific author; and a popular presenter on the formation and initiation of children of catechetical age.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- ★ Music Repertoire for Children and Children’s Choirs
- ★ OCIA as adapted for Children of Catechetical Age
- ★ Panel Discussions with Children and Parish Formators
- ★ Preaching with Children
- ★ Preparing Parents for Sacraments
- ★ Preparing First Communion Liturgies
- ★ The Eucharistic Revival and Children



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