



Role of the Parish Worship Commission

"With zeal and patience, pastors of souls must promote the liturgical instruction of the faithful, and also their active participation in the liturgy both internally and externally..."

-Second Vatican Council, *Constitution the Sacred Liturgy*, 19

The Second Vatican Council affirmed that the purpose of the Church's liturgical worship is the glorification of God and the sanctification of God's people.

The Parish Worship Commission (or Commission for Worship & Sacraments) exists as a consultative body to the pastor to foster vibrant liturgical and sacramental life in the parish to achieve that purpose.

As one of the commissions under the auspices of the parish Pastoral Council, the functions of the Worship Commission are to:

- Promote and foster the liturgical apostolate in the parish community.
- Surface concerns from parishioners in the areas of worship and sacraments.
- Provide consultation to the pastor and his staff.
- Recommend policies in the areas of worship and sacraments for promulgation by the pastor.
- Undertake its own formation in Church teaching and liturgical documents.
- Report to the Pastoral Council on areas of concern regarding worship and sacraments.
- Assist in oversight of parishioner volunteers in liturgical and sacramental ministries and functions.

Membership on the commission is comprised of:

- 6-12 working members, selected from among active parishioners.
 - This may be a mix of elected, discerned, and appointed members.
 - One of them serves as chair.
- The pastor is an *ex officio* member of the commission, meeting at least annually with the commission.
- The director of worship (or equivalent) is an *ex officio* member of the commission, regularly serving as the pastor's delegate to the commission.
- Other staff in the area of worship and sacraments may meet with the commission as needed on occasion.
- A secretary may serve the commission.