

# DIOCESAN LITURGY COUNCIL

# Meeting Report

## May 2023

At their May 11 meeting the Diocesan Liturgy Council members:

- studied Chapter I a. 33-46 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.
- reviewed pastoral guidance document on the Rite of Baptism for Children, for dissemination to the community.
- were updated on progress of conversation to establish appropriate consultation process between the diocesan property team and liturgy council when sacred buildings are being planned or renovated.
- were updated on progress of Communion from the Chalice resumption recommendations.
- received a report from council reps of their initial meeting with Bishop Michael to introduce the work of the Council.
- were updated on upcoming activity of St Josephine Bakhita Working Party.
- attended their annual council dinner.

The work of the Council extends beyond its meetings, particularly through its subgroups and currently includes:

- working with the College of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies on liturgies with the Bishop presiding
- the work of the Christian Initiation Forum:
  - Preparing resources and engaging in initial conversations with those parishes wanting to reimagine the ministry of Christian Initiation
- Facilitating formation including:
  - 'Grace, Simplicity Order' a formation and discernment process for those who have expressed interest in the ministry of Assistant Master of Ceremonies
  - *Stepping Stones* formation for St Benedict's Inner Newcastle Parish who are in the process of establishing a parish bereavement team.
  - With Clergy from overseas who are new to the diocese
  - Supporting deacons in the liturgical aspect of their ministry
  - Considering the ongoing development of liturgical protocols and practices for the Cathedral
- Supporting parishes preparing for the sacraments of confirmation for children

The Diocesan Liturgy Council serves the diocesan community in promoting the principles and practice of the sacred liturgy. [Information about this Council is available online](#). The ongoing work of the Council is supported by the Pastoral Ministries Worship and Prayer team.

The remaining DLC meetings scheduled for 2023 are: Thursdays 08 June, 13 July, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 09 Nov, 14 December. Meetings are at Newcastle West from 4.30 to 6.30 pm.

If you have anything you would like the Council to discuss, please email [worshipandprayer@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:worshipandprayer@mn.catholic.org.au).