

St. Columban Worship Commission
May 11, 2010 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer – Anita Crowder

In Attendance –

Chad Drinnen, Father Larry, John McDonald, Anita Crowder, Jim Miller, Mark Holly, Eileen Klug, Sharon Klug, and Mary Bellman

Old Business:

Pyxes to home bound

Jim Miller received a booklet from the Archdiocese Worship Office to put together a bulletin article related to this topic.

Ed Plageman put together a letter regarding procedures for bringing Eucharist to the homebound. The letter was distributed and reviewed by the members of the commission. The revised letter will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Jim Miller will instruct the deacons on the instructions.

There are about 4 or 5 parishioners that currently take communion to the sick and homebound on Sunday.

It is important to find out if the parishioners involved are willing and interested in doing this new procedure.

It was recommended to first try out the new procedure with the 8:00 Mass for those that are going to the local nursing home.

The procedures will be reviewed in June and implemented during the month of July.

Usher/Greeter update

Mike Brock is moving ahead on the formation for ushers and greeters. The next formation is Saturday, May 15th. The meeting will review different procedures for the ushers and the spiritual side of being an usher.

The ushers have been given training on how to react in an emergency. The training was offered by the fire department, and included areas such as how to use a fire extinguisher, the use of the alarm system, and the defibrillator. There were 17 ushers that attended the program. There was a discussion about further first aid training in the future such as the procedure for CPR.

Mike Brock will be attending the June 8th meeting.

New Business:

Issue of running out of Eucharist during Mass

There are Eucharistic ministers that are under the impression that they are not permitted to break the hosts while distributing communion. It is okay to break the hosts when distributing communion in order to make sure that there are enough hosts. It is not clear where this idea has come from, and it is important to get this message out to the ministers.

Once a minister is finished, they should walk around and make sure the other distributors do not need more hosts.

It is also important that before a minister goes to the tabernacle for more hosts that they check in the area to see if anyone else has some hosts that they can use.

Ministers should only go to the tabernacle when all of the hosts have been used.

When a minister runs out of communion, they should not just walk away. They need to let the person in front of the line know that they will be right back.

Hand Rail

Jim Miller brought up the point that some people are having trouble coming up the steps to the altar.

There is a request to see if a railing could be put on the steps to help them up when coming up to the altar.

Jim will contact someone to see if a design could be put together to see how it would look.

Closing Prayer: Anita Crowder

Next meeting: June 8, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Prayer - Eileen Klug

Refreshments - Father Larry