

## *Department for Christian Life and Worship*

### **Liturgy Committee** **Annual Report 2008**

#### Introduction

The Committee has met three times in the last year in London.

#### Membership

Rt Revd Alan Hopes

*Chairman*

Ms Ann Blackett Moynihan

Revd Dr Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ

Revd Philip Gillespie

Revd Tim Menezes

Revd Dr Peter McGrail

Revd John Meredith

Mgr Philip Moger

Revd Michael O'Boy

Mrs Gillian Ambrose

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#### Committee Projects

Following the process of reflection at the September and December 2005 meetings of the Committee a number of areas of work had been identified for development.

- Formation for bishops and other clergy (initial and on-going)
  - Liturgical Spirituality — Mystagogy
  - Presiding — leading the assembly in worship
  - Preaching
- Sunday
  - Sunday's liturgy as Source and Summit, as 'fountain of grace' for the week
- RCIA
  - Basic understanding of what the Church expects of its initiatory processes
  - Celebrations
- Prayer of the Faithful

Different members of the Committee have taken responsibility for the projects. Members have produced a short guide to the Prayer of the Faithful which is available on the Liturgy Office website. The work on Spirituality is being developed in liaison with the Spirituality Committee. The project on RCIA has been remitted to the Formation Subcommittee. The other projects members are beginning to address the issues and finding time to develop them within the constraints of their current positions.

## Projects

### **Translation of the Roman Missal**

Bishop Hopes has invited the Committee to send comments to him on the sections of the translation of the Roman Missal as they have been received. These include: Grey Book — Order of Mass II, Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Intentions, Proper of Saints, Commons, Votive Masses and Masses for the Dead, Antiphons, Introductory Documents and Appendices.

### **Working Groups**

The Committee has a number of working groups:

#### Marriage Rites

A form for use at a Convalidation and also proposed the availability of the alternative Civil words in the Marriage Rite was presented for approval to the bishops; subsequently a letter about the texts was written to the Congregation for Divine Worship.

#### Celebrating Endings and Beginnings

Services for the Installation of a parish priest have been a focus of recent work. Examples were collated from dioceses and other sources and considered. The Committee have proposed that a model text for dioceses would be welcome.

#### Directory of Texts for Singing

The Working Group has reviewed the results of the consultation with dioceses and has prepared collection of model texts arranged according to various categories. For each category there is an introductory note. There is now a complete draft of this material which has been reviewed by the Liturgy Committee. The Working Group is now developing an introductory document.

### **Review of Department papers**

The Committee commented on the following Department papers and issues: Burial of Ashes, Adaptations for England and Wales to be made to GIRM. The Committee also had the opportunity to discuss formation issues connected with the Norms for the distribution of Holy Communion and the possible need for a Lectionary for use with children.

### **Reports**

The Committee received reports from people representing the Department at the *Churches Funeral Group*, and *Joint Liturgical Group*. Mrs Gillian Ambrose keeps the Committee up to date on the current work of the Church of England Liturgical Commission.

# Formation Subcommittee

## Introduction

The Subcommittee has met 4 times in the last year in Leeds and London.

## Membership

Mrs Caroline Dollard

Mr Paul Inwood

Revd Martin Jakubas

Revd Peter McGrail

*Chair*

Mr Mike Stanley

Ms Nicky Stevens

## Network Meeting

The 2008 meeting of diocesan liturgy contacts in Leeds looked at the impact of pastoral change in parishes on the liturgical life of a parish.

## Projects

### **Formation for Lay Liturgical Ministers**

With the input from the pilot dioceses the Subcommittee is near to completion on drawing up the Syllabus. The Bishops' Conference agreed that support for the Syllabus should be one of the projects included in the current fundraising initiative.

### **DVD for liturgical formation**

The Subcommittee has been exploring in the last year how they might move this project forward through downloadable video.

## Working Groups

### **Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age**

The Working Group is chaired by Fr Martin Jakubas. The group has nearly finished its work drawing up guidelines and offering examples of best practice.

## Other Work

The Subcommittee received an annual report on the work of the RCIA Network. It is looking at collaboration with the Network in the provision of formation resources.

Martin Foster

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