

## *Department for Christian Life and Worship*

### **Liturgy Committee** **Annual Report 2007**

#### Introduction

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

#### 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 will be available on the Liturgy Office website. For 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 – Proper of Seasons; Green Books – Antiphons, Ritual Masses, Eucharistic Prayers for Children, Masses for Various Needs and Intentions, Proper of Saints II, Votive Masses and Masses for the Dead, Introductory Documents.

### **Working Groups**

The Committee has a number of working groups:

#### Marriage Rites

The group presented to the bishops a form for use at a Convalidation and also proposed the Availability of the alternative Civil word in the Marriage Rite. The *Order of Christian Marriage* has been reviewed and future work had been identified in 4 categories:

1. Before Marriage
2. Married Life – the couple
3. Married Life – parenting and other relationships
4. Separation, Loss & Bereavement

#### 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 others sources and considered. The Committee have proposed that a model text for dioceses would be welcome.

#### Choosing Music for the Liturgy

Dioceses were consulted in the summer of 2007 about model texts for inclusion in a 'directory of texts for singing'. The working party is currently sifting the results. It is intended that the Directory will have an introduction that places the work in context and assists people with the tasks of choosing music for the liturgy.

#### Liturgy and Migrants

The Committee considered some the liturgical needs that had arisen from the recent number of migrants to England and Wales. They supported the view of the Formation Subcommittee who had also considered the matter that material to assist the understanding of the Oriental Churches would be useful.

The Committee also has working parties looking at *Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, Liturgical Formation of Deacons,*

### **Review of Department papers**

The Committee commented on the following Department papers and issues: Norms for the distribution of Holy Communion and adaptations for the Order of Mass. The Committee also had the opportunity to discuss the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum*, and the Lineamenta on the forthcoming Synod on the Word of God.

### **Reports**

The Committee received reports from people representing the Department at the *Churches Funeral Group*, and *Royal School of Church Music*. 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 5 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

The Subcommittee welcomed a new member, Caroline Dollard, and Gillian Ambrose, the observer from the Church of England Liturgical Commission has attended some meetings.

## Network Meeting

In 2007 the meeting with diocesan liturgy contacts was held in London on a single day. In the morning Canon Alan Griffiths presented some of the issues that arose from translating the Roman Missal in the light of *Liturgicam Authenticam*. His presentation was welcomed by participants for the light he brought to this important matter. In the afternoon there was the opportunity to look at reports both national and diocesan and to hear about some forthcoming projects.

## Projects

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

The Subcommittee has continued to work on a Syllabus for Liturgical Ministers. an overnight meet in February was organised to facilitate the writing of course materials for three of the modules. These modules have subsequently been piloted in the dioceses of Arundel and Brighton, Hexham and Newcastle, and Shrewsbury.

Work has continued on the remaining two modules by the Subcommittee. The Department have proposed the Syllabus as a project to form part of the Bishops' Conferences' fundraising initiative.

### **DVD for liturgical formation**

The Subcommittee is working on is a DVD intended for liturgical formation looking at Sunday Mass and using a number of different communities to show good practice in a variety of settings. The Department have asked that such a resource be available for when the new edition of the Roman Missal is published. Though the Subcommittee is aware that similar projects are being considered it is thought that the project has a number of unique qualities that will make it an essential formation tool when it is completed.

## Working Groups

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

At the request of the RCIA Network the Department has set up a Working group to prepare guidelines for Children's Initiation. The group has met twice and is chaired by Fr Martin Jakubas.

#### Other Work

The Subcommittee discussed the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum*, and the Lineamenta on the forthcoming Synod on the Word of God. The Subcommittee's response formed the basis of the Department's response. The Subcommittee also considered the issue of Liturgy and Migrants and received an annual report on the work of the RCIA Network,

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