



PLANNING A EUCHARIST / PLANNING LITURGIES WITH CHILDREN

Opening Prayer

Areas of Concern

Readings: “Word of Power

Music: Chosen from insights gathered from readings

- Not a performance, music must serve, never dominate, the “thread” of the ritual

Processions: Gathering, gifts, communion

Environment: create to invite one into prayer, it is not WHAT, but HOW is most important

Planning

Introductory Rites: Experience a feeling of welcome, belonging

Liturgy of the Word: Proclaiming the word, how does the word challenge and transform us

Liturgy of the Eucharist—we are joined in prayer with the presider

Concluding Rites: We are gathered to be scattered, live the mission, go forth

Things to Keep in Mind

- Is it a daily mass, what age attending?
- Follow guidelines for masses with children (separate handout)
- Follow liturgical calendar of saints, seasons, etc. (separate handout)
- Is Archbishop attending – check appropriate forms (sample liturgy sheet attached)
- Practice with readers, musicians, servers, etc.
- Universal prayers—proper order according to GIRM & write them

Guide (Glossary of terms—separate handout)

Introduction: _____

Gathering Song: _____

Gloria: _____

Reading: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Reading: _____

Gospel: _____

Universal Prayers: _____

Presentation Song: _____

Holy, Holy, Holy, Acclam., Amen _____

Communion Song: _____

Recessional Song: _____

Closing Prayer