UNIT 5: Liturgical Renewal & Liturgical Spirituality

BASIC TOPICS COVERED

- Lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi
- What does it mean to live a “Eucharistic Life”?
- The Church in the world
- Special topics/situations: liturgy and youth; liturgy and justice; liturgy and inculturation; liturgy and spirituality; liturgy and church architecture; liturgy and ecology

PRE-READING

Foundational


Advanced


SCRIPTURE FOR PRAYER/REFLECTION TO BEGIN MEETING

Choose one or a few from:

- Isaiah 59: 1-9
- Isaiah 61: 1-4
• Micah 6: 6-8  
• Psalm 112: 5-9  
• Matthew 5: 38-48  
• Luke 16: 19-31  
• Acts 2: 42-47  
• Romans 12: 14-21

MULTIMEDIA INPUT

_Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ_ (Interactive DVD produced by the Leeds Group)

LIVING A EUCHARISTIC LIFE:  Intro  3:45  
What We Pray…  4:23  
Church in the World  6:02

Choose from among these segments on topics of special interest:

(Youth)  Young People and Mass  6:35  
Youth and Mass  2:36  (found in RECEIVING)

(Social Justice)  Social Justice  2:57  
Inculturation  3:39

(Spirituality)  Adoration in Modern World  2:08  
Architecture  2:25

(Ecology)  Handing on the Good Earth  4:24

PROMPTS FOR DISCUSSION

• “Participation in the life and activity of God is an inescapable, secret ingredient of human history. In other words the history of the world is a liturgy.” (Skelley, p. 86) Do you agree with this statement? What does it mean to you?

• How do you see prayer – faith – life choices in relation to one another? Do we compartmentalize them too often or do we work to weave them together? How?

• What phrases in the new Roman Missal are challenging to you regarding expression of how God works in the world? Why?

• What phrases in the new Roman Missal offer the most promise to you regarding expression of how God works in the world? Why?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

• Does our church and worship space reflect our understanding of the importance of liturgy? How? How could it be improved?

• How integrated is our mission for justice with our liturgical celebrations? Where do we best see this at present?

FINAL QUESTION

Based on all of this, how can we as a staff support our community’s work to enhance the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist?