

Church of St Vincent de Paul

Volunteer Position Description

Title: Member – Worship Commission

Date: February 15, 2010

Works with: Director of Worship

Time requirement: 3-8 hours per month

Meetings: Monthly Meetings – the 3rd Tuesday Evening of each month – except for July and December.

Meetings are of one hour duration, or shorter: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. after prayer and light meal at 6 p.m.

Annual Planning Meeting: January or February

Term: three years

Purpose: The main purpose of each commission is to work with the Pastoral Council and the other commissions to accomplish Parish Mission and Goals. Each commission sets its own commission operating policy/guidelines, and evaluates its results. (For all commissions, see Commission Member Position Description.)

The Worship Commission assists in giving ideas and direction to the liturgical life of the parish, as well as fostering and promoting the spiritual growth of all parishioners. The Commission helps the parishioner gain a sound understanding of what it means to be a baptized Catholic Christian. Each member of the Worship Commission, therefore, commits to participate in guided learning to have a base understanding of the liturgical requirements of the Catholic Church and of the Parish. The Commission seeks to expand opportunities for personal and communal prayer, beyond celebration of the mass, and finds ways to help people in their prayer life both publically and privately – publically, meaning here at our Parish, and privately, as they go through their day. The Worship Commission coordinates with the groups, subcommittees and parishioners in the following areas: music, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters and other ministers of hospitality, servers, art & environment volunteers, sacristans, Children’s Liturgy of the Word volunteers, emergency responders, mass custodian(s) and others. In addition the Worship Commission suggests new worship ideas to the Staff Liturgical Planning group, which coordinates the weekend Masses for the various seasons, prayer services outside of Mass, periodic retreats and Parish Missions. The Commission may form additional subcommittees and task groups to accomplish its objectives.

Membership on the Worship Commission during a one year term may include one of the following responsibilities:

Chairperson/Facilitator

Co-Chairperson/Facilitator

Recorder

Representative of Worship Commission to Pastoral Council

Representatives of Worship to Annual Planning

The Chairperson or Co-chairperson will not be the representative to the Pastoral Council.

The Director of Worship is a participating member of the Worship Commission, but not a representative to the Pastoral Council.

Qualifications:

Has prayerfully discerned commitment and involvement.

Has completed training as prescribed by the Pastoral Council.

Has read and understands Parish Leadership Manual.

Is committed to promoting ongoing two-way communication between parish groups and between parish leaders and parishioners.

Is a person of prayer, desires to learn what the Church teaches about worship and liturgy, and wants to make sure that worship here at St. Vincent’s is a welcoming, inclusive celebration.