



AMERICAN CATHOLIC COUNCIL

Program

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the historic gathering of the People of God called to commemorate, celebrate, and further implement the Second Vatican Council. We gather to listen to each other and to the Spirit working through us as we claim our baptismal responsibility as faithful Catholics. We hope that our Council will encourage us and that it will provide the building blocks for renewing our Catholic Church.

We gather in Detroit as a reminder that 35 years ago the US Bishops, inspired by Vatican II, embarked upon a courageous renewal of our Church through *Call to Action* here in Detroit. Neither Vatican II nor *Call to Action* are yet fully implemented. For some, the current state of our Church is an embarrassment; many have already left the Church; there are growing signs that our Church is moving away from the insights of Vatican II. We are here, however, because we are people of hope, who love the Church, and are not willing to abandon her.

Over 100 Listening Assemblies, including 5,000 Catholics have brought us to this weekend. This is a significant number, but consider how many did not participate and too many other Catholics have already become discouraged with our Church and have left. We who gather, in solidarity with those who cannot physically be present this weekend, need to continue this effort to renew our Church and make it worthy of the one who inspires us, Jesus Christ. We are imperfect instruments, but we care enough to try.

To frame our deliberations we focus on the questions proposed in the Listening Assemblies held across the USA. Some of the questions asked are controversial – that is why we asked them. We wanted to hear what impacted our Catholic faith and how our Church could be more consistent with the gospels and more meaningful in our lives.

WHAT WE ASK OF YOU THIS WEEKEND:

Gather in **prayer**, listening to the Word of God and the Spirit among us.

Respect all speakers, especially those with whom you might disagree.

Speak with **reverence and honesty** about your own experience of faith.

Speak with **humility**, recognizing that “No one has all the wisdom. Everyone has some of the wisdom. Everyone has a different piece.” (Mary Benet McKinney, OSB)

Listen well.

Remember the words of John XXIII, “Let there be unity in what is necessary, freedom in what is doubtful, and **charity in everything.**” (*Ad Petri Cathedram*, June 29, 1959).

Be aware of the **time**, taking no more than your fair share. Speak concisely so that all may have time to share.

Summon your **energy and stamina**. It takes self-discipline and commitment to move from listening – to the work of implementing constructive solutions for the future.

With profound gratitude to all who have made the Council possible, we welcome you,

The American Catholic Council organizing team

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“Motifs of the Spirit”

- The **primacy and importance of Baptism**—through baptism, all are called to conversion and to ministry.
- The **primacy of a well-formed conscience**—the key element in decision making, particularly moral decision making.
- **Collegial and responsible decision making** that respects all individuals and their Spirit-filled gifts.
- The Church is **in the world**, not above it.
- Sincere, open-minded **ecumenism** and **respect for theological diversity**.
- **Enculturation**—adaptation of liturgy/prayer/spirituality to local custom (use of vernacular), respect for cultural diversity in education, governing style, worship, prayer and praxis.
- **Openness** to **all** peoples: saints, sinners, women and men and a view which sees sacraments as food for life’s journey.
- Renewed emphasis on **Sacred Scripture** revealing the life model of Jesus as a standard for personal life and for justice.

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“We are grateful to the Detroit Convention Bureau and the Cobo Convention Center for the extraordinary facilities and assistance that they have given us over two years of planning.

This has been truly a “Dream” venue for the Council. Thank you.”

And so many more—Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Volunteers at Registration.....named and unnamed.

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Program

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011

Pre-Events, Exhibit Hall, Registration

Registration (all day), Detroit Convention Center

4 pm Exhibit Hall opens, Ambassador Hall, DCC

Various Food Vendors and Restaurants will be open throughout the Council

Unit One: Friday Evening Venue: Wayne Hall

Rediscovery of the Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities of all the Baptized by the Second Vatican Council: Who are we?

6:00 Music:

All Are Welcome. Choir, Brass and Congregation

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive,
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this space.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus,
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this space.

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6:10 Introduction and Welcome, Statement of Theme and Overview of the Event Janet Hauter and John Hushon

Opening Prayer Service

Greeting and invocation: Presider

Veni Sancte Spiritus: Choir, soloists, assembly

Reading: Ezekial 37:1-14: Lectors

(When the female lector reads, FROM THE FOUR WINDS COME, O SPIRIT, Spirit-bearers waving banners enter the assembly from four directions. As they pass by your seat, please rise up!).

Presider: O Holy God hear us as we cry to you. Our Church is filled with dried bones in a world hungering for your Life.

Litany of Lament: Readers. (Assembly remains standing)

Veni Sancte Spiritus *Please join in the refrain after every fourth lament, as indicated below.*

1. Weakened by structures that ignore your Wisdom speaking through the people of God, we cry ...
2. Angered by church leaders who protect pedophiles and persecute prophets, we cry ...
3. ¡Se les ha negado la Eucaristía porque no se ha solucionado el problema de la falta de sacerdotes, clamamos!.
- 3a. Denied Eucharist because of failure to address the priest shortage, we cry.
4. Aching for the Eucharist to be celebrated as nourishment for sinners, not a reward for good behavior, we cry ...

Veni Sancte Spiritus

5. Wondering why we are closing parishes rather than opening ordination, we cry..
6. Wir weinen, weil wir uns danach sehnen, schöpferische Theologen zu feiern, anstatt ihre, Ausgrenzung zu beklagen.
- 6.a Longing to celebrate creative theologians rather than mourn their marginalization, we cry...
7. Oppressed by rigid structures of racism, we cry...
8. Blind to the beauty of God's image in gay and lesbian people we cry...

Veni Sancte Spiritus

9. Betrayed by church structures that promote sexism and misogyny, we cry...
10. Outraged by bishops' refusal to use structures of their own creation to be accountable to survivors of clergy sex abuse, we cry...
11. Dismayed by our own guilt and failure to confront the structures of abuse, we cry...
12. Amidst the shattered images of godliness and ministry, we cry...

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Invocation of Spirit: Presider

Time of deep silence (*Please be seated for 2-3 minutes of silent prayer*)

Laying on of Hands: In silence, please join in the ancient Christian gesture signifying the presence of the Holy Spirit, the laying on of hands. Place your hands on the head of your neighbor and pray silently, acknowledging the gift of the Spirit within them. Then allow your neighbor to pray silently over you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Presider

Vatican II Prayer to the Holy Spirit: *All stand and pray together:*

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our limitations, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of our Creator and Savior.

You desire justice for all, enable us to uphold the rights of others;

Do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true as we gather in your name.

May we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you and earn the reward you promised to good and faithful servants.

You live and reign with our Creator and our Savior, One God, forever and ever, Amen.

(Prayer composed by Pope John XXIII for Vatican II. Council Bishops prayed it at the beginning of every session)

6:45 An Interview with Dr. Hans Kung



Swiss theologian, educator, and author; expert advisor at Vatican II and outspoken champion of the reforms instituted by that Council. Ordained in 1954. Author, global ethicist, ecumenist. Degrees from Pontifical Gregorian, Sorbonne, and other noted graduate schools of theology.

7:30 Address: Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez
Reclaiming the Freedom of the People of God



Professor and chair in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Seattle University. Author of books and articles concentrated in the areas of U.S. Latin@ theology; theologies of liberation; peace-building; justice education; and genocide studies. Member of the Academy of Latin@ theologians in the United States. Previous vice chair of Pax Christi. PhD from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California.

8:30 Musical Postlude

Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!*

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

*Mi corazón canta del futuro que prometes.
Que nos purifiquen las llamas de tu justicia.
Seca todas las lágrimas, porque se acerca la aurora,
Y el mundo está por cambiar.*

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Opening of Reform in Action Space (Venue TBA)

Reform In Action (RIA) is the ACC's way of offering people ample opportunity to create the next steps to renew the Catholic Church. We already have the results of over 100 Listening Sessions held around the country plus the input of theologians and other experts presenting at this conference. To be faithful to Vatican II, we need to move from ideas to solutions and actions.

We invite you to be architects of this process. Reform in Action will be a time for:

- Networking with others in your geographic area or who hold a passion around a similar issue
- Building upon the creative energy of these affinity groups to generate recommendations for action

Unit Two: Saturday Morning

Venue: Wayne Hall

The History of the Role of all the Baptized—as Restated by Vatican II: Where do we come from?

Exhibit Hall Open 8 am-8pm. Some booths close at 6; some will close during addresses.

8:30 Gathering Music and Prayer

Send Down the Fire

Refrain

*Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people,
and we shall be people of God.*

Call us to answer oppression,
Teach us the fire of your truth;
Give us righteous souls,
'Til your justice rolls,
make us burn with the fire of your truth.

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Refrain

Call us to witness your Kingdom,
Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light
Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ.

Refrain

8: 45 Introduction of Program and Goals for Morning, Announcements

**9:00 Address: Dr. Anthony Padovano
Reclaiming the Spirit and Vision of the People of God**



Author, theologian, pastor and worldwide lecturer. PhDs in theology and literature. Visiting professor at twenty-five American colleges and universities. Graduate of the American College in Rome and ordained to the priesthood in 1960. First president of CORPUS. Distinguished professor of literature and philosophy at Ramapo college of New Jersey. Pastor of The Inclusive Community where Catholics and Protestants worship together.

**10:00 A Report on the Listening Assembly Process
What did you say? Peg Bisgrove and John W. Frank**

10:30 Transition to Breakout/Listening Sessions See page 25 for Rooms

10:45-12:15 Breakout Sessions

A list of Breakout Session Topics and Presenters is found at page 26 in this Program.

12:30 Networking at Various Locations

**Unit Three: Saturday Afternoon and Evening Venue: Wayne Hall
What Does It Mean to be Catholic? What are our Dreams, Hopes, Prayers
and Concerns?**

1:30 Gathering Hymn

God Beyond All Names

God, beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory,
you have placed your powerful spirit in the hearts of humankind.
All around us, we have known you; all creation lives to hold you,
In our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth.

God, beyond all names, you have made us in your image,
we are like you, we reflect you, we are woman, we are man.
All around us, we have known you; all creation lives to hold you,
In our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth.

God, beyond all time, you are laboring within us;
we are moving, we are changing, in your spirit ever new.
All around us, we have known you; all creation lives to hold you,
In our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth.

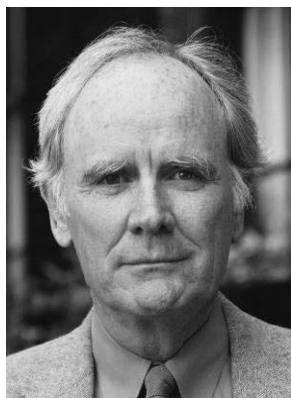
God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness,
you have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into birth.
All around us, we have known you; all creation lives to hold you,
In our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth.

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1:45 Report of International Movement: We Are Church

2:00 Address: Mr. James Carroll

Why am I a Catholic?: Reclaiming the Commitment of the People of God



Author and distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at Suffolk University, columnist for the Boston Globe. His recent book (2009) *Practicing Catholic* explores what it means to be Catholic today.

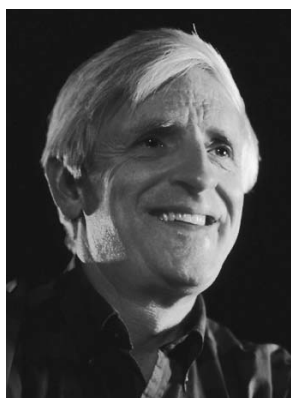
BA and MA degrees from St. Paul's College, Washington DC, ordained to priesthood. Shorenstein Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, Fellow at the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life at the Harvard Divinity School. Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

3:00-4:45 Breakout Sessions

See page 25 for Rooms

5:00-6:00 Address: Mr. Matthew Fox

Reclaiming the Joy of the People of God



Matthew Fox is a spiritual theologian and an activist in the areas of Christian renewal and educational reform. He was a member of the Dominican Order for thirty-four years and holds a doctorate in the History and Theology of Spiritualities from the Institut Catholique de Paris. He is author of 29 books translated into 46 languages including *Original Blessing*, *A Spirituality Named Compassion*, *The Reinvention of Work*, *The Hidden Spirituality of Men*, *Christian Mystics*, and *The Pope's War: How Ratzinger's Secret Crusade Imperiled the Church and How It Can Be Saved*. Fox helped revive interest in Hildegard of Bingen, Meister Eckhart and Thomas Aquinas in his books on these mystical giants of the West. Leaving his University in 2008, Fox taught at Stanford University and also created a two-year pilot project called YELLAWE working with inner city teen agers to reinvent education from the inner city out. When Ratzinger was made pope Fox went to Wittenburg to pound 95 theses at the door calling for Church Reformation. Recently he did the same at Maria

Maggiore basilica in Rome overseen by Cardinal Law. Fox is recipient of many awards including the Courage of Conscience Award from the Peace Abbey. Fox is currently a visiting scholar with the Academy for the Love of Learning in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

6:00 Networking and Dinners at Various Locations

Unit Four: Sunday Morning Venue: Wayne Hall

How Can We Reclaim The Future of our Church?

8:30 Gathering Hymn and Introduction

Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain (Sp)

*Mi corazón canta del futuro que prometes.
Que nos purifiquen las llamas de tu justicia.
Seca todas las lágrimas, porque se acerca la aurora,
Y el mundo está por cambiar.*

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain (Eng)

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**8:45 Keynote: Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB
Reclaiming the Hope of the People of God**



Member of the Benedictine community, former Prioress in Erie, PA. One of the most articulate social analysts and influential religious leaders of our time – writing and speaking on behalf of justice and equality both in the Church and in society. Her many awards include the U.S. Catholic magazine award for Furthering the Cause of Women in the Church. Nine of her 40 books have received Catholic Press Association recognition. Graduate degrees from Notre Dame and Penn State. Regular columnist for National Catholic Reporter.

10:00 Presentations, Proclamations, Actions

11:00 Eucharistic Liturgy



Reform in Action Your Input and Next Steps

Some have expressed concern that there would not be enough time and space to offer resolutions from the floor. We have tried to listen to what you wanted to accomplish during the listening session process where thousands of you over two years and in nearly a hundred venues have expressed hopes, concerns, and beliefs—which we have incorporated into the Catholic Bill of Rights and Responsibilities. We are proud to say that the CBRR is your document; it was published in draft and amended four times as additional insights came in.

However, we can say that the CBRR is your document. It has been published in draft and amended four times. The backup material clearly indicates the kind of changes in our Church that would follow from the CBRR if it were to become a governing document for our Church. The CBRR is a snapshot of where we were a few weeks ago—and who is to say what amendments might be adopted in the future, particularly as other national synods take up similar documents. In the future perhaps we will have a universal document—rather than one that is grounded in the American experience.

Since Friday evening:

- All have been urged to visit our Reform in Action space and discuss the CBRR and other creative ideas about renewing our Church.
- In addition, “recorders” have noted the suggestions made during the various breakout sessions.
- There is an evaluation form at the end of this booklet. Please feel free to fill it out—and note as many comments as you think are appropriate.

Our plan is to convene the organizing group for a post-Council review on Sunday evening and Monday morning—immediately after the Council closes. We will report back to you via our registration listserv, the ACC listserv, and our website within about a week concerning future plans for ACC. All the Council documents will be on line within a few days at our website: American-CatholicCouncil.org. Feel free to download and send them on to your friends and colleagues. Then we will be able to determine what you might want ACC to be.

Thank you for celebrating with us and sharing your wisdom on solutions for our Church’s future.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 12, 2011

Theme: Be With Us, Holy Spirit, and Fill Us With Your Wisdom

Prelude: Contrapunctus I and IX, Bach, Motor City Brass Quintet

Gathering Song and Procession:

All Are Welcome. Choir, Brass and Community

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive,
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
Ref: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this space.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew;
Where peace and justice meet grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. Ref.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us. Ref.

Let us build a house where hands will reach, beyond the wood and stone,
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bears the image of God's face.
Let us bring an end to fear and danger. Ref.

Let us build a house where all are named their songs and visions heard.
And loved and treasured taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace.
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. Ref.

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Presentation of the Stole: *A representative of the Community places the Pentecost Stole on the shoulders of the Presider and all proclaim:*

Receive this stole as a sign of your election by this Community as our Leader during this Pentecost Mass. Thank you for your lifetime of service to the People of God. May we continue to benefit from your service for many years. Holy Spirit come down among us as we gather to worship and particularly upon the one we have chosen to preside at this Sacred Mass.

Presider invites the Community to place Confirmation Stoles on the shoulders of all in the Congregation. The Presider proclaims:

Wear these stoles as a reminder of your baptism and confirmation when you committed yourself to God and to the Great Commandments of our God: Love your God with your whole being and love your neighbor as you would love yourself. Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful. Celebrate with me this Holy Mass of Pentecost.

Welcome and Opening Prayer from the Sacramentary for Pentecost

Baptismal Rite

fire! Ra - diant Light of God's own Glo - ry, with Your flame our
 ease; In temp - ta - tion's heat, there, too, You are a gen - tle,
 stain; Break the drought of self - ish liv - ing with Your soft, re -
 You: All our strength and sense of mis - sion, All our one - ness,

hearts in - spire! Ad - vo - cate for all earth's chil - dren, Hear our plea, we
 cool - ing breeze. Un - cre - at - ed Light most bless - ed, In our dark - ness
 fresh - ing rain! Bind up all our wound - ed spir - its, Melt with love our
 Lord, re - new! Lav - ish on us joy and grace that flow from Your un -

hum - bly pray: Touch our lives, con - sole our
 al - ways blaze! Lost in sin, we cry for
 i - cy chill; With Your ho - ly Breath re -
 bound - ed store: Gifts to build up Christ's own

sad - ness, Guide all that we do and say!
 res - cue: Lift our hearts to sing God's praise!
 kin - dle Life with in our froz - en will!
 Bod - y, Joys that last for ev - er - more!

Text 13c, Veni Sancte Spiritus, HYFRYDOL, melody, RH Prichard, tr. Gerald Furi.

Gospel Acclamation: Choir, Brass, Community, Organ

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Speak, O Lord your servant is listening
 You have the words of everlasting life (Ref)
 Your words, O Lord are spirit and life,
 You have the words of everlasting life! (Ref)
 I am the way, the truth, and the life,
 No one comes to God, except through me (Ref)
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Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Homily/Reflection

Creed: We believe in one God, our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, and in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We believe the world was created and is sustained by its Maker's love. We believe the Church in the world of today must focus its attention on the world of humanity, the whole human family along with the sum of those realities in the midst of which that family lives. We believe the world was emancipated by Christ when He was crucified and that as Christians our goal is to carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the Holy Spirit. We believe that conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary; in fidelity to conscience, Christians are joined with the rest of humanity in the search for truth, and for the genuine solution to the numerous problems which arise in the lives of individuals. This holds true for everyone of good will in whose heart grace works in an unseen way. For since Christ died for all, and since the ultimate vocation of humanity is in fact one and divine, we believe that the Holy Spirit in a manner known only to God offers to every woman and man the possibility of being associated with this paschal mystery. In Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grown meaningful. Apart from His gospel, they overwhelm us. Christ has risen, destroying death by His death. He has lavished life upon us, so that, as sons and daughters in the Son, we can cry out in the Spirit: Abba.

(from the Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World, Vatican II)

Prayers of the Faithful: Peg Bisgrove and John Frank, co-chairs of the Assemblies/Listening Session Committee will voice the prayers we have heard over the last two years.

Response: O God, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession, Altar Dressing

Offertory

God Whose Purpose is to Kindle Choir, MC Brass, Organ and Community

God, whose purpose is to kindle; Now ignite us with your fire;
While the earth awaits your burning, with your passion us inspire.
Overcome our sinful calmness, Stir us with your saving name;
Baptize with your fiery Spirit, Crown our lives with tongues of flame.

God, who in your holy gospel wills that all should truly live.
Make us sense our share of failure, our tranquility forgive.
Teach us courage as we struggle, in all liberating strife;
Lift the smallness of our vision; by your own abundant life.

God, who still a sword delivers, rather than a placid peace.
With your sharpened word disturb us. From complacency release!
Save us now from satisfaction, when we privately are free,
Yet are undisturbed in spirit, By our neighbor's misery.

Text: Lk 12-49. David E Trublook © 1967; Tune Hymn to Joy 8787D, Arr from Beethoven by E. Hodges

(Offertory collection will be divided among social justice activities of certain cooperating Detroit parishes and to fund document distribution and action after ACC.)

Eucharistic Prayer

Choir, Organ, MC Brass, Community

Preface for Pentecost

Lift up your hearts; *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Creator, all powerful and living God.....

Holy, Holy Holy

Eucharistic Prayer

How wonderful the work of your hands, O, Lord!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
You embrace a people as your own
And fill them with a longing
For a peace that would last
And for a justice that would never fail!



Through countless generations
Your people hungered for the bread of freedom.
From them your raised up Jesus, the living bread,
In whom ancient hungers were satisfied.

He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer;
He offered life to sinners, yet death would hunt him down!
With a love stronger than death,
He opened his arms and surrendered his spirit.

O God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us
And over our earthly gifts of bread and wine,
That they may become the body and blood of Christ.

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Response

On the night before he met death,
Jesus came to table with those he loved.
He took bread and praised you, God of all creation.
He broke the bread among his disciples and said:

"Take this, all of you and eat it:
This is my body which will be given up for you."

When supper was ended, he poured a final cup of wine
And blessed you, God of all creation.
He passed the cup among his disciples and said,
"Take this all of you and drink from it:

This is the cup of my blood,
The blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all
So that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God, we commemorate Jesus, your Son
 As we offer you his sacrifice.
 Death could not bind him,
 For you raised him up in the spirit of holiness
 And exalted him as Lord of Creation!

Response

May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer,
 Strong in love and faithful to the breaking of bread!
 Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole Church offers thanks and praise,
 Together with Benedict, our pope and Allan, our bishop,
 And all whose lives bring hope to this world.

Response

Lord of the living and the dead,
 Awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace
 Those who have fallen asleep in faith,
 And those who have died alone, unloved and unmourned.
 Gather them all into communion with Mary, the mother of Jesus,
 And with all your saints!

Response

Then, at last, will all creation be one
 And all divisions healed,
 And we shall join in singing your praise
 through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, all glo - ry, strength, and pow - er are yours, O God of mer - cies, in the u - ni - ty
 4 of the Ho - ly Spir - it, for - ev - er and ev - er! *(Fanfare)*
 7 A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

Breaking of Bread **I Will Arise, Freedom is Coming,**
 Marygrove Choir, Traditional South African.

Communion **Halleluja, Praise the Lord,** from Gospel Mass by Robert Ray, Marygrove and piano

One Bread, One Body

Choir, Brass, Organ and Congregation

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Un pan, un cuer-po, un so-lo Se-ñor, u-na co-pa de la ben-di-ción.
En nues-tra pro-pia di-ver-si-dad, un cuer-po so-mos en el Se-ñor.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Ref—Eng.)
Sier-vo y Se-ñor, hom-bre y mu-jer, u-no en Dios se-rán. (Ref--Span)
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord, of all. (Ref--Eng)
Do-nes sin par, o-bras sin fin, mas u-no en el Se-ñor. (Refrain—Span)
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (Refrain--Eng)
Gra-nos de tri-go se co-se-cha- rán pa-ra for-mar un pan. (Ref: Span)

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Closing Prayer and Blessing

Presider invites all to call upon the Holy Spirit to bless and guide all of those in attendance.

Music: **Be With Us All** Marygrove Choir and Piano

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Recessional Sing a New Church

Choir, Brass, Organ, All

Summoned by the God who made us, rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity.

Let us bring the gifts that differ and its splendid varied ways,
Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Radiant risen from the water, robed in holiness and light,
Male and female in God's image, male and female, God's delight. (Refrain)

Trust the goodness of creation; Trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised, Sprung from seed of what has been. (Refrain)

Bring the hopes of every nation; bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound through time and space. (Refrain)

Draw together at one table, All the human family.
Shape a circle every wider, and a People ever free. (Refrain)

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Postlude

My Spirit Be Joyful, Bach, Cantata 146, MC Brass

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Reshaping Parish Governance

Presenter: Francis Piderit and others from VOTF Local Action team

Developing new participatory structures of governance is at the heart of creating a Church that models the ideals of Vatican II and the needs of our contemporary communities. This workshop will focus on discussing opportunities for greater accountability, transparency and meaningful participation on the parish level.

Issues for dialogue:

- Term limits for pastors and pastor selection
- Elected, deliberative ministerial councils
- Liturgy Committees
- Lay managed foundations

2. “Follow the Money”: Financial Transparency and Accountability

Presenter: Jason Berry

*With the number of financial scandals on diocesan and parish levels, the need to define root causes and their respective systemic solutions is crucial. Jason Berry, author of **Render unto Rome: The Secret Life of Money in the Catholic Church**, which details cases of fiscal mismanagement and lack of oversight, will lead the discussion of how to recognize and prevent financial abuses.*

Issues for dialogue:

- Abuses
- Forensic audits
- Alternative donation strategies and other practical solutions

3. Liturgical Renewal: the “New” pre-Vatican II Liturgy in your Future

Presenter: To be announced

Vatican II was a marker moment in our Church because it invited the laity to full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy. Where do we stand? What can we do?

Issues for dialogue:

- Vernacular language and responses to the New Roman Missal
- Liturgical space – how it can define the agenda

4. Toward a Constitutional U.S. Church: How to Get There and Where “There” is—Implications for Governance

Presenter: Leonard Swidler

Americans’ civil life includes constitutionality, due process of law, representation, choice of leaders, accountability/transparency – in brief, respecting the Human Rights of all. American Catholics’ Church life is one which does not respect Human Rights, but demands unquestioning obedience. The workshop will focus on practical suggestions for how to bring about change.

Issues for dialogue:

- The power of a written constitution
- Ten Step Program to a Democratic Parish
- What goes in a Constitution, and what not
- Setting up a parish-level 501(c)(3)

5. Universal Availability of Ministry: Exploring new models of Catholic ministry

Presenters: Andrea Johnson, Bill Manseau, Don Horrigan

Vatican II opened the People of God to promises of inclusivity and collaboration where all might actively serve, assuming they have the needed gifts and the community's support to do so. The fundamental necessity for universal availability of Eucharist, coupled with the current shortage of priests increases the urgency to think outside the box. This breakout will explore the experience of married and women priests who are exploring and new models of ministry to the people of God, as well as the theological underpinnings for their ministry.

Issues for dialogue:

- Theology of Baptism
- Early historical tradition
- Experience of Roman Catholic Women Priests
- Experience of CORPUS married Catholic priests
- Dutch Dominican document

6 Universal Availability of Ministry: Exploring Models of Effecting Catholic Systemic Change

Presenters: Ronald DuBois, Therese Koturbash, Anthony Kowalski

The Church has always held that the Eucharist is foundational to Catholic life, yet a worldwide shortage of priests makes it impossible for Catholics celebrate regularly. What can faithful Catholics do to preserve the Mass as the center of Catholic worship? This breakout session explores specific models and strategies for engaging Catholic leadership and people to effect systemic change within the current structures of Catholicism.

Issues for dialogue:

- Theology of Baptism
- Restoration of the early tradition of welcoming both married and celibate priests
- Restoration of the early tradition of the female deacons
- Strategies to continue discussion of women's ordination

7. Creating Nonviolent Responses to Common Abuses of Authority in the U.S. Church

Presenters: Caridad Inda, Chris Schenk

What can be done when a new bishop dismantles effective diocesan programs or raids the priests' pension fund? OR When a beloved pastoral minister is dismissed for believing in women's equality, OR Your vibrant parish is threatened with closure? This workshop addresses nonviolent spirituality and strategies for responding to common abuses of authority in the U.S. Church, including the influence of Gene Sharp's writings.

Issues for dialogue:

- Healing internalized oppression
- Non cooperation
- Hope, suffering, fear, justice

8. Responding to the Sexual Abuse Phenomenon and Supporting the Survivor Community

Presenters: Barbara Blaine, David Clohessey, Thomas Doyle

This session will provide data for debunking the myth that clergy sexual abuse is a thing of the past and will review best practices for going forward that not only create safe parishes, but also help build a transparent and accountable Church overall.

Issues for dialogue:

- Techniques for survivor support
- Healing and recognition of the victim as a person
- Interplay between civil law and Church practices

9. Bishop Selection: Past, Present and Future

Presenter: Dan Bartley, Nick Mazza, Ed Wilson

Developing new participatory structures of governance is at the heart of creating a Church that models the ideals of Vatican II and the needs of our contemporary communities. Members of the VOTF Universal Action Team will discuss their experience in working to change diocesan bishop selection methods.

Issues for dialogue:

- Background and history surrounding bishop selection
- Current situations
- Strategies for change

10. Women in the Church: Strategies for Empowerment

Presenters: Diana Culbertson, Rita Houlihan, Kathleen Kichline, Gloria Ulterino

How can ordinary Catholics begin to change the sexism and misogyny in the Catholic Church? What are effective strategies bringing visibility to the strong women leaders of today, as well as women in scripture and church history? How can we impact our parishes, small faith communities, colleges and secondary schools?

Issues for dialogue:

- Lay Ecclesial Ministers in the Church
- Apostolic Visitation of US nuns
- Hidden women of the bible and lectionary
- Hidden women of Church history
- Women leaders today

11. The Primacy of the well-formed Conscience

Presenter: Jeannine Gramick

In the process of the investigation leading to his 1997 excommunication, Tissa Balasuriya remarked, “I had to develop faith in my own conscience.” The Catholic teaching about the authority of conscience is a well-hidden Church secret. This interactive session will discuss the implications of the “Who-What-Where-When-Why” of conscience.

Issues for dialogue:

- Legitimate public dissent
- Silencing
- Resistance to change
- Development of doctrine

12. Alternative Worship Communities: 40 + Years in Two Vatican II-inspired Eucharistic Communities

Presenters: Members of the PAX Community and NOVA Community

Inspired by Vatican II, many Catholics, both lay and religious, have created new ways to celebrate Catholic

liturgy and community. Over 40 years ago, in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C., two communities, with diocesan and parish support, were formed to carry out the ideals of Vatican II

Issues for dialogue:

- History, Evolution, and Current Attributes
- Liturgical and Spiritual Development
- Community-Building and Governance
- Social Action and Social Justice
- Current Issues
- The Coming Years and Beyond

13. Impact and Contribution of the Latin@ Communities on 21st Century Catholicism in the U.S.

Presenter: Jeanette Rodriguez

Building on her keynote address, Jeannette Rodriguez will facilitate a conversation about the promise and challenges of the demographic changes within the Church in the United States.

Issues for dialogue:

- Mestizo Christianity/mulatto Christianity (issues of identity)
- Church of the poor/ church of the martyrs
- Tradition and popular religion
- Small-based Christian communities

14. Sacramental “Eligibility”

Presenters: Marianne Duddy-Burke, Frank DeBernardo

This presentation will center on sacramental theology of Baptism and Eucharist, particularly on developing an inclusive theology. It will also examine the denial of Eucharist (full communion with the community) to the divorced and remarried, LGBT Catholics, and others. The hierarchy’s threats to withhold space and sacraments as tools to maintain silent obedience among the laity will be discussed.

Issues for dialogue:

- Common concerns among disenfranchised groups
- Theological constructs/actions that nullify hierarchical threats
- Strategies for living out inclusive sacramentality in community
- What do Sacraments mean in the 21st Century Catholic Church?

15. Black Catholics as Subversive Memories in the Catholic : Does the Non-violent Resistance Movement in Recent US History have lessons for U.S. Catholicism?

Presenter: Diana Hayes

Persons of African descent have been a part of the Church from its earliest beginnings yet are still seen as newcomers to be missioned to. Having developed their own “way of being Church,” Black Catholics today are articulating a Black Catholic Theology of Liberation and a Black Catholic Spirituality that is affirming and declarative of their active and vital presence in the Church today.

Issues for dialogue:

- What can the Church as a whole learn from Black Catholics?
- How did the motifs of empowerment and enculturation of Vatican II resonate with the Black Catholic communities?
- Does the Black Catholic experience of non-violent resistance hold any lessons to a modern US Catholic resistance movement?

16. The Younger Generation: The church now and the future

Presenters: Lisa Hawley, Emily Holtel Hoag

We all know that renewal of the church does not happen overnight. The younger generation will need to carry forward the work of this weekend, and the passion and zeal for an inclusive church. Where is this generation? How do we engage them? What are they passionate about?

Issues for dialogue:

- Trends in young adult faith development
- “Do’s and don’ts” of engagement
- Top ten ways to involve the younger generation

17. The Church in the Modern World

Presenters: Maria Riley, James E. Hug

*Vatican II’s **Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World** committed Catholics to engage the “joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties” of the people of its age, especially the poor and afflicted, in service of greater social justice and systemic change. The world has changed. We must see it anew. What are the “Signs of the Times” in our age that we as Church can and must address?*

Issues for dialogue:

- Global solidarity
- Climate change and ecological challenges
- Church and elections
- The economy and jobs
- Church/war/terrorism
- Church/lifestyle/global solidarity
- Diminished and conservative commitment of the institutional church’s social justice engagement
- Immigration
- Civil discourse and social discernment

18. “Mama’s Mansion”

Presenters: Women at the Well (theatrical troupe)

As we search for every means to engage in constructive reform, let us not overlook the opportunities afforded by creative exploration of new paradigms of what it means to live in the Reign of God. This is a “classic” playlet, performed by dedicated and talented actors(resses) that conveys the Reign of God in softer, but perhaps more effective techniques.

This musical parable shows the reign of God is like a family reunion where everyone is welcomed home. Come, encounter Mama (the Wisdom Woman), Sarah (a mother of Israel and wife of Abraham), the woman with the lost coin, Eve, Mary of Magdala, the Madres of the Plaza de Mayo in Argentina, and Gabrielle Bossis (a twentieth century French actress and mystic.)