

# Centennial Liturgy Planning Committee

Suggestions for planning parish  
and deanery celebrations

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## Liturgical Planning

The following information is given to provide some suggestions for liturgical celebrations during the Centennial Year of the Archdiocese of Regina. Feel free to adapt the suggestions or to develop your own suggestions. If you have any questions, or need further assistance, feel free to call Fr. Brian Meredith at (306) 565-0909.

### **A. Possibilities for parish celebrations:**

1. Use the traveling Icon at the parish celebration. The icon will be in parishes during the month that it is in that deanery and that the schedule for parish visits will be organized at the deanery level. For more information about the Icon, please contact Marian Grady at (306) 789-8276 or [mariangrady@sasktel.net](mailto:mariangrady@sasktel.net).
2. Use the book, "The Mysteries of Christ – A Scriptural Rosary" which is included with the Icon. May want to reflect primarily on the Luminous Mysteries. Additional copies of the book can be ordered from *The Word Among Us*, 1-800-775-9673.
3. Invite various groups of people to participate in the celebration, and have them actively involved in the celebration and in the planning of the celebration (e.g., members of Religious Orders, First Nation families, various ethnic groups in your local area, etc.).
4. Involve the youth and children in the celebration (e.g., dramatization of the gospel or other dramatizations – outside of the Eucharist, involvement in the music ministry, etc.)
5. Host an ecumenical prayer service and inviting various choirs to participate in the music.
6. Use the prayer on the Centennial prayer card (which is being developed and will be sent out at a later date).
7. Have a "Remember When..." gathering around a potluck or campfire event.
8. Have a skit around a particular event in the parish's history.
9. Bring your favorite photos of parish celebrations for a "Show and Tell" and/or to display in the church's entrance.

**B. Possibilities for deanery celebrations:**

1. Build a celebration around an annual pilgrimage in your deanery
2. Have a procession (e.g., a Eucharistic procession) from one church to another in your deanery.
3. See suggestions under section "A", #3-9, to see if they might be appropriate at a deanery level.

**One possible format of a deanery or parish celebration (based on *Sunday Celebration of the Word and Hours*, page 202):**

A. Introductory Rite

- a. Gathering Song
- b. Greeting
- c. Opening Prayer

B. Liturgy of the Word

- a. Procession and Enthronement of the Word of God
- b. First Reading
- c. Responsorial Psalm
- d. [Second Reading]
- e. Gospel Acclamation
- f. Gospel
- g. Homily [Reflection]
- h. Profession of Faith
- i. General Intercessions
- j. [Song of Thanksgiving]
- k. Lord's Prayer
- l. Sign of Peace

### C. Concluding Rite

- a. Announcements
- b. Blessing
- c. Dismissal
- d. Recessional – Closing song

### **Suggestions for readings:**

- a. Readings with a Marian theme:
  - i. Luke 1:26-28
  - ii. Luke 1:38-56
  - iii. John 2:1-11
- b. Use daily readings if celebration is on a feast day
- c. Readings from the Lectionary
  - i. For Unity of Christians (nos. 811-815)
  - ii. In Thanksgiving (nos. 881-885)
  - iii. Blessing of Our Labor (nos. 846-850)
  - iv. Votive Mass of Holy Spirit (no. 928; use readings from Pentecost or Confirmation)
  - v. For Productive Land (nos. 851-855)
  - vi. After the Harvest (nos. 856-860)
  - vii. For Peace and Justice (nos. 831-835)
  - viii. For Refugees and Exiles (nos. 866-870)
  - ix. For the Sick (nos. 871-875)
  - x. For Any Need (nos. 876-880)

### **Suggestions for prayers:**

- a. From the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Archdiocese of Regina:

Lord, behold the Church of Regina Archdiocese gathered today to remember your goodness to us and to our forebearers. We offer you our thanks and praise and we renew our marriage to you. You are our God, we are your people – blessed be God forevermore.

- b. From the *Sacramentary*, “In Thanksgiving,” no. 551:

God and Father of all gifts, we praise you, the source of all we have and are. Teach us to acknowledge always the many good things your infinite love has given us. Help us to love you with all our heart and all our strength. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

- c. Stewardship prayer of the Archdiocese of Regina
- d. A new Centennial prayer is being composed and will be circulated when ready.

### **Suggestions for music at parish and deanery Centennial celebrations:**

The following is a list of suggested songs from Catholic Book of Worship III for use at special celebrations for the centennial of the Archdiocese of Regina. In planning the music for your celebration, factors such as the liturgical season, parish patron saint, or if your celebration is on a special feast day should be considered. Liturgical hymns of special significance in your parish could also be included. Please remember to respect copyright in use of hymns not found in your parish hymnal.

#### Gathering Songs:

As We Gather at Your Table- #583; Church of God- #581; Gather Us In #587; Gather Us Together- #601; God Is Alive- #591; O Bless the Lord- #562; Praise to the Lord, the Almighty- #568, This Day God Gives Me - #650, Sing A New Song - # 563,

## Communion Processional Songs:

Bread of Life- #684; Christians Let Us Love One Another- #595; Gift of Finest Wheat- #603; Eat This Bread- #602; I Am the Living Bread- #605; Seed, Scattered and Sown- #604; No Greater Love - # 599; Blest are they - # 522;

Songs that reflect heritage and/or thanksgiving which could be used for gathering, preparation of altar and presentation of the gifts or recessional:

A Living Faith- #447; All Creatures of Our God and King- #543; Canticle of the Sun- #542; For the Beauty of the Earth- #531; For the Fruit of All Creation- #532; God Created Earth and Heaven- #512; Joyful, Joyful We Adore You- #511; Let All Things Now Living- #534; Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet- #571; Taste and See- #610; Tell Out, My Soul- #575; You Are the Voice- #576; O God Of All The Many Lands - #594; Creator God. Creating Still - # 420; I Come with Joy - # 424;

**Marian Hymns** (for use on Marian feasts and at celebrations with the icon- *not to be used for the communion processional song at celebrations*):

Hail, Holy Queen- #457; Hail Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star- #458; Immaculate Mary- #463; Mary, Woman of the Promise- #465; My Soul Gives Glory to the Lord- #678; O Sanctissima- #468; Salve, Regina- #469; Servant of the Word- #467; The Angel Gabriel- #316; Be Joyful Mary, Heav'nly Queen— # 460;