

## **Diocese of Fort Worth**

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### **Principles and Guidelines for planning diocesan liturgies / prayer services:**

The key principles that guide the planning of diocesan liturgies and prayer services include

1. The Call for full, conscious, and active participation is normative to liturgy (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy 14).

2. Respect for the cultures of the people that will be attending.

3. Respond to the language needs of those in attendance.

The main languages in our diocesan community are English and Spanish but any given diocesan gathering may also include Vietnamese, Tongan, Korean, sign language for the deaf, or others with particular language needs.

4. The use of different cultural music opens doors to understanding of different people.

The following guidelines should enable liturgy teams or groups to plan effective diocesan liturgies/prayer services:

1. All diocesan liturgies / prayer services will be bilingual – English/Spanish and may need to include Vietnamese and sign language for the deaf if these populations are thought to be in attendance.

2. When more than one text from Sacred Scripture is proclaimed, at least one of them will be proclaimed in Spanish. Vietnamese and sign language may also be appropriate if these populations are thought to be in attendance.

3. Programs should include the alternate language from that which is proclaimed (ie. when a text is proclaimed in English the program - hard copy or electronic version would include the Spanish text).

4. Music should be bilingual, or equally English and Spanish and may include Vietnamese and multi-lingual music.

5. Intercessions should be bilingual with a bilingual response or English response after the English petition and Spanish response after the Spanish petition.

Intercessions may also include Vietnamese and sign language for the deaf if these populations are thought to be in attendance.

6. When the Bishop presides, he will give the reflection after the Scripture readings.

7. The Bishop must be informed ahead if he is to be the presider so that he will have the proper vestments.

8. Bishop Vann has asked that all diocesan liturgies / prayer services be reviewed by the Office of Worship.

9. Contact Deacon Don Warner (817.560.3300 x302 or [dwarner@fwdioc.org](mailto:dwarner@fwdioc.org)) if you have any questions.