

Catholic Academy of Liturgy Annual Meeting
January 5, 2023
Toronto, ON
Minutes

The Catholic Academy of Liturgy met on January 5, 2023 in conjunction with the Annual Meeting for the North American Academy of Liturgy. 28 people attended in person and another 23 joined us virtually via Zoom.

Leadership was provided by Anne McGowan, Jim Sabak, and Layla Karst (executive committee).

Description of Work

This year, the Catholic Academy of Liturgy considered the work of liturgical formation in light of Pope Francis' 2022 apostolic letter *Desiderio Desideravi*. Christina Condyles (online), Ed Foley, Ricky Manalo (online), and Christina Ronzio each offered formal remarks on the topic and the academy discussed the document and the insights raised by our panelists further in small groups both in person and online.

For the first time, CAL experimented with a hybrid meeting format which seemed to run relatively smoothly.

Academy Business Minutes

Nathan Chase was affirmed by popular acclaim to serve on the CAL executive leadership for a three-year term. No one spoke in dissent.

Our treasurer, Michael Prendergast, made his report and provided a written summary (attached). He highlighted the drop in financial support by members between the 2020 and the 2022 meetings and described CAL's new tools for online donations available on our website. Members might also consider inviting their institutions to sponsor CAL's work.

Thanks was offered to Dave Turnbloom, our webmaster, for his ongoing work.

Paul Turner reported on the ongoing work of ICEL. After pandemic disruptions, ICEL has returned to regular annual meetings. Ongoing work include:

- ICEL's work on a hymn book to accompany the upcoming revised translation of the Liturgy of the Hours is nearing completion and publication is anticipated later in 2023, before the publication of the revised translation of the Liturgy of the Hours.
- Green books for the following rites are with episcopal conferences for review:
 - Religious profession
 - Consecration of Virgins
 - Blessing of Abbots and Abbesses

- Crowning of the Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Roman Martyrology
- Texts for Doctors of the Church and the Memorial of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
- Institution of Catechists
- ICEL's statutes have been revised and are slated for discussion at upcoming meeting later this month. They include a provision for collaboration with academic groups and specifically envision a collaboration with a group at CUA around the development of commentaries and the application of the principles of translation
- Members posed several questions to Paul about ICEL's current work, goals, and collaboration with episcopal conferences and with the dicastery in Rome. Several members expressed support for greater collaboration with ICEL and suggested that CAL may serve in as a consultative body for future translations.

Christina Ronzio reported on the liturgical developments in the Canada Conference of Catholic Bishops. Ongoing work includes:

- The production of a new English National Hymnal, which is nearing completing with publication anticipated for 2024 pending a marketability review.
- An experimental period for incorporating supplemental language for the presence of cremated remains in the Order of Christian Funerals. The experimental period has been extended one year in order to develop a common text available in both English and French.
- The Canadian national synthesis of the Synod on Synodality included a focus on the liturgy and the need for liturgical formation
- The development of national guidelines for the installation of lectors, acolytes, and catechists

Jim Sabak introduced a discussion about the future of CAL in light of ongoing changes within the North American Academy of Liturgy. The following issues need to be considered by the Academy Leadership and members over the following year:

- Meeting modalities and timing given changes happening to NAAL's Annual Meeting
- A consideration of virtual participation and virtual voting
- Ongoing collaboration with diocesan liturgical offices and episcopal conferences
- The ongoing maintenance of a membership roster

Other business

- A request was made to make the panel presentations available via our website. Leadership will consult with individual presenters about the best way to make materials from their presentations available to the membership.

- A request was made for more annual communication via email to membership throughout the year, rather than simply relying on the website to convey updates.

The Academy expressed their gratitude to Annie McGowan who will roll off the executive leadership team after four years of service.

Reports provided by the Treasurer, FDLC, and CCCB are attached these minutes.

Minutes provided by Layla Karst

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January 1, 2022

The Catholic Academy of Liturgy, Inc. (CAL) EIN 51-0660641
 Treasurer's Report for year 2020 and 2021

In checking account as of January 1, 2020: **\$10,673.85**

In checking account as of January 1, 2021: **\$10,089.13**

The following credits have been posted to our account since January 1, 2020:

+ \$693	cash collection from CAL attendees
+ \$200	gift from Diane Raiche
+ \$200	gift from Richard Vosko (dep. 2/20/2020)
+ \$ 237.96	gift from Liturgical Press
+ \$253	gift from University of Portland
+\$1583.96	TOTAL

The following expenses have been paid:

debit card	- \$515.16	pre-meeting dinner for Executive Committee (2019)
debit card	- \$ 192	Square Space website
debit card	- \$1154.56	Sheraton, Atlanta
cash	- \$ 30	Reimbursement to Steve Wilbricht for Mass. Filing fee x
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check	-\$ 237.96	Flight reimbursement (Brian)
	-\$2129.68	TOTAL

Michael Driscoll, Treasurer 1/1/21

Activity during 2021 – expense \$192 Square Space; Income \$150 gift of Richard Vosko

Current balance in checking account **\$10,047.13**

Michael Driscoll, Treasurer 1/1/22

INCOME	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Cash donations		----	\$693	\$904	\$675	\$1025	\$1381 \$1026
\$100-200 gifts	\$150	\$400	\$650	\$220	\$200	\$200	\$0
Institutional gifts	----	\$491	\$1700	\$4800	\$1750	\$1779	\$1750

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 Treasurer's Report for year 2022

In checking account as of January 1, 2022: **\$10,089.13**

In checking account as of January 1, 2023:

The following credits have been posted to our account since January 1, 2022:

	+ \$312	cash collection from CAL attendees
	+ \$100	gift Sacred Liturgy Ministries - Prendergast & McGuire
	+ \$750	gift Franciscans of Raleigh - Sabak
	+\$1162	TOTAL

The following expenses have been paid:

debit card	- \$171.05	post-meeting lunch for Executive Committee (2022)
debit card	- \$ 192	Square Space website
check	- \$312	Westin KC Crown – coffee break
check	- \$ 30	Mass. Filing fee - Wilbricht 2021-22
	-\$705.05	TOTAL

Michael Prendergast, Treasurer 1/1/23

INCOME	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Cash donations		\$312	----	\$693	\$904	\$675	\$1025	\$1381 \$1026
\$100+ member gifts	-----	\$150	\$400	\$650	\$220	\$200	\$200	\$0
Institutional gifts	\$850	----	\$491	\$1700	\$4800	\$1750	\$1779	\$1750



CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
CONFÉRENCE DES ÉVÊQUES CATHOLIQUES DU CANADA

NATIONAL LITURGY OFFICE

2023 REPORT to Members of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy

WEEKDAY LECTIONARY

Final corrections are expected to be applied to the manuscript by April 2023 with layout and proofreading to follow soon after.

The Lectionary will be published in two volumes – Year I and Year II.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS: SUPPLEMENT FOR CELEBRATIONS WITH CREMATED REMAINS

The five-year *ad experimentum* period for this ritual text ended December 3, 2022.

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has extended the *ad experimentum* period by one year.

Burying the Dead, Grieving Well: A Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief

In November 2022 the Episcopal Commission for Doctrine released a Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief. This is available on the CCCB website.

ROMAN MISSAL SUPPLEMENT

A canonical vote for a supplement to *Roman Missal: Third Edition* is expected to take place in the first half of 2023 for the texts of the following observances.

- The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Saint Paul VI
- Saint Mary Magdalene
- Saint Faustina Kowalska
- Saint John XXIII
- Saint John Paul II
- Our Lady of Loreto

The supplement will propose updated texts for the following Canadian Saints who were Blessed at the time of the publication of *Roman Missal: Third Edition*: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Saint Marie de l'Incarnation, Saint François de Laval.

MUSIC FOR CATHOLIC WORSHIP

All engravings have been verified, a draft of the content has been assembled in chronological order. The ascriptions for each are being reviewed for accuracy of information and consistency in presentation as the appropriate permissions requests are prepared.

A small committee will review the compiled draft to determine considerations for layout.

In 2023 a marketability survey will be sent to Dioceses to determine the anticipated print run. Following this, a determination will be made on a possible release date and the proposed cost for the three volumes – pew, choir and keyboard. Of particular note for the Canadian market is that the choir edition will include only the choral parts (SATB and descant) and will not contain keyboard accompaniment and chords as *Catholic Book of Worship II* and *III* did.

INDIGENOUS RELATIONS

In July 2022 the Holy Father visited Canada on a penitential pilgrimage. The Holy Father met with Indigenous Peoples in a variety of locations in Alberta, Quebec and Iqaluit.

Following this penitential pilgrimage, the Conference published a commemorative bilingual booklet, containing all the speeches and homilies of the Holy Father during his Apostolic Visit. A list of apologies delivered by Catholic Church officials in Canada concludes the book. The intent of this publication is to assist Dioceses, Parishes, Schools as a guide to enrich discussion and discernment on walking together locally with Indigenous Peoples.

INSTITUTION OF LECTOR, ACOLYTE, CATECHIST

In early 2022 the Directors of the National Liturgy Office, *Office national de liturgie*, Office for Evangelization and Catechesis each held a series of consultations with their diocesan contacts. Participants were invited to response to questions, including:

- Are these instituted ministers presently active in your Diocese?
- What opportunities and what challenges are created by the possibility of instituting these ministries?
- What resources will dioceses require?
- What are the essential elements of formation?
- What is needed for the discernment of gifts and the call to instituted ministry?
- What observations arise due to the apparent similarities in “mandate” between Lector and Catechist?

An initial draft of national guidelines for these instituted ministries is nearing completion.

Respectfully submitted 22 December 2022 liturgy@cccb.ca



**A REPORT TO THE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY OF LITURGY
JANUARY 2023**

MEMBERSHIP & INCOME

Our records indicate that we have

702	active full members	<i>was 675 in October 2021</i>
243	associate members	<i>was 176</i>
11	industry members	<i>same</i>
2	Newsletter-only subscribers	<i>same</i>
2	Seminary Memberships	<i>same</i>

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

We have received a substantial increase in associate members from the webinar series on the OCIA. Membership applications are easily accessed on the website. Fees are currently \$60 per year or \$100 for two years. I am especially pleased that we are reaching parish leaders.

PUBLICATIONS

- Our income from publication sales is actually very steady. We make a sale about 5-6 times per week.
- However, the expenses of the warehouse and distribution nearly outpace this income.

INCOME FROM FORMATION

- The OCIA webinar series has been offered free of charge, so has not generated income; but it has generated interest in the OCIA process and tremendous goodwill.
- The expenses associated with the OCIA webinar series have largely been in stipends for speakers and a modest stipend to Spanish moderators. Over 70% of our speakers donated their presenter fee!
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Board of Directors met Monday October 3 in New Orleans. Among the items on their agenda was the election of new officers. **Ms. Laura Bertone** was elected as the new Chair of the Board of Directors. She becomes the seventeenth person in the history of the Federation to serve as Chair and only the third woman to hold that position. Sr. Janet Baxendale, SC of New York served as Chair from 1982-1983 and Sr. Anthony Poerio, IBVM of Phoenix served from 1991-1993.

Ms. Bertone has been a member of the Board since 2017, representing Region Eleven. She formerly served as the treasurer. Laura is the Director of the Office of Worship in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. She holds degrees in business from Santa Clara University and a masters in Liturgy from the University of Notre Dame. She is currently a student of Canon Law at St. Paul University in Canada.

Mr. Todd Williamson (Region VII, Archdiocese of Chicago) remains as Vice Chair. He has served on the Board since 2019, has been a member of the Formation Committee, and continues to offer outstanding leadership of the OCIA Task Force.

Ms. Letitia "Tish" Thornton (Region XII, Diocese of Boise) was elected as Board Treasurer. Tish has served on the Board since 2018 and has most recently served as facilitator of the Pastoral Liturgy Committee, guiding us through several major projects.

THE FDLC AND ITS MISSION OF FORMATION

FREE WEBINARS ON THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

ENGLISH	SPANISH	TOPIC	SPEAKERS IN ENGLISH	SPEAKERS IN SPANISH
Wednesday	Thursday			
Aug 31	Sept 1	Vision of the OCIA	Lesia Truxaw	Fr. Victor Reyes
Sept 7	Sept 8	History of Initiation / USA edition	Rita Thiron	Fr. Pedro Lopez
Sept 14	Sept 15	Preaching for the Rites	Fr. Michael Connors, CSC	Fr. Richard Vega
Sept 21	Sept 22	Canonical Issues in OCIA Process	Msgr. Michael Ibach, JCL	Fr. Jesús Mariscal, JCL
Sept 28	Sept 29	Discernment	Fr. Tom Ranzino Sr. Donna Steffen, SC	Dcn. Modesto Cordero Sr. Rosanne Belpedio, CSJ
Oct 12	Oct 13	Music for the Rites	Dr. Steven Janco	Dr. Dolores Martinez
Oct 19	Oct 20	OCIA as Adapted for Children	Sr. Sandy DeMasi, SSJ	Rose Hernandez
Oct 26	Oct 27	The Revised National Statutes	Postponed	Postponed
Nov 2	Nov 3	Role of the Bishop in the Process of Initiation	Rita A. Thiron & D. Todd Williamson	Fr. Michael Lewis
Nov 9	Nov 10	Initiating Community: Roles and Proper Ministers	Dr. Donna Eschenauer	Dr. Ximena DeBroeck
Nov 16	Nov 17	Period of Evangelization/ Pre-Catechumenate	Victoria Tufano	Nelly Lorenzo
Dec 7	Dec 8 *	About the Rite of Entrance	Dr. Patricia Hughes	Dr. Dolores Martinez and Fr. Carlos Velasquez
Dec 14	Dec 15	Catechumenate Period/ Catechesis	Todd Williamson	Dr. Ximena DeBroeck
Jan 4	Jan 5	About the Rites of Sending/ Election	Laura Bertone	Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller & Dr. Dolores Martinez
Jan 11	Jan 12	Period of Purification & Enlightenment; Scrutinies	Fr. Jan Michael Joncas	Fr. Pedro Lopez
Jan 18	Jan 19	Handing on Rites/Rites of Immediate Preparation	Fr. Paul Turner	Fr. Paul Turner
Jan 25	Jan 26	Initiation Rites	Fr. Robert Kennedy	Fr. Richard Vega
Feb 1	Feb 2	Initiation in Exceptional Circum.	Dr. Eileen Jaramillo, JCL Dr. Carmel Ann Sperti	Nelly Lorenzo
Feb 8	Feb 9	Rites for the Baptized	Fr. Ron Oakham, O Carm.	Fr. Mike Lewis
Feb 15	Feb 16	Period of Mystagogy	Fr. Marcus McFadin	Rose Hernandez

CURRENT ENROLLMENT 2,973 ENGLISH SERIES 729 SPANISH SERIES

STATISTICS – ENROLLMENT IN OCIA WEBINARS (as of 11-7-2022)

ROLE	ENGLISH SERIES	SPANISH SERIES
Bishop	1	0
Priests	324	26
Deacons	420	54
Laity	1,981	566
Religious	180	54
Seminarians	11	6

WEBINAR ON THE REVISED ORDER OF PENANCE



On October 25, 2022, the FDLC and the USCCB Secretariat for Divine Worship co-sponsored a webinar on the newly revised *Order of Penance*. Presenters included **Fr. Andrew Menke**, Executive Director of the Secretariat and **Fr. Rob Spaulding**, Director of the Office of Worship in Cheyenne. The webinar examined the changes to the liturgical text and offered a renewed appreciation of the theology of the sacrament.



Over 1000 people registered for the webinar. Even more have seen the recorded version which has been embedded in the FDLC website. To see the full recording and to access the handouts: <https://fdlc.org/2022/07/may-god-grant-you-pardon-and-peace-webinar-on-the-revised-order-of-penance/>

WEBINAR – INTRODUCTION TO THE REVISED OCIA

After the Bishops of the Conference approved the English and Spanish translations of the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* in November 2021, we received many inquiries regarding the revision process, the adaptations for the U.S. edition, and the extent of the revised translation. To squash rumors, to allay fears, and to answer frequently asked questions, the FDLC offered an introductory webinar on December 15, 2021. It featured Rita Thiron and Todd Williamson (Archdiocese of Chicago and OCIA Task Force chair). It also offered opportunities for additional questions and anticipated the FDLC's plans for 2022-2023 and the various methods of formation. <https://fdlc.org/2021/11/ocia-whats-new-whats-not-whats-next/>

FORMATION: WRITTEN MATERIALS

Seasonal Preparation Aids distributed free of charge to all dioceses

- full text for Reconciliation Service, Liturgical Calendar Advisories, preparation sheets, and more
- Advent & Christmas – October 2021
- Lent-Triduum-Easter – January 2022
- Advent & Christmas -- November 2022

Solemnly and For All Time: A Pastoral Guide to the Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar

- Published January 2022
- General Introduction and historical background
- A treatment of each chapter of the ODCA – includes outline, when this chapter is used, lists of requisites, list of liturgical ministers, preparation sheets

FORMATION: EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

In April 2022, the FDLC distributed a thirty-six page planning guide for the preparation of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on June 19. Below, please find a glimpse at its table of contents.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

- Preparation for the Order of Mass

- Universal Prayers – sample intercessions

- Music suggestions for Mass

Eucharistic Processions

- Introduction

- The Order of the Eucharistic Procession

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Presider Text: Morning Prayer with Exposition

- Presider Text: Evening prayer with Exposition

- Scripture suggestions during a Period of Exposition

- Music suggestions for a Period of Exposition

General Resources

- Vocabulary Lists

- Related Liturgical Books and Church documents

- Frequently-asked Questions

UPCOMING FDLC WEBINARS AND RESOURCES

COMING IN LENT 2023 – A NEW SERIES ON THE MASS

EUCHARIST: THE WORK OF OUR REDEMPTION

“We are required every day to rediscover the beauty of the truth of the Christian celebration. ... as *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (7) describes it: the Liturgy is the priesthood of Christ, revealed to us and given in his Paschal Mystery, rendered present and active by means of signs addressed to the senses (water, oil, bread, wine, gestures, words), so that the Spirit, plunging us into the Paschal Mystery might transform every dimension of our life, conforming us more and more to Christ” (Pope Francis, *Desiderio Desideravi*, 21).

In response to Pope Francis’ call for a “serious and dynamic liturgical formation” (*ibid*, 31), the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions is pleased to present a five-part Lenten series which will explore the Mass – “**Eucharist: The Work of Our Redemption.**” We offer this in harmony with the United States Bishops’ campaign for a Eucharistic Revival.

We have assembled some of the nation’s most respected theologians and liturgists. They will offer not merely an exploration of the elements of the Mass but will reflect on its rich theology and identify implications for pastoral practice.

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
Feb 23	Celebration of the Paschal Mystery: Theological Foundations	Dr. James Starke
Mar 2	The Church at Prayer: The Introductory Rites	Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, CPPS
Mar 9	Proclamation and Response: The Liturgy of the Word	Fr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap
Mar 16	Joining in the Sacrifice: The Liturgy of the Eucharist	Fr. Matthew Ernest
Mar 23	Glorifying the Lord by Your Life: The Concluding Rite	Fr. Ajani Gibson

The sessions will be offered live each Thursday in Lent at 1:00 PM (Eastern). Each webinar will be 75 minutes in length and will include time for questions and answers. As with our previous series, the sessions will be recorded so that all registered participants may watch it at a convenient time.

For over fifty-three years, liturgical formation has been the mission of the FDLC. Once again, these webinars will be offered FREE of charge. Online registration is now open: www.fdlc.org/eucharistseries2023. Please join us and encourage others to do the same.

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN



Since June 19, the FDLC has been posting quotations on the Eucharist daily. These are drawn from Sacred Scripture, liturgical texts, Patristic literature, the writing of the Saints, and Church documents. The quotations are chosen in harmony with the liturgical day. We have encouraged our members to “like” our page and to “share” the quotation with others (including their parish secretaries or web masters). Statistics show that we are reaching, on average, 13,500 people each day! www.facebook.com/FoDLC.



FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL MEETING OF DIOCESAN COMMISSIONS
OCTOBER 4-6, 2022 | NEW ORLEANS
ARS CELEBRANDI: SOMETHING MORE IS REQUIRED

Over one hundred thirty members travelled to New Orleans; another fifty joined virtually. Thirty members attended their very first national meeting – a sign of present and future growth. The week was yet another manifestation of the value of this Federation, the networking it engenders and supports, and its dedication to the liturgical apostolate. What follows are highlights from that meeting.

Panel on the Revised OCIA

- On Tuesday morning, a panel offered updates and insights on the formation on the revised OCIA.
- Father Andrew Menke gave a history of the process of translation of this text and offered updated its status
- Todd Williamson, OCIA Task Force Chair, gave statistics on the current OCIA webinars (over 3600 people participating in English and Spanish) and an overview of future FDLC plans.
- Dr. James Starke gave a snapshot on the formation of seminarians nationwide and how they are schooled in the rites of initiation – in the classroom and in the parish.
- Sr. Lois Paha gave an overview of diocesan programming, successes, and challenges when forming local clergy and leaders.

Four Plenary Presentations

- Father Patrick Beidelman explored the historical roots of the notion of *ars celebrandi* and wove in fascinating tales of the importance of ritual and the spiritual dimensions of our encounter with Christ in the Liturgy.
- Father Bruce Cinquegrani explored the vital “empathetic attending” that is so necessary for the assembly to enter into the liturgical act and for the presider to engage with the assembly.
- Sr. Judith Kubicki spoke of the essential role of music in the liturgy and the crucial need for the liturgical formation of the pastoral musician.
- Dr. Marchita Mauck drew upon Pope Francis’s recent apostolic letter as she explored the role of art and architecture in the celebration of the liturgical rites.
- Father Thomas Ranzino served as facilitator for the meeting, weaving the presentations together, leading our discussions, aiding our reflection with a participant’s journal, and offering a poetic summary.

Journal for reflection

- Early on, we wanted to focus on the role of the pastoral liturgist in the formation of clergy and the faithful. What does *ars celebrandi* mean for a liturgist’s daily tasks?
- A journal invited reflection after each presentation and after each liturgy
- Quotations from *Desiderio Desideravi* were found on each page.

Liturgies

- Oct 4 - Archbishop Gregory Aymond welcomed us to the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis King of France where he encouraged us to reflect on the Collect for the Mass for Ministers of the Church – “...that they may be effective in action, gentle in ministry, and constant in prayer.”
- Oct 5 - Church of the Immaculate Conception; Mass on the memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos who holds a special place in the heart of parishioners in New Orleans. The Choir from Notre Dame Seminary provided music.

- Oct 6—Mass at the historic St. Peter Claver parish in the heart of the city where we were warmly welcomed by a sixty-voice Gospel choir and by Father Ajani Gibson, parochial vicar, who presided over a joyful celebration.
- Oct 4 – Opening Rite included an “office of readings” on the Council’s vision of *ars celebrandi*
- Oct 3-6 Liturgies of the Hours – Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer
- Oct 6 – Liturgy of Remembrance honored deceased members of the FDLC.

Morning with the BCDW

- Archbishop Blair, Chair of the BCDW, addressed us via video. Thank you! [The full text of his talk appears in the October 2022 edition of the *BCDW Newsletter*.]
- The Secretariat staff updated us on the status of the liturgical texts.

Business Sessions

- The members passed resolutions to offer formation on the Mass and on the protocols for eucharistic adoration and exposition.
- They shared what they were doing in their dioceses regarding the Eucharistic Revival.
- We will continue to populate a page of our FDLC website with these resources.

Banquet

- The 2022 Frederick R. McManus Award was given to Carmen Fernandez Aguinaco in recognition of her tireless efforts on liturgical translations.
- The 2022 Alleluia Award – given in recognition of outstanding service to the Federation by one of our own – was awarded posthumously to Msgr. Andrew Varga (Diocese of Bridgeport) for his decades of service to the FDLC. Msgr. Varga passed away in early March.
- Many thanks to our sponsors and exhibitors, to Michael Poradek, who handled all the technology, and to the incredible Committee from Region V who had worked tirelessly and showed true Southern Hospitality.

OTHER AREAS OF COLLABORATION

During our spring regional meetings, the FDLC participated in the nationwide **synod process**. A standardized process was distributed to all Board representatives prior to the fourteen gatherings. The comments were summarized and submitted to the USCCB on June 11, 2022. (A copy of that submission appeared in the August 2022 edition of the *FDLC Newsletter*.) The FDLC was part of the “Sixteenth Region” which welcomed comments from national organizations.

Rita continues to participate in the monthly meetings of the **Executive Directors’ Network** (EDN). This is a wonderful opportunity for mutual sharing on a variety of issues related to non-profits and the Church’s mission. Semi-annual gatherings provide opportunities for learning and prayer.

Rita continues to meet with the **Bishops’ Subcommittee on Certification of Lay Ecclesial Ministers** regarding standards for formation and future programming. Even after the dissolution of the Alliance, each member organization continues to certify and train. The FDLC has two applicants in process.