



**CORPUS CHRISTI – ST. BERNARD PARISH**

**WORSHIP COMMISSION**

**2010-2011**



## **CCSB Mission Statement**

Established on July 1, 2006 through the consolidation of neighboring parishes in Auburndale and West Newton, Corpus Christi – St. Bernard Parish is a welcoming community of Catholics striving to come together as one body in Christ.

As a faith community centered in the Eucharistic celebration, we give witness to our baptismal rights by committing ourselves to learn, love, and live the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Empowered to share our faith, gifts, and talents, we dedicate ourselves to genuinely embracing our diverse community, compassionately serving those in need, and ardently working for justice and peace.

Strengthened through Word and Worship, Community, and Service, we pledge ourselves to be a parish where all feel welcomed and inspired to participate.

### **THE ROLE OF THE WORSHIP COMMISSION**

**Purpose:** To encourage and facilitate the full, active and conscious participation of parishioners in worship of God, particularly through liturgical and prayer experiences with special attention on the parish's celebration of the Sunday Eucharist.

**Objectives include:**

- give direction to the preparation and development of the parish's Sunday Eucharist celebrations, major feasts, and seasonal events.
- develop training for liturgical ministries and ongoing liturgical education for all parishioners.
- offer special prayer experiences and renewal events for the parish
- advocate for the proper and full inclusion of all parishioners in the worship of the Church.
- promote and engage in ecumenical and inter-faith activities.

**Structure:**

The Worship Commission is open to participation by anyone called to serve the parish in this capacity. Typically the Commission has 8-10 participants who are actively involved in one or more of the parish's liturgical ministries. Meetings are held approximately every 4-5 weeks and are led by a Chairperson responsible for agenda planning and leading the meeting. Minutes are kept for each meeting and are reviewed and approved at the following meeting. The Pastor participates in each meeting and instructs the group ensuring appropriate observation of Liturgical events as well as providing guidance to ensure consistency with parish objectives and coordination with other Commissions and the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Worship Commission is committed to deepening its understanding of the rites of the Mass and reflecting that appreciation in the Liturgical events of the parish. A portion of each meeting is set aside to review and discuss various materials the group will have read during the period between each meeting and to consider how parish liturgy can be enhanced by new concepts and practices.

**Goals and Objectives:** based upon the focus areas established at the 2009 Parish Leadership Planning Day

**Focus Area One:**

Communication – To improve, update and increase the manner in which we communicate with parishioners and others.

Worship Commission Response:

To increase communication to the parish in introducing changes or additions to our services, such as the use of new worship aides; or to provide catechesis of various aspects of the Liturgy to help enrich the experience of our parishioners.

**Focus Area Two:**

Youth and Young Adult Ministry – To reach out, excite, energize and connect with the youth and young adults of our faith community.

Worship Commission Response:

Project created to explore the creation of a “youthful mass service”

Project created to include families in a new GREETERS ministry.

Have sensitivity toward family and youth when scheduling and planning liturgical event.

**Focus Area Three:**

Lifelong Faith Formation – To understand the various stages and address the spiritual needs of all parishioners.

Worship Commission Response:

Sensitivity in planning Liturgical events in terms of time and location giving consideration for elderly and families with young persons; sensitivity for hearing impaired; scheduling of services and events that older parishioners like to participate in such as Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Saturday morning mass; development of Special Blessings to be conducted throughout the year.