



OUTLINE FOR TRAINING LECTORS

Training would be in two sessions for two hours each (e.g., Evenings, 7 – 9 p.m.) OR training could be done in one session for four hours (e.g., Saturday morning, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.).

Two main parts to the training would be:

- Theology of Ministry and Theology/Spirituality of the Liturgical Proclamation of the Word
- Particular skills for the lector

First Part:

1. Baptism—the foundation for all ministry

- Duties of Baptized
- Baptism as membership in the Liturgical Assembly
- God calls us to ministry
- The Word is foundational to that call

2. The Living Word of God

- When the Scriptures are read, God himself speaks
 - Calls us to respond
 - How do we respond (at that moment at Mass as well in other areas of our lives)?

3. Liturgy of the Word at Mass

- A dialogue between God and his people (St. John Paul II)
- Outline of Liturgy of the Word
- Duties of Lector
 - Scripture Reading(s)
 - Intercessions?
 - Announcements?

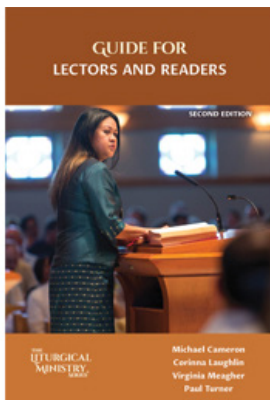
Second Part:

1. The Lectionary

- Theology of
- History of
- Structure of (emphasis on Liturgical Year)

2. Serving as a lector

- Preparation
 - Identify genre
 - Identify where the reading fits within the Scriptures/with other readings of the day
 - Practice, practice, practice
 - Liturgical season
- Proclamation Skills
 - Breathing and volume
 - Articulation and pronunciation
 - Pacing
 - Emphasis
 - Microphone use
 - Non-verbals
- Assessment and Feedback



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