

# VISION STATEMENT FOR LITURGY

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO

SAINT MARY'S, NOTRE DAME, INDIANA

Liturgy, the prayer of the gathered assembly, is at the heart of Christian living. Its celebration has unique power to express, nourish and challenge our understanding of our Catholic identity and mission.

Because of this centrality and because, in a distinctive way, liturgy in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto reflects and promotes the values and mission of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, we affirm that:

- Our liturgies will be consistently excellent — engaging the whole person and promoting active, conscious participation of those assembled;
- Our liturgies will be strategically progressive — congruent with contemporary theology and cosmology and with the spirit of Church documents on liturgical prayer;
- Our liturgies will foster a “discipleship of equals” — actively engaging members of the assembly in a variety of roles, envisioning God in diverse ways, and proclaiming prayer texts in language(s) which are non-hierarchical and inclusive;
- Our liturgies will be hallmarked by hospitality and inclusivity;
- Our liturgies will deepen awareness of our interconnectedness with our human sisters and brothers throughout the world, with all members of the earth community and the entire cosmos; and
- Our liturgies will strengthen our resolve to create a more just, sustainable and harmonious global society.