

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Interior Design Team Meeting
December 17, 2015

Present: Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor; Kathy Arciero, Sondra Parks, Charlene Buhlert, Mary Castle, Lorraine Doering, Ann Eriksson, Pat Goscienski, Phil Goscienski, Robert Habiger, Kathy Quinn, Chris Smith

Guests: Claire Wing, Lynn Kircher, Jane Kircher

The meeting opened with prayer at 2:00 pm.

- **Presentation of Design of Marian Shrine by Claire Wing**

The creation/construction of the images for the Marian shrine was delayed by the illness and recovery of the artist, Claire Wing. The creative process was explained by Claire as she told us of the research she underwent in seeking the right images. The final product consists of three large pieces of glass with images inscribed and highlighted with gold leaf. The center piece shows a full image of Mary standing before us. The left panel will have an image of the Angel Gabriel and the right panel will be somewhat abstract with olive leaves highlighted in gold leaf.

There had been some concern as to how the image of the unborn Christ child might be shown. Claire showed us a photo of an ultrasound image of a fetus. Her illustration will be abstract based on the circular/swirling image seen in the ultrasound image.

Mary's image will not show head covering, rather the shoulder length hair of a young woman.

Claire suggests that we use many "tea light" candles on the walls. She will be using gold leaf highlights throughout the design. The candles will provide flickering light.

She also suggested that we install two curved benches on the wall opposite the shrine.

- **Presentation of Design for Christ Image on the Road to Emmaus by Lynn Kircher**

The image of Christ to be placed in the Daily Mass Chapel is in the design stage. We were told it is four feet tall and will be placed on a wall-mounted pedestal. (Perhaps a stanchion will be placed beneath it, not so much for support, but as for the completion of the design.)

Lynn is concerned about the weight of the statue and how it can be safely mounted on the wall. Brian Leahy will be consulted. No direct light for the statue has been planned

but it may be illuminated by natural light in the chapel, perhaps with the skylight that is already present there. Lynn will work with Brian for the installation.

Lynn had further comments regarding a contest in which he will be participating. His work for St. Thomas More will be entered in the contest.

In closing remarks, Father Mike told us that our new church will be the host for the next Diocesan Ordination of Priests in June 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Quinn