

# Liturgical Space Considerations

To what extent are the following space considerations important to you in any new space the parish might use?

1. Unity – The space communicates a sense of harmony, integration and wholeness
2. Beauty – The total environment is beautiful; the space appeals to the senses
3. Sense of the Sacred – The space makes us aware of the sacred; draws us into a sense of awe, a sense of the holy
4. Reverence – The space encourages rest & prayer when one is in it alone; has a sense of quite intimacy with God and other people
5. Mystery – The space draws us beyond ourselves, into a contemplation of God’s presence
6. Symbolic focus – The space focuses our attention on the important symbols of liturgical faith – altar, being part of a community, baptismal font, light & darkness, etc.
7. Quality – The space suggest quality of materials and artistry; sense of harmony & wholeness; the objects serve the liturgical action and also carry the weight if mystery, awe and wonder
8. Responsible use of land, energy, etc.
9. Capacity for use by the broader community – for meetings, special events, etc.
10. Worship space flexible enough to allow for multiple uses while maintaining a sense of reverence when used for liturgy.
11. Parking space
12. Handicap accessible
13. Seating is in pews
14. Seating is in chairs appropriate for liturgical space

Very Low					Very High
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- 15. Local Arts – Use local artists as possible
- 16. Arts – Use artists with expertise; do not fall back on using poor quality commercial items or work by unskilled volunteers
- 17. Music – Space allows for a variety of musical instruments
- 18. Organ – There is an organ in the space (or one could be added)
- 19. Easy movement – Liturgical space allows for easy movement as people gather; for liturgical expression, etc.
- 20. Presider – The space allows us to easily see the presiding priest
- 21. Variety of Liturgical Use – Space allows for Holy Eucharist, Baptism, pastoral offices (marriages, burials, etc.), Daily Office, etc.

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### St. Brendan’s Issues to Test

- 1. I would consider using different spaces for the year-round congregation and the summer congregation if that allowed both groups to meet their needs
- 2. I’d be open to renting liturgical space
- 3. I’d be open to buying a building
- 4. I’d be open to building a new space
- 5. Action on sharing costs of an organ with St. Mary’s needs to be on-hold until we complete this process (for a few months).
- 6. One consideration that needs to be taken seriously is the need of the community at large for meeting and gathering space
- 7. It matters to me that if we get our own space we also are able to continue giving money to needs outside of the parish.

Not at all					Very Much