

Diocese of Leeds

Directory for Masses
With Children



Nurturing Collective Worship

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Prepared by the Congregation for Divine Worship :
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It may be helpful to consider the following points when reading the Directory:

1. As a religious educator in what ways do you think the Church is taking seriously the need to respond to the wide variety of needs of children their liturgical formation, education and celebration?

Using a highlighter pen underline where differentiation and adaptation to the child's needs are of paramount importance.

2. **Section I The Introduction of Children to the Eucharistic Celebration**

What strikes you about the danger mentioned regarding the separation of the liturgical and eucharistic formation from the general human and Christian education of the children and the value of 'non-eucharistic' celebrations?

3. **Section II Masses with Adults in which Children also Participate**

From your own experience, in what way have the parents and the parish community involved the children in these Masses?

4. **Section III Masses with Children in which only a few Adults Participate**

What do you note regarding the role of the priest as leader of the celebration and how teachers / other adults can be involved in the leadership?

What ideas are new to you regarding the variety of recommendations for full participation of the children in the Eucharist?

Do you think we are helping children to encounter Christ 'joyfully' in the celebration of our Eucharist?