

ST EDWARD CHURCH

ART AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

The Art and Environment committee is responsible for the church environment. In decorating the church the committee takes into consideration the places where Christ is fully present; the altar, the ambo, the presider's chair and the assembly. The seasons of the Church year dictate the colors and materials that are used in decorating the church.

Art and environment committee members assist in the planning for liturgical environment and preparation of a hospitable and prayerful atmosphere in the worship space in correlation with the changing seasons of the liturgical year.

Members of the committee are expected to have or to develop an interest in and appreciation for artistic principles in general, liturgical art, liturgical seasons and the principals of liturgical decorations.

Committee members meet at intervals throughout the year to plan for the design, set up and removal and storage of the décor for major feasts and seasons, such as Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter in addition to special occasions.

The environment of the Church Grounds is also a project of the Art and Environment committee. Planning is done for planting and maintenance of shrubs and plantings from Spring through the Fall clean up.

“The tradition of levels of decoration in the church for liturgical seasons and feasts heightens the awareness of the festive, solemn, or penitential nature of these seasons.”

“Decorations are intended to draw people to the true nature of the mystery being celebrated rather than being ends in themselves. Natural flowers, plants, wreaths and fabric hangings, and other seasonal objects can be arranged to enhance the primary liturgical pints of focus.”

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