



Holy Spirit
Catholic Community



The Presider Chair

Fr. Philip Horrigan from the Archdiocese of Chicago describes the Presider's Chair this way:

The liturgical reform of this century has sought to recover the function of the chair of the presider. This is the chair used by the priest during a liturgy. The materials and design of the chair should identify it as part of the particular place of worship. Its style should speak of the ministry of presiding, not of remoteness or prestige. Since we now have a fuller understanding of Christ's presence in the assembly of all the faithful, the presider's chair cannot signify privilege, but rather a sense of leadership in prayer, as well as the dignity and service that are inherent in Christian ministry. From this chair, the presider calls the people of God to prayer, joins them in attentiveness to the word, keeps with them moments of silence, leads them in petitions of forgiveness, invites them to profess their faith, lifts up their intercessions for every need and sends them forth with God's blessing.

The above statement reflects many of the reasons our presider's decided to place the Presider's Chair at Holy Spirit in the midst of the assembled people. Located beside the Presider's Chair is a coordinating chair for the deacon.



Have you noticed that the colors of our chair cushions change? Have you wondered why? (If you attended our GIFT Christmas presentation you already know the answer to these questions.) Our cushions change to reflect the liturgical season or feast being celebrated. Right now the chair cushions are a violet-blue for Advent. At Christmas and Easter we will see White or Gold. During ordinary time the cushions are green. In ordinary time during the winter a darker green is used. Ordinary time in the spring will feature a lighter growing-

green. A deep violet-purple will be on the chairs during Lent. And of course our favorite "red" will reflect the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.