

Liturgy center creates online resource on church art, architecture

WASHINGTON - The Georgetown Center for Liturgy has launched a new online interactive resource to explore the relationship among art, architecture, liturgy and spirituality in the Catholic tradition.

Jesuit Father Lawrence Madden, director of the center, said the EnVisionChurch Web site, www.envisionchurch.org, is meant for everyone, but will be especially useful as a forum for pastoral leaders involved in building or renovating places of worship, commissioning artwork or planning liturgical ministries.

According to an announcement on the site, EnVisionChurch will periodically spotlight artists and architects who have created noteworthy sacred spaces. Articles regarding new developments in church design and new resources for the improvement of liturgical celebration will be posted along with a directory of sacred space design professionals.

Plans are under way to create a digital library of more than 10,000 images of artwork and sacred space.

The Georgetown Center for Liturgy was founded in 1981 by Georgetown University and Holy Trinity Catholic Church. It seeks to ensure the liturgy is celebrated well by serving as an educational, research and consultation center focused on the liturgical renewal initiated by the Second Vatican Council.