



A Retreat for Art & Environment Committees

Sharpen the Saw means preserving and enhancing the greatest asset you have... **YOU**... It means having a balanced program for self-renewal in your life... Without this renewal, the body becomes weak, the mind mechanical, the emotions raw, the spirit insensitive, and the person selfish.

Stephen R. Covey

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Caring for Those Who Design the Worship Environment

Every week, our churches celebrate multiple Masses, prayer services, and other worship opportunities. Those who cross the threshold into Church can experience warmth, welcome, and comfort simply based on the seasonal environment. Often the best celebrations occur because of the careful consideration and preparation that happened behind the scenes, by those who recognize “the big picture” of Church – and yet **the ministry of Art & Environment demands the most attention at often the least convenient times. The collaborative efforts of an Art & Environment Committee facilitate vibrant worship, and those creative ministers need to be regularly nourished to keep the creative juices (and energy) flowing.** Those who design our worship environment offer their time and talent for the benefit of so many – but who tends to their needs?

Sustaining the Journey, a retreat series endorsed by both the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and the American Guild of Organists, is an opportunity for all Liturgical Ministers to experience **renewal** and **refreshment**. With a combined 70+ years of liturgical ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, presenters **Bob Soeder** and **Mary Hrich** bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge, and music. Each retreat includes a light meal, time for fellowship and prayer, stories, singing, and a little learning along the way! Designed for **all Art & Environment ministers**, this *Sustaining the Journey* event will leave you with food for thought and a renewed enthusiasm for liturgical ministry. **Come for the food – stay for the nourishment!**

Content can be customized to meet your organization’s specific needs.

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