

Liturgical Design Consultant

Mark Joseph Costello, OFM Cap, who lives in Chicago has been a member of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of Saint Joseph since 1982. He has been working as a Liturgical Design Consultant for the past fourteen years. Fr. Costello graduated from the Catholic Theological Union at Chicago with a Master's of Divinity degree and from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a Master's in Fine Arts in Interior Architecture. This background has prepared him to serve parishes as an educator in liturgy as well as a designer for liturgical space.

He has experience with parish new building and renovation projects throughout the United States, Canada, and Australia. He has worked with merging and multicultural Catholic parishes, religious communities, universities and hospitals. He enjoys working with diverse types of parishes who desire a worship environment that reflects their particularity while connecting to the wider tradition. A goal is to have the building embody the principles of the Second Vatican Council while incorporating imagery from the tradition. He designs the process for education and parishioner involvement to suit the structures of a particular community.

As a church design consultant, he provides building committee education and direction in the preparation of a vision for the project. He works closely with the architects to prepare plans. He also works with the parish to educate and receive feedback on the plans as they progress. He assists the parish in the selection of artists and grafts persons for the church and typically designs its new liturgical furnishings and appointments.

Mark Joseph's work has appeared on the cover of *Wisconsin Architect* and has been featured in the *Chicago Tribune*, *Environment and Art Newsletter*, and in *Modern Liturgy* magazine. He is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy and the international organization *Societas Liturgica*.