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Art in the Service of the Liturgy

WHAT ABOUT THE ARTS\* IN WORSHIP????

\*including but not limited to drama, visual arts, fabric arts, poetry, dance, and any of the myriad forms of "worship which provide opportunities to recognize these artists' gifts and to offer them to serve Christ in the church and in the world."

CHOOSE ONE OR MORE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- 1) The first Divine call for liturgical art was:
  - a) In Exodus from Moses (Ex. 35:30)
  - b) In Matthew when Jesus drew a line in the sand
  - c) In the 11<sup>th</sup> Century C.E. when stained glass was invented
  
- 2) Uses for liturgical art DO NOT include:
  - a) To challenge
  - b) To provoke
  - c) To inspire
  - d) To decorate
  - e) To heal
  - f) To entertain
  - g) To show off the artists' talents
  
- 3) When iconographers name the process of doing their work, what do they call it?
  - h) drawing an icon
  - i) centering an icon
  - j) writing an icon
  - k) offering an icon
  
- 4) Who disapproved of art, "not because he did not feel its charms but because he felt them too keenly not to consider them dangerous . . . because it belonged on the wrong side of the world."
  - a) Bernard of Clairvaux,
  - b) John Wesley
  - c) George Fox
  - d) Pope Gregory VI
  
- 5) What is an Ebenezer?
  
- 6) Who is Lord Sabaoth?

7) Viseo Divina is

- a. A 9<sup>th</sup> century mystic
- b. The way God views us
- c. Contemplative practice of praying the Scriptures
- d. Seeing not through our eyes, but through God's eyes

8)The word "liturgy" means:

- e. a public duty
- f. the function of priests in the temple
- g. rite of the church
- h. The chief official service only (i.e.Mass or Holy Eucharist)

9) The Iconoclast Controversy is which of these?

- a)Lawsuit against Microsoft's use of "Word" logo
- b)Pope Gregory's demand that nude sculptures wear a figleaf
- c)Byzantine often violent dispute over the status of holy icons

11) What is this quote from? "The composition of the image is not the invention of the painters, but the result of the legislation and approved tradition of the Church"

- a) The second council of Nicea 787 which also was the end of the Iconoclast Controversy
- b) Nancy Chinn, liturgical artist, 1988
- c) National Conference on Environment & Art for Catholic Worship, 1969
- d) John Calvin. 1539

12) The man, the lion, the ox and the eagle are symbols for what?

- a. C.S. Lewis' heros in his final Narnia book
- b. The four gospel writers
- c. The four essential human natures (reason, emotions, body &spirit).
- d. St. Francis' essential beasts

13) Many efforts to relate religion and the arts have stumbled because:

- a) they attempt to channel the imagination into pious patterns
- b) artists are hard to get along with
- c) many people have an underlying fear of the imagination
- d) art tries to tell us things we don't know or have forgotten
- e) there are not enough talented Christian artists

14) According to Revelation 18:22, who will you not find in hell?

- a) you and me
- b) musicians and other artists
- c) preachers and teachers
- d) people who make wonderful desserts

15) Which of these words describes BEAUTY?

- a. Cute
- b. easy
- c. banal
- d. silly
- e, sweet or nice
- f. unthreatening
- g. sentimental

16) What is the purpose of art?

17) Liturgical arts can become spiritual discipline because they provoke us to employ what in worship?

- a) Our mind
- b) Our body
- c) Our spirit

18) TRUE OR FALSE:

If congregants say that they didn't "like" or didn't "understand" an offering of liturgical art, the artist should feel that the work was a failure.

19) Historically the church has incorporated all sorts of symbols. Which of the following are NOT symbols used in the Christian tradition.

- a) griffon
- b) unicorn
- c) television
- d) lily
- e) flame
- f) dragon
- g) dove
- h) swastika
- I) Celtic knot
- j) the Green man
- k) water
- l) the goose
- m) the moon
- n) the Easter bunny

20) What is the traditional liturgical color for:

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Easter        | Advent          |
| Pentecost     | Christmas       |
| Ordinary Time | Lent            |
| Palm Sunday   | Maundy Thursday |
| Good Friday   | Ash Wednesday   |

