

Presiding/Leading Prayer

The National Liturgy Secretaries of Europe

suggest that the role of the presider/leader involves

- Welcoming and coordinating
- Being present
- Opening and closing the celebration
- Leading the prayer of the Church (the presidential prayers)
- Positing the sacramental actions
- Preparing for each celebration; preparing oneself.

Kathleen Hughes adds some more qualitative dimensions.

- Communication (with whom? and in whose name?)
- Learning to lead with ease and dignity
- Care for authentic signs (gestures; environment, artefacts, vesture, and above all the elements used in symbolic action)

Allen Morris adds

- Take care over the quality of participation aids. (worthy, clear, enabling participation but not including what is not necessary.)