

A PARISH INHERITANCE

AI Analysis Guide for Liturgical Hymnody

Purpose

This guide provides a standardized workflow for using Large Language Models (AI) to evaluate hymnody according to the specific doctrinal and liturgical criteria established in *A Parish Inheritance*. By following these steps, the AI becomes a research assistant capable of filtering vast repertoires through your established framework.

STEP 1: UPLOAD THE "RULEBOOK"

Gather the following PDF or Word versions of your core project documents and upload them to the AI interface:

What Is a Catholic Hymn?

A Pastoral Look at the Hymns We Sing

Appendix D : Hymn Analysis Template

Appendix E : Sample Hymn Analyses

STEP 2: PRIME THE AI ASSISTANT

Copy and paste the following prompt to ensure the AI prioritizes your documents over its general training:

"I am uploading the foundational documents for a project titled 'A Parish Inheritance.' These files establish a specific framework for Catholic hymnody. Please read them carefully. From this point forward, use ONLY the theological definitions (Categories C1-C4) and the Analysis Template (Appendix D) provided in these documents to evaluate any hymn lyrics I provide. Strictly apply the doctrinal standards found in these files, particularly concerning 'Unauthorized Divine Speech' and 'Eucharistic Realism.' Do not use general ecumenical or secular standards. Do not generate any lyrics. Just be ready."

STEP 3: EXECUTE THE ANALYSIS

Paste the lyrics of the hymn in question along with this final command:

"Analyze these lyrics using the Template from Appendix D.

Specifically flag:

1. Any use of first-person divine speech (Voice of God).
2. The presence or absence of Eucharistic doctrine.
3. The final classification: C1, C2, C3, or C4.
4. Insert a superscript number (e.g., ¹) directly after the relevant sentence or paragraph, indicating Church documents.
5. Please format the following text using endnotes. Follow these rules strictly:

[PASTE LYRICS HERE]

STEP 4: PASTORAL VERIFICATION

Review the result. While the AI is excellent at textual pattern recognition—identifying unauthorized pronouns or theological gaps—the final pastoral decision belongs to the Priest and the musician.

Copy and paste the hymn analysis into a word document or note pad for future reference.

Use the AI's data as the basis for a **Shared Discernment** conversation.