

## Greccio Presentation: Prior to Vigil Mass or Group Presentation

### **1. Prior to Vigil Mass**

- Have simple Display of empty manger on bed of straw; 1 donkey & 1 ox – stable optional
- Reading of Christmas 1223 Christmas at Greccio – either Thomas of Celano or Bonaventure's rendition
- At point in story as townspeople process to Mass site, sing relevant Christmas carol – either while processing or sitting in seats/pews
- Celebrant places Baby Jesus in manger/on bed of straw
- Mass proceeds as usual

### **2. Group Presentation**

- Have simple Display of empty manger on bed of straw; 1 donkey & 1 ox – stable optional
- Reading of Christmas 1223 Christmas at Greccio – either Thomas of Celano or Bonaventure's rendition
- At point in story as townspeople process to Mass site, sing relevant Christmas carol – either while processing or sitting in seats/pews
- 5 minutes of quiet reflection
- Small group discussion – either on personal reflection or prepared discussion questions

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