

LITURGYNOTES – FOR AUGUST 2011

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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Diocesan Roman Missal Websites:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm>
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissalQA.htm>

WHAT ARE PARISHES DOING?

What are parishes doing to prepare for the new Missal? Have you selected a musical setting for the Mass yet? Is there anything that you need from this office? Please let me know.... agnoli@davenportdiocese.org.

RESOURCES FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

This website contains a number of resources for parish use, including materials for small group meeting, handouts, and information for liturgical ministers.

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Missal/Resources/index.shtml>

RESOURCES FROM AUSTRALIA: FOR CHILDREN

From the makers of the *Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ* DVD-ROM, this web-based educational resource is designed for children from K-12. The minor differences between Catholic life in Australia and in the US allow for conversation on both our common faith and our local diversity as a Church; great for kids to explore and teachers to use in the classroom.

<http://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au/index.cfm>

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY

Through an agreement with the USCCB, the National Catholic Partnership on Disability will be able to offer large print formats of the Roman Missal, Third Edition to priests and deacons. The should be available by October 1, 2011.

The documents on CD will be in pdf that will only allow printing, not copying of text. Three font sizes will be available on the CD; Font sizes 24, 34 and 44. Print editions can be requested but cost the NCPD more to produce. See the website for more details:

<http://www.ncpd.org/order/romanmissal>

VIDEOS (AND OTHER RESOURCES) FROM LIFE-TEEN

Videos for teens, parents, and youth ministers are available at:

<http://www.catholicyouthministry.com/roman-missal/>. Thanks to Julie Agne from Solon for passing this information along!

MYSTICAL BODY, MYSTICAL VOICE – FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL

On October 8th, the Liturgical Institute at Mundelein will be presenting a version of the "Mystical Body, Mystical Voice" workshop for parishioners at large. The October event will be a national conference, open to the faithful from any diocese. The entire program will be presented over the course of a single day (Saturday, October 8th, 2011) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch and light refreshments, as well as a copy of the Participants Guide, are included in the cost of registration. See their website for more information:

<http://www.usml.edu/liturgicalinstitute/conferences/MBMV%20for%20Parishioners%202011/MBMV%20Parishioners%20home.htm>

NEWS FROM THE USCCB

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has decided that the current *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* and the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* may continue to be used until such a time as they can be retranslated.

However, the updated words of institution should be used in the Eucharistic Prayers, and the people's responses and acclamations should be updated to reflect the text of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. In the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the new text of the Order of Mass should be inserted, and the concluding formulae of the orations should be updated to reflect the newer text.

The Secretariat of Divine Worship will begin work immediately to prepare the necessary adjustments to the texts and see to their publication as soon as possible. The text of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* will be published by USCCB Communications as a supplement to the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, (similar to the current supplemental text of the Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), and it should be available in time for the implementation of the Missal this Advent. The USCCB hopes to include the text of the *Directory for Masses with Children* as an introductory text for this supplement. The Congregation suggests that it would be helpful to remind pastors of the regulations regarding the use of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children*, and this issue will be addressed in the upcoming issue of the Committee on Divine Worship *Newsletter*.

The *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* was originally published by both Catholic Book Publishing Company and Liturgical Press. The staff of the Secretariat will contact both publishers to work toward the release of updated editions from these same publishers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarian Anastacio Ponce will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, August 20, at St. Mary in Ottumwa. The ordination Mass is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM. Please keep him, and all our seminarians, in your prayers.

Bishop Gruss' Thanksgiving Mass

Bishop Gruss will return to the diocese to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, September 4, at 3pm. All are welcome!

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

North American Forum on the Catechumenate

A reminder that the North American Forum on the Catechumenate is holding an Institute on the rites of initiation in multi-parish configurations on August 25-26 in Racine, Wisconsin. Please see our website or the attached brochure for details.

The Forum is also offering the following workshops on The Evangelizing Parish:

Archdiocese of St. Louis

- Sacred Heart Parish, Valley Park MO
September 16-17, 2011 (Registration Deadline Aug 19)

Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

- Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield MO
Sept 16-17, 2011 (Registration Deadline Aug 19)
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Jackson MO
Sept 23-24, 2011 (Registration Deadline Aug 26)

****SAVE THE DATE****

The Forum will be returning to the Diocese of Davenport next year on July 6-7 to present a workshop on Evangelization. For more than the immediate RCIA Team, this event will deepen participant's passion for evangelization and present practical approaches to this essential ministry.

For more opportunities, see the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

DREAM ACT SABBATH: SEPTEMBER 25

Religious leaders from around the country have asked churches and other communities of faith to observe a “DREAM Act Sabbath” on September 25. This observation would be a good opportunity to include intercessions for immigrants and immigration reform as part of your Prayer of the Faithful, for example:

- For all those who come to this country seeking peace, security, and a living wage. We pray to the Lord.
- For the children of immigrants, that they receive the education that they need. We pray to Lord.
- That immigration reform in this country would be marked by justice and compassion. We pray to the Lord.

This may also be an opportunity to include references to immigrants and immigration in homilies. The Gospel (Mt 21:28-32) in particular reminds us that the unexpected, those we consider outsiders, are the ones who are inheriting the Kingdom of God. Unfair? God answers (Ez 18:25-28): “Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?”

OCTOBER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In 2002, the US Bishops released *When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women*. They began with an unequivocal condemnation of violence against women:

As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is *never* justified. Violence in any form—physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal—is sinful; often, it is a crime as well. We have called for a moral revolution to replace a culture of violence. We acknowledge that violence has many forms, many causes, and many victims—men as well as women.

In this document, they called upon the Church in the United States to reach out to both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence (they focused on women as victims since that is the case in 85% of domestic violence situations; this does not mean that we can ignore the 15% of victims who are men). Among the recommendations that they made is to use opportunities within the liturgy and in sacramental preparation programs to draw attention to violence and abuse. Here are their suggestions:

- In homilies, include a reference to domestic violence when appropriate. Just a mention of domestic violence lets abused women know that someone cares. Describe what abuse is so that women begin to recognize and name what is happening to them. Watch the video *When You Preach, Remember Me*.
- In parish reconciliation services, identify violence against women as a sin.
- Include intercessions for victims of abuse, people who abuse people, and those who work with them.
- If you suspect abuse, ask direct questions. Ask the woman if she is being hit or hurt at home. Carefully evaluate her response. Some women do not realize they are being abused, or they lie to protect their spouses. Be careful not to say anything that will bolster her belief that it is her fault and that she must change her behavior.

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- Have an action plan in place to follow if an abused woman calls on you for help. This includes knowing how and where to refer her for help. This will be easier if you have already established contact with local shelters and domestic violence agencies.
- Include a discussion of domestic violence in marriage preparation sessions. If violence has already begun in the relationship, it will only escalate after marriage.
- In baptismal preparation programs, be alert that the arrival of a child and its attendant stress may increase the risk of domestic violence.

Their statement, and further resources and recommendations, may be found on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/laity/women/violence.shtml>.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Looking Ahead: Easter Vigil Start Time

The earliest time that the Vigil can begin next year (Saturday, April 7, 2012) is 8:30 p.m.

Reminder: The Solemnity of the Assumption (August 15)

Because the solemnity falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed. However, even when the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses are still prohibited (Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated). Funeral Masses may be celebrated. On Sunday evening, Evening Prayer or the Solemnity of the Assumption is used.

Priesthood Sunday

Priesthood Sunday is being observed on October 30 this year. This nationwide event is coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International as a way “to honor priesthood in the United States... [and] to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.” Materials can be found on the web at www.priestsunday.org.

All Saints / All Souls

The Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, falls on a Tuesday this year, and is therefore a Holy Day of obligation. Ritual and Funeral Masses are prohibited, but funerals and marriages may be celebrated outside of Mass.

On Wednesday, November 2, the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed is observed. Any of the readings from the Masses for the Dead (Lectionary Volume IV, #1011-1016) may be used. Ritual Masses are not permitted, but the funeral Mass may be celebrated.

November 15: Feast of the Anniversary of the Cathedral’s Dedication

The Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral is observed as a Feast in the diocese. Masses on that day should be taken from the Common of the Dedication of a Church, 2. Anniversary of Dedication, B. Outside the Dedicated Church. The Preface for Dedication of a Church II (P53) is used. The readings are

taken from the Common of the Anniversary of the Dedication of A Church, found in volumes II, III, or IV of the Lectionary, readings number 701-706. At the Cathedral itself, it is celebrated as a Solemnity—and can be moved to Sunday (November 13).

Advent

1. With the new liturgical year, we begin the use of Cycle B in the Sunday Lectionary and Year II in the Weekday Lectionary... and we begin using the new edition of the Roman Missal.
2. The color of Advent is a bluer shade of violet, to distinguish it from the purple of penitence in Lent. Blue is not an allowed color in the U.S. Rose is an optional color for the vesture on the Third Sunday of Advent, signaling that the full joy of Christmas is drawing near. The vestments worn should not have a cross, nails, etc. on them – they should not be Lenten.
3. The Advent wreath is blessed only at the first mass, after the intercessions. See the Book of Blessings, #1509ff, chapter 47. On the other Sundays of Advent, it is lit before Mass begins and no additional prayers are said. The traditional wreath is a circle of evergreen branches that bears four candles. The dominant tradition calls for three violet and one rose candle, but four violet or four white candles may also be used. Some communities add a fifth candle, white, for Christmas. The wreath should be large enough for all to see, but not obstruct the view of the altar, ambo or chair.
4. A good Penitential Act to use would be the third form, #1 (now found in Appendix VI of the Missal).
5. Don't anticipate Christmas with music and environment. Rather, make use of a full spectrum of Advent music.
6. Don't make believe Jesus never came – focus on the second coming. Even though we won't be using this as a memorial acclamation at Mass anymore, it is still true: Christ *has* died, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again.
7. Giving trees should not be in the sanctuary. Remember you can transform them for Christmas. They are better placed in the entryway or some location other than the sanctuary, lest the simplicity of Advent decor be compromised. Likewise, while Jesse trees are good for religious education they should not be in the church.
8. The Gloria is omitted.
9. This season should reflect quiet and a subdued peace, as well as a sense of anticipation.
10. Remember that Advent and Christmas are the perfect times to remember Mary, our ultimate model for discipleship. The following Marian feasts and solemnities are observed during Advent:
 - a. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed on Monday, December 12.
 - b. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, is a Holy Day of obligation. Ritual Masses and Funeral Masses may not be celebrated.

INTERCESSIONS

(1) “Intercessions for Life” (in English and Spanish) may be found on the USCCB website at:

<http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wolarchive.shtml>

(2) Monthly intercession for vocations (Fr. Marty Goetz’s final contribution as Director of Vocations):

For a full appreciation of the gift of ministry within the Church, and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, WE PRAY TO THE LORD....

Intercessions (in English and Spanish) linked to the Lectionary cycle may also be found at the For Your Vocation website:

<http://www.foryourvocation.org/vocation-directors/liturgical-resources.cfm>

(3) Lectionary-based intercessions focused on social justice can be found at the Center of Concern website:

<http://www.coc.org/ef>

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