

Dear companions at the Table,

I hope this New Year finds you well, and that you have emerged from Advent and the celebration of the Nativity with hope renewed, faith strengthened, and love enkindled.

We have so much to look forward to in 2008...including the Rite of Election, Chrism Mass, and the Triduum! Please take a look at the information below regarding these liturgical celebrations, and much more...

And speaking of looking forward... the celebration of Confirmations in parishes is set to begin next month. We have a very full schedule, so – to all those responsible for preparing the liturgies – **please remember that you need to have the planning sheet to the Office of Liturgy *no later than two weeks before the Confirmation liturgy***. And please remember to use the planning sheet specific for Confirmations; not the one for “Solemn Liturgies.” The forms can be printed, filled in, and faxed (or mailed) to the office; or you can save the Word file to your hard drive, fill it in, save it again, and then send it in as an e-mail attachment. Your help in this matter is very much appreciated by Bishop Amos and his MCs!

The planning sheets, and all sorts of other information, are available in the liturgy section of our updated diocesan website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/index.htm>. It is still a work in progress; suggestions are welcomed.

In the meantime, I hope that you have a truly blessed Christmas Season!

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

The U.S. Bishops have published a new document on liturgical music, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*. This important resource is available for reading on the USCCB website, at: <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/SingToTheLord.pdf>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

The Rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport at 3PM and 6PM on Sunday, February 10 and again at St. Patrick's in Ottumwa at 3PM on February 17. Please remember that the Rite of Election is not optional: one must be “elected” for the Easter Sacraments by the Bishop (or his delegate). I would hope that we would see this as not just a “legal hoop” to jump through, but as a living sign of our unity as a diocesan church.

Detailed information—and a registration form—will be sent by separate e-mail to parishes, priests, Parish Life Administrators, and RCIA Coordinators. The documents will also be posted on the diocesan website (look under Liturgy Events). Please note: registration information is due back to us by January 25!

The Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. John Vianney Church, Bettendorf, on Monday, March 10, at 5:30 p.m. I would ask that we all encourage the members of our parishes—especially those in the RCIA or preparing for Confirmation—to attend this beautiful and important liturgy. Information on “ordering” oils will be sent to priests/parishes in the near future.

MULTI-CULTURAL MINISTRY

Remember Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 21! Here are some websites that focus on ministry within the African-American Catholic community. The Archdiocese of Baltimore site also contains links to resources about Martin Luther King, Jr.

<http://www.archbalt.org/ministries-offices/african-american-catholic-ministries/resources.cfm>

<http://www.usccb.org/saac/>

<http://www.usccb.org/comm/assisireecupr.shtml>

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

The University of Iowa presents its 2008 Institute for Sacred Music—*The Current Face of Worship Renewal*—on January 31 through February 2, 2008. Featured speakers include Gordon Lathrop, Lynn Trapp, and Samuel Adler. For more information, please call 319-335-1630 or e-mail delbert-disselhorst@uiowa.edu or visit their website: www.uiowa.edu/~music.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA: THE TRIDUUM

Rites for Holy Saturday

The RCIA does contain specific Rites to be celebrated on Holy Saturday. A number of options are possible for the Elect, including the Recitation of the Creed, the Ephphetha Rite, and the Choosing of a Baptismal Name (RCIA #185-205). Candidates for Full Communion and Confirmation should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (if not celebrated at some other point during Lent; see RCIA #408 and 482; *National Statutes* #27).

The Easter Vigil

The order of service varies slightly if the Vigil is celebrated with candidates, catechumens (elect), or both. It is preferable, however, that the reception and confirmation of candidates take place at a Mass different from the Vigil (see *National Statutes* #26). After the homily:

Elect only (RCIA #206-243)	Candidates only (RCIA #473-498)	Elect and Candidates (RCIA #566-594)
1. Baptism 2. Confirmation 3. Renewal of Baptismal Promises and sprinkling with baptismal water 4. Prayer of the Faithful	1. Renewal of Baptismal Promises and sprinkling with baptismal water (at the Vigil this replaces the Creed) 2. Celebration of Reception 3. Celebration of Confirmation 4. Prayer of the Faithful	1. Baptism of the Elect 2. Renewal of Baptismal Promises and sprinkling with baptismal water 3. Celebration of Reception 4. Confirmation of Elect and Candidates 5. Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY AND JUSTICE

Please consider purchasing “fair trade” palms for Palm Sunday. Information can be found on the Lutheran World Relief website at <http://www.lwr.org/palms/index.asp>. Or, you may want to contact the University of Minnesota directly at the following: Tel: 612-624-7418 / Fax: RaeLynn Jones Loss at 612-625-5212 / Email: ecopalms@umn.edu. If it is too late for this year, you can pre-order for next! (Catholic Relief Services should have information on their website later this month.)

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Preparing for the Triduum

For those charged with preparing for the Sacred Triduum this year, I would suggest the following electronic references.

(1) The *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts* from the Congregation for Divine Worship (1988); available in electronic form from: <http://www.ewtn.com/library/CURIA/CDWEASTF.HTM>.

(2) With the publication of the new Roman Missal, the rubrics concerning the celebration of the Triduum have been changed. These changes were reproduced in the January 2003 and March/April 2003 editions of the *Newsletter* from the USCCB’s Committee in the Liturgy. The documents are available at: <http://www.nccbuscc.org/liturgy/innews/012003.shtml> and <http://www.nccbuscc.org/liturgy/innews/03042003.shtml>.

Please note what the documents say about the Paschal Candle: “The candle should be made of wax, never be artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size that it may convey the truth that Christ is the light of the world.... The candle is then prepared in rites which are no longer optional.” In other words, we are asked to treat the Paschal Candle as the rich symbol it truly is.

Time for the Start of the Easter Vigil

The *Missale Romanum* states that the Easter Vigil is to take place in darkness, after nightfall. Traditionally in this diocese, and according to the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, that has been calculated as 45 minutes to an hour after sunset. Therefore, for the Diocese of Davenport, the Vigil on March 22, 2008, may not begin before 8:00 PM. (The same is true for the Archdiocese of Dubuque.)

World Day for Consecrated Life: February 3

In 1997, Pope John Paul instituted World Day for Consecrated Life. A complete resource kit for this annual event—including liturgy planning guide, music suggestions, homily guide, general intercessions, prayer service, prayer card master, bulletin announcements, clip art, poster, suggested activities and resources—is available from the National Coalition for Church Vocations at http://www.nccv-vocations.org/World-Day-for-Consecrated-Life-Kit--English-Spanish_p_63-34.html.

INTERCESSIONS

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

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

(2) Monthly intercession for vocations:

For use on February 3, World Day for Consecrated Life:

For the religious of our diocese—sisters, brothers, priests—that they be blessed in their life of consecration to the Lord in service to the Church; we pray...

(3) Weekly intercessions from the Liturgical Commission:

Feb 3 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For families wounded by sexual abuse, we pray...

Feb 10 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

For a sense of stewardship for our earth and a willingness to put the common good before personal advantage, we pray...

Feb 17 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

For those in our parish community who are burdened with worries about family members or friends, finances, health, or struggles against addictions, we pray...

Feb 24

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

For the patience and strength it takes to listen rather than to judge, to trust rather than to fear, to make peace in our families, in the workplace, and in our communities, we pray...

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