

LITURGYNOTES – FOR JUNE 2010

THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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I was able to attend one of the FDLC/USCCB workshops on the new Missal (see below) last month... and, while the task of implementing the new Missal seems daunting, I found the experience very encouraging.

The atmosphere was positive; while there were concerns expressed, they were done so respectfully. By the end of our time together, there was even an enthusiasm for the task before us – not just for the new texts (many of which are quite beautiful and evocative), not just for the renewal of chant in the liturgy (with around 350 people in attendance, we sounded pretty good... and it was much easier than expected), but for the once in a lifetime opportunity that we have to help renew the liturgical life of the Church across the English-speaking world!

A couple of items worth noting:

First, while the Roman Missal has received the *recognitio*, we have still not seen a final text. What we have seen suggests that there will be some minor changes to the Order of Mass (which was approved earlier). But we will have to wait for specifics....

Second, it looks as if the start date for using the new Missal will be the First Sunday of Advent in 2011— November 27.

Finally, it is not too early to start thinking about budgets. Not only will parishes and schools need to plan on purchasing new liturgical books, but there are other expenses that you will want to keep in mind: music resources (either annual subscriptions or new hymnals), catechetical resources for implementing the Missal, and new faith formation materials (for example – your 2010-11 First Communion classes will need new texts). As I've mentioned before, budgets are moral documents, a reflection of what we value most. And if the liturgy is the source and summit of all we are and do....

Links to the following resources and formation opportunities are also available on our diocesan website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm>.

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

FDLC Workshops for Priests (http://www.fdlc.org/Roman_Missal/RM_Workshops.htm)

For priests and diocesan leadership, these workshops are intended to introduce the new Missal and explore the challenges of leadership in a time of change.

"New Music, New Texts: Preparing for a new Missal" – June 21-24, 2010

(<http://www1.csbsju.edu/sot/events/CollegevilleConference.htm>)

This year's Collegeville Conference on Music, Liturgy and the Arts, held at St. John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, MN, will explain the new missal and provide implementation guidelines for all who engage in the art of music and liturgy.

2010 Southeastern Liturgical Music Symposium – August 21, 2010

(<http://www.archatl.com/offices/odw/events/slms.htm>)

Sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta, this symposium is a gathering of liturgical musicians who share an interest in advancing the quality of Catholic liturgical music within our Southern parishes. The symposium will focus on the opportunities and challenges presented to liturgical musicians by the new translation of the Roman Missal. The keynote address will be given by Andrew Wadsworth, the Executive Director of ICEL.

"Ever Ancient, Ever New: Preparing for the Revised Roman Missal" - February 2-5, 2011

(<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=9207&>)

The 49th annual meeting of the Southwest Liturgical Conference, to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, will focus on the new Missal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LOOKING AHEAD: LENT AND TRIDUUM 2011

- The Rite of Election will be celebrated on Sunday, March 13, at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. This single celebration for the entire diocese will begin at 3:00 p.m. Our "snow date" is Saturday, March 19, at 10:00 a.m.
- The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on April 11 at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral.
- The Easter Vigil will be celebrated on April 23. The Vigil may not begin before 8:45 p.m. that night.

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Loras Liturgical Music Conference – July 6-8, 2010

Singing the Lord's Song: Music, Ritual, and the New Roman Missal is a conference and workshop for priests, deacons, cantors, choir members, accompanists, instrumentalists and music and liturgy directors. Join us as we prepare for the release of the third edition of the Roman Missal following the Second Vatican Council, and discover effective methods for developing liturgical leadership skills.

The keynote speaker for this conference is Rev. Jan Michael Joncas, a Roman Catholic Presbyter for the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and Associate Professor of Theology and Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. Author of three books and over 100 articles, Fr. Joncas is also a well-known composer, who has published and recorded over 20 collections.

For more information, visit their website: <http://www.loras.edu/liturgicalmusic/>

“Concerning the Baptized” - July 9-10, 2010

The Archdiocese of Dubuque and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate are sponsoring a two-day institute on the initiation journey for those already baptized but seeking to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. The program will take place in Cedar Rapids. A link to the registration brochure is available on our website’s Liturgy Events page, or you may access it directly at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/lit2010ForumRegistrationBrochure.pdf>.

National Association of Pastoral Musicians – July 12-16, 2010

The 33rd Annual NPM Convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan, this year – with the theme: “Hope and Harmony.” Convention and registration information is available on their website: <http://www.npm.org/EducationEvents/convention/index.htm>.

“Focus on Initiation: Children and Christian Initiation” – August 5-6, 2010

The Diocese of Des Moines and the North American Forum on the Catechumenate are sponsoring a two-day institute on the initiation of children. The program will take place in Altoona. A link to the registration brochure is available on our website’s Liturgy Events page, or you may access it directly at:

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

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The Transfiguration of the Lord

The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on August 6 – which is also the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, when nature itself was transfigured in mockery. Perhaps as we gather for Eucharist or pray the Hours this day we would do well to pray for peace and that the horrors of that August 6 sixty-five years ago will never be repeated.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption, celebrated on August 15, falls on a Sunday this year. The Vigil Mass (with its proper readings) is celebrated on Saturday evening. One of the popular traditions associated with the Assumption is the Blessing of Fruits and Herbs (*Directory on Popular Piety*, #181). In the United States, the rite for use within or outside of Mass may be found in the *Book of Blessings*, ch. 59: “Order for the Blessing of Food or Drink or Other Elements Connected with Devotion.” A rite for use at home can also be found in *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (1st ed. p. 170; 2nd edition p. 312).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are an important community of service within the Diocese of Davenport; their presence at parish and diocesan liturgies is therefore most fitting and may serve as an important witness to others. On the one hand, the members of the Color Corps and other Fourth Degree Knights may exemplify their role of service when serving as ministers of hospitality, offering welcome to those participating in special liturgical celebrations. On the other, any special role in the liturgy must be governed by *Sacrosanctum concilium* # 32 (“No special honors are to be paid in the liturgy to any private persons or classes of persons, whether in ceremonies or by external display”). Therefore, we have prepared a policy governing how the Knights should function in the liturgy in our diocese. It is available on the web at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litKofCLiturgy053110.pdf>.

WRITING INTERCESSIONS

In the composition of the Prayer of the Faithful, the following points should be kept in mind:

1. “As a rule, the series of intentions is to be” (GIRM #70) for:
 - a. The needs of the universal church
 - b. Public authorities and the salvation of the whole world
 - c. People burdened by any kind of difficulty
 - d. The local faith community / assembly
2. In composing the intercessions, ministers may want to use evocative images and language drawn from the readings of the day.
3. The petitions are not prayers themselves; we are naming groups for the assembly to pray for; therefore, one of the following patterns is usually used:
 - a. For...that... (announcing who and what to pray for)
 - b. That... (announcing what to pray for)
 - c. For... (announcing who to pray for)
 - d. After the petition, the deacon (or, in his absence, another minister) should pause and make eye contact with the assembly and then say, “We pray to the Lord” (or the equivalent). Eye contact should be maintained as the people respond, in keeping with the dialogic nature of the prayer.
 - e. The Diocesan Liturgical Commission’s general preference is for (c); otherwise, if we are not careful, it can sound like we are telling God what to do...!
4. Please note that these are “general” intercessions
 - a. They ought to be petitions that the assembly can, by and large, agree on.
 - b. They ought not become a “mini-homily” or a place to make a particular point.
 - c. They ought not single out individuals (“For Uncle George with cancer...”) but may include individuals as part of a group (“For George, and for all who have cancer, ...”).
 - d. They should not be secret (“For a special intention”); otherwise the assembly cannot rightly give its assent.
5. They are petitions, not prayers of thanksgiving; the great prayer of thanksgiving follows shortly.
6. The response by the people should be a general prayer that God would hear the invocation (e.g., Lord, hear our prayer; Lord, have mercy)—not a separate petition or other statement. If the people are not familiar with the response, it should be announced before the intercessions and/or be included in a participation aid.

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 (courtesy of Fr. Marty Goetz, Director of Vocations):

For deacons, brothers, priests, and sisters that they will be strengthened as they minister to God’s people, we pray:

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(3) Weekly intercessions:

- July 4 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That strangers and those far from home would find welcome; we pray to the Lord:
- July 11 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That we would love our neighbors as Jesus has loved us; we pray to the Lord:
OR
For victims of violence and for those who care for them; we pray to the Lord:
- July 18 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
For those suffering in body, mind, or spirit; we pray to the Lord:
- July 25 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
For all of us here, that we would be generous in responding to the needs of others; we pray to the Lord:

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