

## PARISH LITURGY LIBRARY

It is that time of year again: new priest assignments have been announced, and the work of letting go and moving on has begun. During this time of transition, let us keep our priests—and parishes—in prayer.

With such changes taking place, this is a good time to look through your parish liturgical library and see what is in need of updating. Here is a list of important resources to have on hand:

### The Eucharist

*The Missal (Sacramentary)* – updated in 2002, it is currently undergoing re-translation. As mentioned before, this is not a good time to purchase a new copy—since the re-translation will be available shortly. The English version in current use is dated 1985.

*The Lectionary* – 4 volumes; updated in 1998 and 2000. Also currently being reviewed and revised—a process that is expected to take quite some time.

*Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass* – contains the texts for distribution of Eucharist outside of Mass as well as for Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition; 1973.

*Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest* – the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of this ritual text was released in 2007.

### Other Sacraments

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* – 1988 U.S. edition with National Statutes.

*The Rite of Baptism for Children* – 1973 edition, with changes made after *Code of Canon Law* promulgated in 1983. A 2002 version (updated lectionary) is available from Liturgical Press.

*The Rite of Confirmation* – A pastor may rarely be the one to celebrate the sacrament, and it would be good for the catechist preparing individuals for confirmation to have access to the ritual text. The English translation of the Rite was approved in 1975. A new bilingual edition is available from the USCCB.

*The Rite of Penance* – 1974-5; note changes made by Pope John Paul II by his apostolic letter, a *motu proprio* called *Misericordia Dei* (2002). A new edition (with readings from the updated Lectionary) was published by the USCCB in 2010.

*Pastoral Care of the Sick* – U.S. edition of all the texts needed for the sacramental care of the sick and the dying, including Anointing of the Sick and *Viaticum*, and rites used after death. There are two 1983 editions – one published before and the other after the promulgation of the new *Code of Canon Law*. It is the latter edition that you will want to have on hand. (A quick check will reveal which edition you have: if #14 reads “may be conferred” it is the older edition; if it reads “is to be conferred” then you have the right one.)

*The Rite of Marriage* –currently, the first (1969) edition is still in use in the U.S. The second edition was promulgated in Latin in 1991. Adaptations were completed in 1998. We are still waiting for the new English translation.

### Other Rites

*The Order of Christian Funerals* – 1989 edition; Appendix for Cremation (1997).

*The Book of Blessings* – 1989 edition.

### Optional Ritual Texts

While not strictly necessary, the following really ought to be part of a parish’s liturgical library:

*The Book of the Gospels* – revised in 2000.

*The Lectionary for Masses with Children* – for use in Masses where most participants are children, or for Children’s Liturgy of the Word, these texts have also been revised and are awaiting approval in Rome. Therefore, a parish would do well postponing any purchase at this time.

*The Liturgy of the Hours* – 1986 edition.

*Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* – 1990. These will be replaced once the new Missal is promulgated.

*Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist* – The Liturgical Press took the norms from *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass* and prepared a number of Eucharistic services; helpful if you don’t want to do all the preparatory work.

### Rites Not Yet Published

*Blessing of a Child in the Womb*. The English and Spanish versions were approved by the USCCB and are awaiting the *recognitio* in Rome. This text will be included in the *Book of Blessings* and *Benedictional* when they are revised.

*Weekday Celebrations of the Liturgy of the Word*. This rite, in both Spanish and English, is also awaiting approval in Rome.

### Resources

*The Code of Canon Law* – 1983; later additions by Pope John Paul II are included in the updated translation and commentary from the Canon Law Society of America – 2000.

*The Ceremonial of Bishops* – 1984 edition.

The major liturgical documents can be found in three texts from Liturgy Training Publications: *The Liturgy Documents, volume 1 (4<sup>th</sup> edition*; an erratum for the *Norms for the Celebration and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America* is needed); *The*

*Liturgy Documents, volume 2*; and *Eucharistic Documents for the New Millennium: Ecclesia de Eucharistia & Redemptionis sacramentum*.

I would also add *Sacramentum caritatis* by Pope Benedict XVI as an excellent resource.

#### Update on Spanish Language Resources

The USCCB has been working on Spanish language texts for use in the United States. If a specific edition for the United States is not yet available, an approved edition from another country (e.g. Mexico) may be used until the US edition is ready.

The following resources are available now:

*Rite of Baptism of Children* (2009; Spanish edition for the US – so this edition must be used) – from USCCB, Liturgical Press, and Liturgy Training Publications  
*Order of Christian Funerals* (bilingual and Spanish editions) – The Liturgical Press  
*Pastoral Care of the Sick* – Liturgy Training Publications  
*Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest* (2006; bilingual edition) – USCCB  
*Quinceañera* – also available on USCCB website  
*GIRM* – available in Spanish from LTP  
*Rite of Confirmation* (bilingual edition) – USCCB  
*Rite of Marriage* (2010; Spanish edition for the US – so this edition must be used) – from USCCB, Liturgical Press, and Liturgy Training Publications

The following were approved by the U.S. Bishops and are awaiting approval in Rome:

*Sunday Lectionary* (volume 1)  
*Weekday and Ritual Lectionary* (volumes 2-4)

The following are still in the works:

*Book of Blessings (Benedictional)* – awaiting *recognitio* in Rome  
*Roman Missal* – not yet available  
*Rite of Ordination* – not yet available for the US  
*Rite of Penance* – translation for US in progress

The following are additional resources that you might find helpful:

Brankin, Patrick, *Bilingual Ritual of Hispanic Popular Catholicism*. New Hope, KY: New Hope Publications, 2002 (third printing 2006). Available from WLP.

Gomez, Raúl, Heliodoro Lucatero, and Sylvia Sánchez. *Gift and Promise/Don y Promesa: Customs and Traditions in Hispanic Rites of Marriage*, second edition. Washington, DC: Instituto de Liturgia Hispana, 2005. Available from OCP.