

Dear companions at the Table,

St. John Chrysostom's words seem particularly appropriate this year:

Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!
 Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!
 Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!
 Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!
 Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
 for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.¹

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

EASTER SPRINKLING RITE

It is common to celebrate the Sprinkling Rite instead of the Act of Penitence on the Sundays of the Easter Season. However, sometimes a concern is raised that the Introductory Rites become too “prominent” – with entrance hymn, a hymn during the sprinkling, and then the *Gloria*. Some have attempted to solve this dilemma by doing the sprinkling during the *Gloria*, but such an approach distorts the structure of the Sprinkling Rite (the closing prayer often gets abandoned) and misunderstands the purpose of the *Gloria*—which is to give praise to God in *response* to the Act of Penitence (or Sprinkling Rite). Such a practice should be discontinued.

While using the rite as found in the Missal is certainly fine, for those who find that three musical pieces so close together makes for Introductory Rites that are too busy, please allow me to recommend the solution offered in the US Bishops' *Introduction to the Order of Mass* (#74).

In the model that they offer, the first part of the Introductory Rites (sign of the cross, greeting, prayer over the water) are done at the entrance (back) of the church. The sprinkling itself then takes place as the ministers process to the sanctuary—so the “processional hymn” and the “hymn accompanying the sprinkling rite” become one and the same. Once he gets to the chair, the priest closes the Sprinkling Rite (“May almighty God cleanse us...”). Then, the *Gloria* is sung.

A second concern that is raised is that the sacramentary provides prayers for *blessing* water, but not for using the Easter waters already blessed. One answer to this problem is to modify the prayer to be used in the Easter Season to bless water by omitting the sentence, “Hear our prayers and bless this water...man.” Thus, the prayer becomes one of thanksgiving instead of blessing.

An outline of the rite as described above is given at the end of this newsletter.

¹ From the Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom (Internet Medieval Source Book; used with permission).

MORE ON THE BAPTISMAL FORMULA

As mentioned in the March *LiturgyNotes*, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) released a *Response to Questions Proposed on the Validity of Baptism*, declaring that a valid baptism requires the use of the traditional Trinitarian formula (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). “Baptisms” attempted using other formulas (such as Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier; or Creator, Liberator, Sustainer; or the like) are invalid; that is, no baptism takes place if such formulas are used.

This decision should not come as surprise, since it has always been understood that the prescribed matter and form of the sacraments are required for validity. The congregation is simply clarifying the constant church teaching that we all should have known. These alternate formulas are inadequate expressions of the Church’s Trinitarian faith because they reduce the Names or Persons of the Blessed Trinity to a function attributed to each Person.

In follow-up, Bishop Amos wishes to stress the following:

First, we should all be reminded of the absolute obligation that binds all ministers of the sacraments to use the words prescribed in the approved liturgical books. No sacramental minister has the personal right to add, remove, or alter any of the words that are prescribed in the liturgical books. While I am confident that the celebrations of all sacraments in the diocese have been faithful to the liturgical norms, I must point out to any minister of the sacrament of baptism who may have used these or any other alternate formula in administering baptisms that those ceremonies were invalid and the individual is not baptized. In conscience those ministers must contact the individuals or their families so that the sacrament of baptism can be validly administered. This is a grave obligation in light of the necessity of baptism.

Second, this decision has major implications when we are receiving those who are already baptized into full communion with the Catholic Church. If the minister did not use the traditional formula “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” (Matthew 28: 19), then the baptism is invalid and the person must be treated as an unbaptized catechumen and not a candidate for full communion. When a person presents himself or herself for membership in the Catholic Church, a diligent search must be conducted regarding the person’s baptismal status. An investigation into the formula used is imperative. If a baptismal certificate was issued, the certificate usually indicates the baptismal formula used. If not, the ecclesial community where the baptism was done must be contacted. Some major Christian communities in our diocese will freely admit that the baptismal formula is not considered essential and the baptizing minister is free to voice whatever words seem appropriate when baptism is administered. This is especially true in ecclesial communities that practice believer baptism, that is, the baptism of adults where the faith and desire of the one being baptized is most essential.

UPCOMING EVENTSDIOCESAN LITURGIESOrdination to the Presbyterate

Deacons Hai Duc Dinh and Joseph Sia will be ordained to the Order of Presbyter on Saturday, May 10, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Ordination Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m.

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIESSunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP)

This summer, the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be offering certification workshops for leaders of Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest. The meeting dates are as follows:

Group	Day	Time	Place
Deacons	Sat, June 21	9am-noon	St. Mary, Oxford
Davenport Deanery	Sat, July 12	9am-noon	CTK Chapel, St. Ambrose
Keokuk Deanery	Sat, July 19	9am-noon	Sacred Heart, Ft. Madison
Clinton Deanery	Sun, July 20	TBA	TBA
Grinnell/Ottumwa Deaneries	Sat, July 26	9am-noon	St. Mary, Oskaloosa
Iowa City Deanery	Sat, July 26	12noon-3pm	St. Mary, Iowa City

Within the next month, parishes will be sent a detailed instruction packet, including two DVDs of a presentation on the new SCAP ritual. Briefly, Pastors are asked to nominate two individuals for certification. These two will watch the DVD and then attend one of the workshops listed above. After successful completion, they will be appointed by Bishop Amos for this ministry. Those who completed the course work in the current MFP Liturgy Year do not have to attend the workshop or watch the DVD; they may be nominated directly by their pastor.

Liturgy, Music, and Our Daily Lives

The Liturgical Music Conference at St. John's University (Collegeville, MN) will take place on June 9-12, 2008. Keynote sessions by members of the Collegeville Composers Group will be complemented by workshops on choral and instrumental techniques. For more information, please contact Deb Guertin at 320-363-3371 or dguertin@csbsju.edu.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTSNORTH AMERICAN FORUM

Information and registration forms for the Institute being offered in the Des Moines Diocese on July 18-19, 2008, is attached.

RCIA GOOGLE GROUP

A "Google Group" for those involved in RCIA ministry has been formed. It is our hope that this will help us support one another in this ministry. If you are an RCIA coordinator or team member and wish to be a part of our virtual community, just send me an e-mail and I will add you to the group.

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Ordinary Time

As you begin looking ahead to ordinary time—and especially weekday celebrations—please remember that a wealth of Votive Masses and Masses for Various Needs and Occasions are available. You may also want to consider a number of rites from the Book of Blessings as the summer approaches, for example:

For new drivers, especially as school lets out: Order for the Blessing of the Various Means of Transportation.

Especially for rural parishes: Order for the Blessing of Boats and Fishing Gear; Order for the Blessing of Fields and Flocks; and Order for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time.

Since this is a common time for moves to take place: Order for Welcoming of New Parishioners; and Order for the Blessing of a Departing Parishioner.

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 all those who are discerning their Christian vocation, whether to marriage or the single life, religious life or ordained ministry; we pray...

(3) Weekly intercessions from the Liturgical Commission:

May 4 ASCENSION OF THE LORD
For the strength to follow Christ into the new creation; we pray...

May 11 PENTECOST
For the Church to speak God’s work in every land, in every tongue; we pray...

May 18 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
For the nations of the world to unite in proclaiming and living our faith; we pray...

May 25 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
For Christians everywhere to be bread broken and wine poured out for the world; we pray...

In addition, it would be good to begin including Deacons Hai Duc Dinh and Joseph Sia, our seminarians, as they approach their ordination to the Presbyterate on May 10. For example:

“For Hai Duc Dinh and Joseph Sia, called to serve as your priests; we pray to the Lord.”

AN EASTER SPRINKLING RITE

The ministers gather at the door (back) of the church.

Priest-Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Priest-Celebrant: The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Or another greeting from the Missal may be used. Easter Water is brought to the priest-celebrant:

Priest-Celebrant: *He begins in these or similar words:*

Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us give thanks to God, and ask God to keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

He then continues in these words:

Lord God almighty, hear the prayers of your people: we celebrate our creation and redemption. You chose water to show your goodness when you led your people to freedom through the Red Sea and satisfied their thirst in the desert with water from the rock. Water was the symbol used by the prophets to foretell your new covenant with man. You made the water of baptism holy by Christ's baptism in the Jordan: by it you give us a new birth and renew us in holiness. May this water remind us of our baptism and let us share the joy of all who have been baptized at Easter. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The entrance procession and entrance hymn then begin as usual. The priest celebrant sprinkles the people as he makes his way to the sanctuary. The entrance hymn may be prolonged to accommodate the sprinkling of those seated along side aisles if necessary.

On reaching the chair, the priest-celebrant concludes the sprinkling rite:

Priest-Celebrant: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the eucharist we celebrate make us worthy to sit at his table in his heavenly kingdom.
All: Amen.

The Gloria follows, and then the Collect.

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and the Diocese of Des Moines (IA)

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INSTITUTE TEAM

Institute leaders are among North America's most experienced pastoral ministers, liturgists, catechists, and theologians.

MARY BIRMINGHAM is the director of liturgy and music at Ascension Parish in Melbourne, Florida and former director of Christian initiation in Cocoa Beach, Fla. Mary has presented

workshops for the Georgetown Center for Liturgy and has worked on an international, national and diocesan level in the area of initiation and sacramental and liturgical catechesis. She is the author of *Word and Worship Workbook for Year A,B,C* (Paulist Press) and *Year Round Catechumenate* (LTP) and numerous articles.

STEVE LANZA has served for eleven years as

SESSIONS / MEALS / PRAYER	
Day 1	<p>8:00 AM * Registration starts for All</p> <p>8:30 AM - 9:30AM Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 AM - 12:30 PM * Welcome, Introductions, Overview * Review of Initiation Principles * What Does Your Catechumenate Look Like? * Bookends of the Period: * Rites of Acceptance and Election</p> <p>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch</p> <p>1:30 PM - 6:00 PM * Apprenticeship into a Way of Life * Celebration of Liturgy of the Word with Rite of Anointing Catechumens * Dismissal Catechesis * Extended Catechesis * Reflection on the Elements of Liturgical Catechesis</p> <p>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner</p> <p>7:00 PM - 8:15 PM * Rites Belonging to the Catechumenate * Night Prayer</p>
Day 2	<p>8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 AM - 12:30 PM * Pastoral Formation for the Period of the Catechumenate #75 * Catechist Preparation: Skills, Resources for a Session * The Art of Discernment in the Period of the Catechumenate</p> <p>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch</p> <p>1:30 PM - 4:00 PM * Concluding Reflections: Elements of Formation in the Catechumenate * Learning and Decisions * Insights, Questions, Clarifications * Closing</p>

associate pastor in two large suburban parishes. First as an administrator and then as pastor, Steve also served in a newly consolidated parish, Notre Dame de Chicago. Presently, he is pastor at St. Julie Billiart Parish in Tinley Park, IL. Steve has contributed articles to *Catechumenate* and is also a contributing author to *A Catechumen's Lectionary* and to the *Foundations in Faith series*.

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Day One	●	●	●	●	
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SCHOLARSHIPS

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