

Dear companions at the Table,

The Triduum is just around the corner, so—busy as we are—perhaps it would do us well to recall that the Triduum is more than what we do: it is who we are. We are reminded to be washer of feet—and that following Christ means the cross as well as resurrection. We drive away the darkness with fire of love and we hear the story of salvation unfold. We wash and anoint and feed the Elect; and we renew our own place in the Body. Yes, if the liturgy makes Christians, this is particularly true for the Triduum. May we all celebrate these three days worthily and well!

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### ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION...***

During Holy Week, the servers at the chancery will be replaced. Therefore, we will have access to neither our computer network nor e-mail during that time. Please plan accordingly; and do feel free to call the offices if you have any questions.

We keep adding resources to the liturgy pages of the diocesan website... so if you haven't had a chance to look around recently, you may want to stop by:  
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/index.htm>

### ***RESOURCE***

Daniel G. Groody is a Holy Cross priest and theology professor at Notre Dame, where he heads the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture. His recent book, *Globalization, Spirituality, and Justice: Navigating a Path to Peace* is part of the Theology in Global Perspective Series published by Orbis Books. In this very timely text, Groody weaves together numerous strands—current reality, the Scriptures and the writings of the Church Fathers, contemporary Catholic Social Teaching and the perspectives of other religions, the lives of the Saints and the insights of liberation theologians, the liturgy and spirituality—into a lively and coherent whole. More than the work of an academician, this book reflects Groody's own ministry among the poor and marginalized. For those of us engaged in liturgical ministry, his chapter on the liturgy and justice makes for powerful and challenging reading—and a good examination of conscience. I made this book part of my Lenten reading this year, and I cannot recommend it highly enough. It absolutely took my breath away.

### ***"SING TO THE LORD" (PART 10)***

The US Bishops begin Part IV (Preparing Music for Catholic Worship) of *Sing to the Lord* with a discussion of progressive solemnity. Progressive solemnity means that there is a spectrum between the fullest form of liturgical celebration where everything is sung to the most simple in which nothing is sung (§111)—and that the decision to sing or not sing a particular part is not left to personal preference but must reflect the logic of the liturgy and the season/feast being

celebrated (§112). In addition, the Bishops remind us that particular musical selections are better able to express greater solemnity than others (§113).

In other words, Easter is not Lent, and Sunday is not a weekday. Our music should reflect this reality in both the nature and style of music chosen and in the parts of the liturgy which will be sung.

Mark Boyer, in his recent article in *Worship* magazine, “Exploring the Concept of ‘Progressive Solemnity’” (83:2, pp.148-159), provides an excellent review of this concept and its application to parish life. For example, he mentions that the “basic” plan for Sunday Eucharist in Ordinary Time calls for singing an Opening Hymn (Chant), *Gloria*, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, *Sanctus*, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, *Agnus Dei*, and Communion Hymn (Chant); on more solemn occasions more music can be added; at other times less music is called for (p. 157). We will go over “The Parts to be Sung” in more detail next time.

Our discussion of *Sing to the Lord* (available at: <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/SingToTheLord.pdf>) will continue next month.

### ***THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL***

In an exchange of letters between the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments at the Vatican and the USCCB’s Secretariat of Divine Worship, a very optimistic timetable for completing the translation of the Missal has been laid out. It is now hoped that the US Bishops will complete their review and voting by the November 2009 meeting of the USCCB with the publishing of the new books planned for the end of 2010—allowing a full year for catechesis. The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be developing a formation plan for the diocese.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

#### CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

#### North American Forum on the Catechumenate

The Forum will be returning to Davenport on July 24-25, 2009, for a workshop on Mystagogy. Please reserve those dates. The flyer and registration brochure are now available on the diocesan website under Liturgy Events (address above).

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Music Ministry Institute: June 28-August 2

Hosted by the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN, this conference offers tracks for both musically gifted students entering the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grades or in their first two years of college and for adult music ministers and others who mentor youth into ministry leadership roles. For more information, see: [www.musicministryalive.com](http://www.musicministryalive.com).

***LITURGY PREPARATION***LITURGICAL CALENDAROrdinary 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 involved in the examination of candidates to priesthood and the diaconate at this time, that their choices will bless the Church in this new millennium; we pray to the Lord.

(3) Weekly intercessions from the Liturgical Commission:

May 3           4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
That all called to positions of authority would follow the example of the Good Shepherd in leading lives of selfless service; we pray...

May 10          5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
That our acts of compassion would bear the fruit of justice; we pray...

May 17          6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
For the grace to love and the courage to lay down our lives for others, especially those on the margins; we pray to the Lord.

May 24          SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
That we would joyfully proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth by driving out the demons of oppression and poverty; we pray...

*POPULAR DEVOTIONS*

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost (June 19 this year), we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast and devotion emphasizes divine mercy and the infinite love of Christ over a distorted version of Christianity which stresses divine judgment and punishment.

There are a number of ways that popular devotion to the Sacred Heart has been expressed, including personal and family dedication (consecration), the act of reparation, praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart, and the practice of observing First Fridays.

The Litany to the Sacred Heart can be found in *Catholic Household and Blessings* from the USCCB.

Please see the *Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, §§166-173, as well as the following websites for more information and resources:

NCRLC: <http://www.ncrlc.com/12-months/June-prayers.html>

Catholic Culture:

<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?id=389&repos=3&subrepos=2&searchid=435909>

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