

Recommendations for Materials

If as we made the changes called for at Vatican II we suffered from a lack of resources, with this next step in the liturgical renewal we are drowning in it! As a result, I have been contacted by a number of individuals asking me for specific recommendations of which materials to use. Here are my thoughts:

1. Use the **USCCB Parish Guide** as your planning document.
2. Purchase the ***Becoming One Body, One Spirit in Christ DVD-ROM***. This is an excellent resource for your own study as well as to help prepare your core team. Sections of it can be used in parish presentations; or the videos may be set up to play in the gathering space or during refreshments after Mass.
3. Parish Programs:
 - a. The most comprehensive parish program (and the one that seems to be the best deal) is the program from **Liturgy Training Publications**. The following materials are available:
 - i. *Understanding the Revised Mass Texts*. This is the core of the program, consisting of a participants' booklet and a leader's guide. The booklet is ideal for distribution to each household in the parish, and covers eight core topics (the same material is available in eight separate pamphlets). The leader's guide provides the framework for conducting 8 parish formation sessions based on these 8 topics (Why and How are the Mass Texts Being Revised? / The Introductory Rites / The Gloria and Liturgy of the Word / The Profession of Faith / The Liturgy of the Eucharist . The Eucharistic Prayer / The Mystery of Faith / The Communion and Concluding Rites).
 - ii. *Preparing Your Parish for the Revised Roman Missal, part 1*. A collection of articles and resources to help parishes plan for implementing the Missal. Directed to parish leadership as they set out to develop their implementation plan.
 - iii. Website: www.RevisedRomanMissal.org. The advantage of the LTP program is that it is supported by a comprehensive website—including free downloads, articles, and catechetical resources (including announcements regarding the 8 parish workshops that you can customize). The website also includes a budget worksheet to help parishes anticipate the costs involved in implementing the Missal.
 - b. For those looking for a less comprehensive program, you may want to look at the "Assembly Kit" from the FDLC. This includes:
 - i. 100 each of 3 pamphlets (A History of the Roman Missal; Q&A on the Changes to the Mass; Liturgical Participation)
 - ii. Access to electronic downloads for use in your bulletins, websites, and announcements (not yet available).
4. Commentaries / Resources for Preaching
 - a. Paul Turner's ***Pastoral Companion to the Roman Missal*** will offer a wealth of resources for better understanding the texts—their history, theology, and current placement in the Missal. I think this will be an invaluable resource for preaching on the texts. This

book will also include introductions and closing prayers for the Prayer of the Faithful, composed in the same “style” as the Missal.

- b. Another resource would be *Mystical Body, Mystical Voice*. I think the two resources would complement each other quite well; but if you have to choose only one go with (a).

5. Small Group Programs

- a. Parishes may make small-group processes part of their preparation for the Missal, or part of their plans for Mystagogy after November of next year. I offer two resources:
 - i. The first is from **RENEW International, *Lifting Up Our Hearts***. This is a six-session program; supporting materials (music CD, webinar) are also available.
 - ii. We have also posted resources from Region VII of the FDLC (leader’s guide and participant’s booklet) on our website. These can be downloaded and printed for use in your parishes. Since this resource is already available, you may find it helpful to use with your implementation committee.
 1. Leader:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litRM3SmallChristianCommunity-Leader.pdf>
 2. Participant:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litRM3SmallChristianCommunity-Booklet.pdf>
- b. Here is another suggestion for beginning to introduce the new texts. After you have done your initial catechesis, when you meet as a staff, or with your councils, committees, and the like, use some of the new texts as your prayer together (such as the Gloria). Begin your prayer together using the new greeting. Introduce the Lord’s Prayer with the new words. This way, your leadership will begin to get familiar with the new texts.

Music

The three major publishers (WLP, OCP, and GIA) are producing a wide variety of Mass settings—both new and revised. I would recommend the following:

1. Visit (and have your music minister/director) visit the NPM website and become familiar with the ICEL chants. I would hope that parishes would learn these in addition to one or more of the commercial settings.
2. Have him/her also start to listen to the sample Mass settings at the WLP, OCP, and GIA websites.
3. Consider using the Mass settings that the Diocese has recommended.
4. Plan on using Mass settings that are new (or, if revised, at least new to your parish). If you use a familiar setting, people will fall into the old words almost automatically.