

## LITURGYNOTES – FOR FEBRUARY 2015

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**New Webpage: Liturgical Formation**  
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litformation.htm>

#### MARRIAGE RITE WORKSHOPS POSTPONED

After prolonged discussion, the leaders of the FDLC and the BCDW Secretariat have decided to POSTPONE all workshop days related to the revised *Rite of Celebrating Matrimony*. This decision is made with great regret, since so much work has already gone into their preparation. But, in the end, this is the most prudent and responsible course of action.

The English translation of *The Rite of Celebrating Matrimony* was passed by the Bishops of the United States at their November 2013 meeting in Baltimore. At that time, it was anticipated that the text would receive a rather speedy confirmation from the Holy See, so the Secretariat and the FDLC began preparing for these workshops as early as January 2014. Since that time, we have come to understand that the Congregation was considering the submissions of several English-speaking conferences and was waiting to examine them all at once.

Even if the *recognitio* is received in the coming weeks or months, there might still be changes to the text or to requested adaptations, followed by ongoing dialogue. It simply would not be prudent for us to offer these workshops without using the texts and rubrics which have received final approval.

#### Q&A ON EXORCISM

The Latin Church Bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the English translation of *De Exorcismis et Supplicationibus Quibusdam, editio typica* in November 2014, and the final text of Exorcisms and Related Supplications (ERS) is being sent to the Holy See for the requisite confirmation. In the course of the approval process, a list of frequently asked questions on exorcism and its use in the Church's liturgical life was developed by the Secretariat of Divine Worship. Answers were provided by specialists in this ministry and by experts in canon law. Since so much of the common perception of the nature and application of exorcism is shaped by the exaggerations of movie scripts and television programs, the Committee on Divine Worship has approved a "Q&A" on Exorcism, which is posted on the USCCB website at: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/exorcism.cfm>. In providing these basic questions and answers, the Committee hopes that clear information is brought to bear on a topic that is often shrouded in mystery or misinformation.

**RESOURCE: HOMILETIC DIRECTORY**

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments recently promulgated a new document – a “directory” on homiletics. Directories are documents produced by the various offices at the Vatican to assist in implementing existing laws and norms. They are (except in specific circumstances) not new law, but help explain and apply what is already on the books. I have posted the document (in English and Spanish) on our website and with next month’s edition of *LiturgyNotes* will begin a critique / review of the document.

English: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Resources/litHomileticDirectory2014.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Resources/litHomileticDirectory2014-Spanish.pdf>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent (2/22) at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City, beginning at 3pm. Registration information has been sent to parish RCIA contacts; forms were due back by the end of last month. If you are planning on attending but have not registered yet, please contact the liturgy office ASAP!

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on March 23, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. Information regarding orders for the sacred oils will be sent later this month.

Ordination

Ordinations to the diaconate and presbyterate will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

LTP: Virtual Workshops

"Informed by the adult education methods proven successful in live workshops, LTP's Virtual Workshops™ invite liturgical ministers to engage in 90 minutes of training, dialogue, and reflection." Their website address is: <http://www.ltp.org/p-2729-the-2015-virtual-workshops-series.aspx>.

Or you can download more information concerning the on-line offerings for 2015 from our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Temporary/litLTP2015.pdf>.

National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Annual Convention: July 6-10, 2015

The annual convention of the NPM will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan this year, with the theme - *Called to Joy and Hope: Let the Servant Church Arise!* Please visit their website for more information and/or to register for the convention: <http://www.npm.org/>.

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

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

RCIA: MYSTAGOGY

In the Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis (or Mystagogy), a number of rites can be celebrated—the most important of which are the “neophyte Masses” in which all those who have been baptized at the Vigil gather together again to celebrate the liturgy. Pentecost Sunday and the anniversary of their baptism would be other special days to keep in mind. Please see RCIA #244-251.

RCIA AND ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS

There are times when a member of an Eastern Orthodox Church requests to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. It is important that those who work in RCIA and related ministries are aware of the important differences between an Orthodox and an Anglican or Protestant who wishes to come into full communion because there are important implications that affect other sacraments (such as marriage and orders) later. For details, please see the document, “RCIA and Orthodox Christians” found at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litRCIAOrthodox.pdf>.

**LITURGY PREPARATION**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them. Resources are available on the Catholic Health Association website: <http://www.chausa.org/prayers/prayer-library/liturgical-prayers-and-reflections/solemnities-feast-days-and-memorials/world-day-of-the-sick>.

Holy Thursday (additional considerations)

*The Reception and Care of the Oils*

For information regarding the proper reception of the new oils (and disposition of the oils from the previous year), please see: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Calendar/litCareandReceptionofSacredOils.pdf>

*The Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament*

Likewise, as you consider how best to securely repose the Blessed Sacrament after the period of adoration, the place of reposition should reflect the respect that ought to be shown to Christ's Eucharistic Presence. A random cabinet full of other material does not seem to meet that benchmark. Also, please keep in mind that exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance is forbidden.

Easter Time and Pentecost

- The days of the Easter Octave are celebrated as solemnities. The double alleluia is added to the dismissal and its response (just for the octave and on Pentecost; *not* for the entire season). The Sequence is required on Easter Sunday but optional on the other days of the octave.
- The Second Sunday of Easter is also celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. See the Liturgy Events webpage for resources.
- Have the neophytes (the newly baptized) sit in a special place during the Easter Season. Remember them in the intercessions. Please see RCIA #244-251.
- The paschal candle should be kept by the altar or ambo, and lit during liturgies until Evening Prayer II on Pentecost.
- The Easter Season is a great time to celebrate infant baptisms at the Sunday liturgy, and to use the Sprinkling Rite instead of the Penitential Rite.
- This is also a traditional time for home blessings (see Book of Blessings #1597-1621).
- Remember: we “fast for 40” but we “feast for 50!!”

INTERCESSIONS

Here are resources for the Universal Prayer:

(1) Intercessions for various life issues may be found on the USCCB website at:

<http://usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/intercessory-prayers-for-life.cfm>

(2) Intercession for vocations (in English and Spanish) keyed to the lectionary cycle may be found at the Diocese of Arlington website:

[http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc\\_intercessions.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx)

(3) Lectionary-based intercessions focused on social justice can be found at the Center of Concern website:

<http://www.coc.org/ef>

(4) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

(5) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers intercessions and homily ideas as part of their Pastoral Initiative for Life and Family:

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/church-in-canada-and-world/catholic-church-in-canada/life-and-family/3296-documents-and-activities-proposed-by-the-ccb>

(6) See also our website for prayer resources in times of crisis:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litlibrary.htm#Prayers>

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