

Dear servants of the liturgy,

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer! I can imagine that we are all busy with preparations for the coming year, with transitions in pastoral leadership, and—hopefully—with some well-deserved R&R. As we near our first anniversary, I am happy to entertain any suggestions that you might have for future issues.

Blessings,

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

LITURGICAL BOOKS: A BASIC LIBRARY

The time of year when priests' assignments are being made is also an opportune moment for parishes to look at their liturgical libraries and update them. All parishes should have the following texts available:

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 hopefully be available in 2 years or so. 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 – translated and approved, we are awaiting the release of the 2nd edition this year.

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.

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).

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 (1999)

The Book of Blessings – 1989 edition.

Optional Ritual Texts

While not strictly necessary for a parish to have, 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 are also being revised and 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.

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.

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 (4th 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*
- *Eucharistic Documents for the New Millennium: Ecclesia de Eucharistia & Redemptionis sacramentum*

MISSAL (SACRAMENTARY) AVAILABLE

In response to the request posted in last month's *LiturgyNotes*, the Liturgy Office has received a copy of the Missal (Sacramentary). While it needs a new set of ribbons, it is otherwise in good shape if there is a parish that needs a "new" copy of the 1985 edition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Form/Reform: Touching Mystery through Vision, Creation and Mission

This annual conference on environment and art for Catholic worship will be held July 30 – August 2 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, MO. Conference materials are available at www.FormReformConference.com.

Liturgical Music Conferences

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians is hosting their annual regional conventions on July 18-21 (Grand Rapids, MI) and August 1-4 (Sacramento, CA). They are also offering their specialized Institutes over the summer; the closest is "Music with Children" in Darien, IL on August 8-10. More information is available on their website: www.npm.org.

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions: Annual Meeting

To be held on October 10 – 13 in Omaha, NE. While the focus of the convention will be on liturgical music and the art of celebrating the liturgy, there will be break-out sessions on a wide variety of liturgical topics. Since our region is hosting this gathering, all are encouraged to attend. More information is available on the FDLC website: www.fdlc.org.

LITURGY PREPARATION

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions for Life

These intercessions are provided by the USCCB for your use. Please adapt them as you see fit.

August 6th TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

For all who dwell in the darkness of sin, but especially those imprisoned by sins against life: That God might fill them with wonder at the miracle of life, from conception to natural death; we pray to the Lord:

August 13th 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For men and women who have grown very old, and who suffer from the weight of many years: That we might cherish the infinite value of the life they live; we pray to the Lord:

August 20th 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who are sick or dying: that we might learn from them and be drawn closer to the cross of Christ by the merits [or example] of their suffering; we pray to the Lord:

August 27th 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who work for life: that God might reward them for their patience, their fervor and their zeal for the truth; we pray to the Lord:

Other Intercessions

These intercessions focus on other justice issues, and are inspired by the readings of the day:

August 6th TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

(please see below)

August 13th 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who despair; for those who find hope elusive; for those who have taken their own lives and those who mourn them; we pray to the Lord:

August 20th 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who are addicted; for those who are in recovery and those who try to help them; we pray to the Lord:

August 27th 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For women who are oppressed around the world; for victims of domestic violence and all who reach out to them; we pray to the Lord:

LITURGICAL CALENDARThe Transfiguration: August 6

August 6 and August 9 are the anniversaries of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively. August 6 is also the Feast of the Transfiguration. The *optional* memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross is celebrated on August 9; therefore, if desired, one could chose to celebrate the Mass for Various Needs and Occasions #22 For Peace and Justice instead. On both days, we would do well to remember victims of war and violence in our prayers. For example:

For all victims of war and violence; for those who labor for peace and justice around the world; we pray to the Lord:

That the light of peace would dawn on countries darkened by war and oppression; we pray to the Lord:

That forgiveness would dawn in the hearts of those seeking revenge; we pray to the Lord:

That all weapons of mass destruction would be beat into plowshares; that the bright flash of atomic weapons would never again darken the skies of this earth; we pray to the Lord:

Labor Day: September 4

Given that this Monday is a weekday in Ordinary Time, parishes may want to celebrate the Mass for the Blessing of Human Labor (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions #25). The Preface would be for Independence Day and Other Civic Holidays I-II, the readings taken from 907-911, and the vestments white.

The *Book of Blessings* also offers a number of opportunities. Pastoral visits could be made to places of work, and the following rites be used:

- 18. Blessing of an Office, Shop, or Factory
- 23. Blessing of Technical Installations or Equipment
- 26. Blessing of Fields and Flocks

Or, at Sunday Masses or at Mass on Labor Day itself, workers could bring the tools of their trades to be blessed:

- 24. Blessing of Tools or Other Equipment for Work

Special attention should be paid to laborers and those seeking work during the Prayer of the Faithful, as should be those who are treated unjustly in the workplace.

For example, the following intercessions / litany may be used or adapted. They are modified from those written by Patrick Gorman, Director of Worship for the Diocese of Madison, and printed in "Putting Labor into Labor Day Services" (National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice), and are reproduced with permission:

Priest Celebrant: Friends, let us offer our prayer to God, who pronounced all creation good, who sent the Son to live and work as one like us, and who calls us to serve the poor and those oppressed.

Deacon/Reader: For all those who work; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who are unemployed or underemployed, or have lost their jobs because of changing economic conditions; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For migrant workers and all who work the land; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For all employers, that they may seek to provide a just work environment; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

For those who must balance job commitments with the needs of their family; let us pray: (Lord, hear our prayer)

Priest Celebrant: Loving God, through your Son you gave us an example to love one another as he loved us. Give us the strength to continue working to reveal your reign here on earth – a reign of justice and peace, kindness and compassion, grace and mercy. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. (Amen)

September 11

A special “Blue Mass” for police officers and firefighters, remembering those who have given their lives for others, may be celebrated today or on October 10. The Mass *For Those Who Serve in Public Office* (#18) may be used.

Other Masses for Various Needs and Occasions that may be considered for use this day include:

22. For Peace and Justice

42. For Promoting Harmony

In addition, the Mass for the Dead may be celebrated, recalling all who lost their lives on September 11, and since, due to terrorism and war.

Finally, it would be good to remember the dead and those who continue to suffer the after-effects of 9-11 as part of the Prayer of the Faithful on Sunday as well. For example:

For those who died on September 11, 2001; for their families and friends who mourn them; we pray to the Lord:

For those who serve others at the risk of their own lives; we pray to the Lord:

For an end to terrorism and violence; for peace among nations; we pray to the Lord:

For the grace of forgiveness; for the healing of broken spirits and wounded souls; we pray to the Lord:

For those overwhelmed by sorrow or fear; for those who work for reconciliation; we pray to the Lord: