

## LITURGYNOTES – FOR NOVEMBER 2010

### THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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#### FDLC Meeting

I recently attended the annual meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions in Alexandria, Louisiana. As expected, the Missal was the focus of our discussions.

As part of our gathering, we were treated to excellent presentations on the theology and spirituality of the Eucharist in light of the new Missal by Fr. Paul Turner and Msgr. Kevin Irwin.

Their main point: the advent of the new Missal is about much more than just changing words. The new Missal is part of the Church's ongoing reform and renewal as called for at the Second Vatican Council. A new Missal provides all of us with the opportunity to deepen our own liturgical spirituality, to evangelize and renew the entire Church.

They stressed that the new Missal affords our priests a great opportunity for personal renewal and to further develop their *ars celebrandi*—the art of celebrating the liturgy. Priests are called to be servants of the liturgy, stewards of a gift not their own. By being faithful to the words and norms of the Missal, they foster the communion of the Church.

This interrelationship is especially brought out in the dialogues of the Mass. In the exchange between priest

and people, the communion of the Church is both expressed and fostered; in other words, these are sacramental moments. It is no wonder that the Missal signals their importance by expecting that they be sung (especially on Sundays and on more solemn occasions).

The speakers also stressed that as important as celebrating the Mass well is, it is even more important to live the life that the Eucharist calls us to live. How we worship not only expresses what we believe, but forms us as a sacrificial, eucharistic people: *lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi*.

(N.B. See the Eucharist and Justice resources I've listed below.)

So the renewal being called for affects not just our priests. We are all called to embrace and enter into the mystery that we believe and celebrate more deeply, so we can live it more fully and intentionally. That's why this is about so much more than changing the words that we use!

## Update

As part of the FDLC meeting, we were also updated on the status of the Missal. I will post a more detailed write-up on the website, but here are the highlights:

The texts of the Roman Missal came over in 25 different sections, in a variety of formats. The Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship (BCDW) and International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) are in the process of proofing, editing, and formatting these texts. Because clarifications are sometimes needed from the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS) in Rome, this is taking some time. The hope is to get print-ready texts to the publishers (there are 7 who wish to print the Missal) by year's end. If that happens, we will have completed Missals in our hands by the beginning of October 2011.

In light of the likely release date for a completed Missal, the BCDW plans on making at least some of the texts for Advent available next year in order to help presiders and musicians prepare for the season, and to assist with catechesis.

Some notes on publishing the Missal:

- All published editions in a country will have the same pagination
- The location for graphics is set; publishers may choose what graphics to use as long as approval is obtained from the BCDW
- The Missal may only be published in a single volume
- No electronic version of the entire Missal will be published
- The Order of Mass will include the ICEL chant settings
- In all worship aids for assemblies (missalettes and the like), the ICEL chant settings of the Mass will be placed first, followed by the publishers' own Mass settings

U.S. Adaptations Approved

- GIRM and Calendar
  - There are new rubrics for the Easter Vigil, in order to bring the Missal in line with the RCIA.
  - *A Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life* has been added for use on January 22.
  - The U.S. adaptations to the GIRM made in 2003 remain in force, with minor clarifications made.
  - There were a number of adjustments to the U.S. Calendar.
- The Proper of Time (Proper of Seasons)
  - The Veiling of Crosses and Images from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent through the end of Good Friday (crosses) or beginning of Easter Vigil (statues) may be observed.
  - Additional Good Friday Celebrations are allowed only with the permission of the Bishop if pastorally necessary; this rite may not be celebrated in the absence of a priest.
  - The Easter Sunday Renewal of Baptismal Promises will be allowed; the texts will be found as part of the Easter Vigil; the creed is omitted if this rite is used.

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- Order of Mass
  - Seven additional sets of invocations for the Act of Penitence were approved and will be found in Appendix VI of the Missal. Other words, however, may still be used.
- Proper of Saints
  - The Mass texts for twelve saints and blessed found in the U.S. Proper Calendar have been inserted at the appropriate dates.
  - Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day also have their own Mass formularies.
- Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions
  - As noted above, the *Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life* was approved for inclusion here.
- Appendices
  - The Epiphany Proclamation was approved.
  - As noted below, the Christmas Proclamation was not approved, but may be included if it can be translated in time.

### Adaptations Not Approved

- The orations will not be pointed for chant (though the appendix will include the ICEL chant notation for the orations).
- There will be only one introduction to the Penitential Act and only one introduction to the Lord's Prayer.
- The retention of Memorial Acclamation A in the current Sacramentary ("Christ has died...").
- The request to include the Blessing of Oils for the Chrism Mass in the Missal, as these texts properly belong in the Pontifical.
- The request to use multiple crosses for veneration on Good Friday.
- The request to allow for the celebration of more than one Easter Vigil in a location, even if it is in a second language.
- The Christmas Proclamation (may be included if it can be retranslated in time).

### Workshop Registrations

The registration form for the January and February workshops on the new Missal for members of implementation committees was sent with the last issue of *LiturgyNotes*, and is also available on our website. Pastors, please keep the following in mind as you fill out the forms:

- I understand that you may not know *who* exactly will be attending. At this point, numbers are more important to have for planning purposes. You can send names in later.
- Because the fee goes for food, and those plans need to be made ahead of time, there can be no refunds (or late additions).
- The deadlines for returning forms are December 1 for the January workshops and January 3 for the February workshops. Please make sure that the forms are returned in plenty of time for us to make workshop arrangements.
- We are recommending that parishes use the USCCB's *Parish Guide to Implementing the Roman Missal, Third Edition*. We are purchasing a copy for each community (parish, school not affiliated with a parish, and religious house listed in the Bishop's letter); if it is available, we will distribute it at

the November clergy gathering (and deliver it to the schools and religious communities). If not, we will bring each parish's copy to the workshops. If a community wishes to order extra copies, you may do so through the USCCB's website: <http://www.usccbpublishing.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1476>.

- It is intended that groups attend the workshop being held in their deanery. However, if necessary, they can attend at another deanery (if the group is splitting between more than one workshop, please submit a separate form for each workshop location).

### Resources

#### *RENEW*

Renew International is publishing a small-group faith sharing resource that centers on the new translation of the Roman Missal entitled *Lifting Up Our Hearts: Praying with the New Translation of the Roman Missal*. For more information, visit their website: [www.renewintl.org/missal](http://www.renewintl.org/missal).

#### *Pew Cards*

Faith Catholic will be publishing pew cards with the people's parts: <http://www.faithcatholic.com/>.

#### *Chant*

Here are two sites where you can hear the new ICEL chants for the parts of the Mass demonstrated:

\*The National Association of Pastoral Musicians: <http://www.npm.org/Chants/index.html>

\*The Chant Café: <http://www.chantcafe.com/2010/09/tutorial-videos-on-new-missal-chants.html>

#### *USCCB*

New resources have been posted to support the USCCB's *Parish Guide to Implementing the Roman Missal, Third Edition*:

\*12-Month Planning Calendar: <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/resources-calendar.shtml>

\*Bulletin Inserts: <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/resources-bulletins.shtml>

#### *Eucharist and Justice*

The advent of the New Missal gives us a new opportunity to remind everyone of the intrinsic connection between Eucharist and justice. To help us in that effort, the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development has two free downloadable resources, entitled *Eucharist: Body of Christ Broken for the World*:

<http://www.usccb.org/campus/documents/2010-campus-eucharist.pdf>

<http://www.usccb.org/campus/documents/2010-campus-liturgy.pdf>

Diocesan Roman Missal Website -  
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissal.htm>

Start date for new Roman Missal: November 27, 2011  
*None of the new texts may be used until then!*

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION...**

POLICIES AND PASTORAL GUIDELINES RELATING TO FUNERALS

As of November 2, 2010, new policies and guidelines relating to funeral are in effect for our diocese. A joint effort of a subcommittee from the Presbyteral Council with the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, the document can be found on the diocesan website on the Liturgy Library page, or directly at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litFuneralPoliciesGuidelines110210.pdf>.

RITUAL DEL MATRIMONIO

The new Spanish language edition of the Rite of Marriage is now available. Effective September 8 of this year, its use in the United States is mandatory whenever marriage is celebrated in Spanish. Copies of the Rite may be purchased from the USCCB, the Liturgical Press, or Liturgy Training Publications.

For a complete list of liturgical texts, including the status of other Spanish-language ritual books, see our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/litParishLiturgicalLibrary.pdf>.

TEAMRCIA: NEW E-RESOURCE FOR CATECHUMENATE WITH CHILDREN

*Friends on the Way* is a simple, concrete, comprehensive catechesis for child catechumens. Author and designer, Janet Miller, has put together an amazing set of materials that you can put directly in the hands of your children's RCIA catechists.

For a free sample, see: <http://teamrcia.com/FriendsOnTheWay/FTW-OTA-08.pdf>.

For ordering information, see: <http://teamrcia.com/bookstore/10-001jm/>.

**YOUTH AND LITURGY**

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR...

...was founded in 2000 and has just finished its eleventh season. The choir is sponsored by Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary and meets on the grounds of Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota. The choir sings music of various Christian traditions, ranging from medieval Gregorian chant to twentieth-century music and is led by world-renowned choral conductor Dr. Axel Theimer. Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB, a monk of Saint John's Abbey, is the founding director and chaplain. The primary focus of the choir is liturgical, and the choir seeks to implement the directive of Vatican Council II that the "treasury of sacred music" be preserved and fostered in the modern liturgy.

On June 15, 2010 selected high school students from throughout the United States traveled to Saint John's University to participate in the fifteen-day camp and tour. This year's theme was "One Lord, Many Traditions," promoting the idea that what unites us is greater than what divides us. The students studied and sang music from Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Mennonite, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Moravian Brethren, and Evangelical traditions. Daily tour and camp photos are available on the website [www.CatholicYouthChoir.org](http://www.CatholicYouthChoir.org).

Catholic youth going into tenth to twelfth grades in 2011 may apply for the program that will take place June 14–28, 2011. Application and audition information is available online at the website, or contact Dorothy Kantor at (320) 363-3154 or by e-mail: [dkantor@csbsju.edu](mailto:dkantor@csbsju.edu).

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

### DIOCESAN LITURGIES

#### Vespers for Nascent Human Life

On Saturday, November 27th at St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Benedict XVI will celebrate a "Vigil for All Nascent Human Life" coinciding with first vespers of the First Sunday of Advent. The Holy Father has also requested that "all Diocesan Bishops (and their equivalent) of every particular church preside in analogous celebrations involving the faithful in their respective parishes, religious communities, associations and movements."

An outline for the Vigil was provided from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments and the Pontifical Council for the Family. Given the importance of the Holy Father's request, the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship and the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities have collaborated in developing Vigil prayer aids for dioceses and parishes.

Acknowledging that in the U.S. the Vigil falls on Thanksgiving weekend and that many parishes have complicated Mass schedules on Saturday evenings, four different options are provided:

- Full Option One: Evening Prayer, Rosary and Benediction
- Full Option Two: Marian Procession, Rosary, Evening Prayer and Benediction
- Simplified Option One: Evening Prayer and Benediction (no Rosary)
- Simplified Option Two: Marian Procession, Rosary and Benediction (no Evening Prayer).

All options for the Vigil include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, and each of the worship aids follows the directives given by the Vatican and approved by the USCCB. These resources may be accessed from the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/papalvigil/>.

Bishop Amos will celebrate Vespers at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. A prayer booklet for families to use at home is being sent to parishes and will be posted on the Liturgy Events webpage.

### CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

## ***THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS***

### The Precatechumenate and Catechumenate

As the name implies, the *Rite* of Christian Initiation of Adults is marked by the liturgical celebration of the journey towards full initiation through the Easter Sacraments. Most RCIA teams are well aware that the transition from the Precatechumenate to the Catechumenate is celebrated through the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (RCIA §§ 41-74), and that the transition from Catechumen to one of the Elect is celebrated in the Rite of Election, preceded by the Rite of Sending (§§ 106-117). There are analogous celebrations for those baptized in other Christian communities who are journeying to full communion (§§ 411-458).

During the Catechumenate (see §§ 75-80 for introduction), a number of other rites are available for those not baptized that you may want to use. A number of these may be celebrated by the catechist rather than requiring an ordained minister; please see the texts in question for details.

- Celebrations of the Word of God (§§81-89)
- Minor Exorcisms (§§ 90-94)
- Blessing of Catechumens (§§ 95-97)
- Anointing of Catechumens (§§ 98-103).

In addition, the Presentation of the Creed and Lord's Prayer may be celebrated during this time if necessary (§§ 104-5).

### **LITURGY PREPARATION**

#### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18-25

During this week, the whole Christian community throughout the world is invited to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one" (John 17:21). The theme for this year's Week of Prayer is "One in the Apostles' Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread and Prayer" (cf. Acts 2:42). For more information and for resources, please go to [http://www.geii.org/wpcu\\_index.htm](http://www.geii.org/wpcu_index.htm).

#### Day of Penance: Saturday, January 22 (see GIRM #373)

The anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision is observed in all dioceses of the United States as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass "For Peace and Justice" (#22), from "Masses for Various Needs and Occasions" should be used (for the Mass during the day, not the Sunday anticipatory Mass). The readings are taken from the Lectionary, volume IV, #887-891. The Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions IV is suggested. Violet vestments are to be worn. Resources for observing this day can be found on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/index.shtml>.

Please consider using the following (from Archbishop Thomas Collins of Toronto) as part of your Prayer of the Faithful, as appropriate:

"That the scourge of abortion be lifted from our land, that those who promote it may be brought to a change of heart, that all who are tempted to abortion may be lovingly helped to protect the precious gift of life, and that all who have experienced an abortion may be comforted with the healing gift of love."



*Don't forget...  
Set your clocks back an hour  
this weekend!*

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 7...

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 (courtesy of Fr. Marty Goetz, Director of Vocations):

That all those discerning a vocation to church ministry would be graced with listening hearts and willing spirits; we pray....

(3) Weekly intercessions:

December 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

That Isaiah’s vision of peace and justice will come to pass quickly and not delay; we pray...

December 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

That the blind and lame, the sick and the poor, the deaf and the dead would know the fullness of Christ’s coming Reign; we pray...

December 19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

That the poor, the displaced, and the despised might be welcomed in our midst as Christ among us; we pray...

December 26 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

That peace might reign in our hearts, our families, our world; we pray...

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