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The Bishops and Consultants of the
Committee on Divine Worship
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Wish You a Joyous and Holy Christmas
and Best Wishes for 2010!

Catechetical Resources for the New *Roman Missal*

As the Church in the United States awaits the final texts of the third edition of the *Roman Missal* from the Holy See, expected sometime in 2010, this issue of the *Newsletter* is dedicated to providing information on all the resources being developed for catechesis. At this crucial time, it is important to seize the moment and ensure that some form of initial catechesis takes shape in every parish in the country. The Secretariat of Divine Worship, assisting in this effort, will continue to publicize *Roman Missal* catechetical resources as they become available.

***Roman Missal* Website is Secretariat's Main Resource in Providing Updated Information**

By this stage in the remote catechetical period, pastors should already be utilizing information on the Secretariat of Divine Worship's dedicated website to the *Roman Missal* – www.USCCB.org/romanmissal – to inform their parishioners of the status of the forthcoming third edition and some of the changes that will be involved. While pastors can determine how much or how little to use at various times, it is hoped that by now, the faithful have been introduced to the charts indicating the forthcoming new translations of the people's and priests' parts. All of this information can easily be communicated in short articles in the parish bulletin or monthly newsletter. As today's remote catechesis gives way to the proximate catechetical period in mid- to late-2010, priests can begin integrating theological concepts and approved texts from the new translation into their homilies, to better prepare the faithful for the theologically rich vocabulary they will hear in the future. The ultimate goal of the *Roman Missal* website is to ensure that all Catholics in the United States are familiar with the new texts, so that when the third edition is finally implemented, everyone can embrace the new text and worship and pray effectively.

The *Roman Missal* website should be familiar to all parishioners and other visitors. To aid in that effort, a number of banner ads have been provided in the Resources section that can be easily added to parish websites, so that parishioners can explore the resources themselves. This will allow priests and lay faithful to learn about what is coming on a schedule and pace that best fits them. Priests can also take advantage of the *Roman Missal* website on their own time to better familiarize themselves with the updated priests' parts of the Mass, especially the Eucharistic Prayers. Background materials and a bibliography on the history, content, and development of the Eucharistic Prayers are available. By reading out loud the Eucharistic Prayers and other parts of the Mass to get a sense of their vocabulary, style, and cadence, priests will be well-prepared to prayerfully proclaim the new translation when it is implemented. The Frequently Asked Questions section can be used to help answer parishioners' questions concerning the forthcoming *Missal*. Finally, in parishes that have a sizeable Hispanic population, especially those who attend Masses in English from time to time, the Español section of the website can assist pastors in catechizing Spanish-speaking parishioners in the coming translation changes and how that might impact them.

In the coming months, the Secretariat will thoroughly review, reorder, and expand the website so its resources, along with existing Secretariat resources on the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (found at www.USCCB.org/liturgy/girm), can be more easily accessed and utilized to their fullest effect, for priests and faithful alike.

Parish Guide Developed for the Implementation of the *Roman Missal*

Nearly forty years have passed since the introduction of the *Roman Missal* of Pope Paul VI and its translation into English. Much has changed—including our ability to understand, articulate, and translate the words we use during the Eucharist. USCCB Publishing has developed an implementation guide that will help parish leaders bring this new translation to life in the parish.

The parish guide is divided into three primary sections: a planning guide, suggested activities and resources, and a detailed planning workbook for those who would like to make the catechetical period before the implementation a time of parish liturgical renewal. The planning guide section sets the theme for the implementation, identifies two key goals, provides a concise, easy-to-follow strategy, and a “road map” of essential activities. Section two includes activity suggestions for every facet of parish and school life plus a calendar of when to do what and other resources like bulletin inserts and homily helps to support the parish catechesis. The planning workbook has step-by-step instructions on how to develop a parish strategy for liturgical renewal and a three step process to develop an action plan plus accompanying handouts and worksheets.

By using this guide, parishes can easily develop as detailed an implementation plan as they feel called to. Full-scale publication of this important resource will take place when an implementation date of the third edition of the *Roman Missal* is decided upon by the Committee on Divine Worship. When the parish guide reaches its final form, the Secretariat may be able to post samples of its various sections on the *Roman Missal* website.

USCCB and FDLC Offer 20 *Roman Missal* Workshops for Priests and Diocesan Leaders

The USCCB Secretariat for Divine Worship and the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), with the support of the National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy (NOCERCC), are co-sponsoring a series of 20 two-day workshops throughout the United States between April and November 2010. These programs are designed for priests and for diocesan leaders (*e.g.*, Episcopal vicars, clergy personnel administrators, members of liturgical commissions, diocesan music, liturgy, or catechetical directors, and others who have similar roles at the diocesan level) who will have key functions in the implementation of the third edition of the *Roman Missal*. The workshops will provide background on the new translation, an overview of the new texts (with a focus on the Order of Mass and the structure and style of the orations), discussion of the *ars celebrandi*, demonstration and practice of the chants of the *Missal*, implementation strategies, and discussion of leading a community through change. Msgr. Anthony Sherman and Fr. Richard Hilgartner from the Secretariat will lead the programs along with speakers and facilitators from the FDLC.

The programs have been designed to facilitate participation of parish priests with minimal impact on schedules. Participants are free to register for any available date and location (*i.e.*, no one is limited to a particular regional venue). The dates and cities are as follows:

- April 15-16 – Cincinnati
- April 20-21 – Richmond
- April 29-30 – Phoenix
- May 11-12 – Grand Rapids
- May 13-14 – Kansas City, MO
- May 19-20 – Helena
- May 24-25 – St. Paul/Minneapolis
- June 8-9 – Denver
- June 21-22 – Orange, CA
- June 29-30 – Louisville
- July 20-21 – Emmitsburg, MD
- August 5-6 – Milwaukee
- August 10-11 – Trenton
- August 24-25 – San Francisco
- September 7-8 – Oklahoma City
- September 29-30 – Seattle
- October 4-5 – Alexandria, LA
- October 18-19 – Albany
- October 28-29 – San Antonio
- November 4-5 – Orlando

Online registration will begin in late January 2010. Detailed information (including particular locations for each workshop as well as hotel information) will be available from diocesan worship offices in January, and at both www.USCCB.org/romanmissal and www.FDLC.org/Roman_Missal.html.

Multimedia Resource from the Leeds Group: “Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ”

Inspired by Bishop Arthur Roche of Leeds, England, an international group of priests and scholars called the Leeds Group has been producing a comprehensive multimedia resource capable of being used by all English-speaking countries as they implement the new translation of the *Roman Missal*. Guided by the Australian company Fraynetwork Multimedia, the title of the resource is “Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ.”

After an introductory video, five sections of content will carefully guide users through the new translation. Over eighty hours of video from all over the English-speaking world are featured, including expert interviews and scenes of Mass from New York to Auckland. Audio demonstrations of the new texts and chants of the Mass, and rich art, architecture, and music from churches around the world complete this valuable resource. The resource is still being developed; when complete, more information will be made available.

Resources from the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions

Workshop Manuals Enable Tailored Catechesis at All Diocesan Levels

Presently available at the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) *Roman Missal* Formation website – www.FDLC.org/Roman_Missal.htm – is a resource that has been developed by the diocesan worship offices in Illinois and Indiana, ideally suited to the current remote catechetical period. It consists of a series of workshops outlined in various manuals. The manuals contain templates, procedures, processes, and sample materials for a wide diversity of workshops: priests in small group settings; priests and parish life coordinators; deacons and deacon candidates; liturgy coordinators and parish staff; liturgical ministers; seminarians; and laypeople. Soon to follow are appendices to these workshop manuals that will provide team resources and participant handouts to be used with each of the workshops.

Currently, the workshop manuals are provided in Microsoft Word and PDF formats, sent as email attachments, and are adaptable for local circumstances and resources. When the appendices become available for distribution, the complete resource will be mailed out on CD-ROM. The cost for FDLC members is \$200; non-members pay \$275. (This resource is free for FDLC members and associate members in the dioceses in Illinois and Indiana.)

Book of Study Papers to Form Basis of FDLC Future Resources

In addition to workshop manuals available now during the remote catechetical period, the FDLC is developing further resources which will be made available when the proximate catechesis begins (upon reception of the final translation from the Holy See). The foundation for these resources is a book of four study papers commissioned by the FDLC and published by USCCB Publishing: “The Liturgical Participation of God’s People” by Rev. Mark Francis; “Divining the Vernacular of Ritual Texts” by Rev. Paul Turner; “The Liturgical Implementation of the *Roman Missal*” by Rev. J.M. Foster; and “Liturgical Leadership in a Time of Change” by Bishop Gerald Kicanas of Tucson, USCCB Vice President. This book, with a foreword by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Committee Chairman, provides fundamental information that is necessary for one to undertake the task of preparing for the reception of the translation of the *Roman Missal*.

FDLC to Offer Audio Recordings, “Workshop-in-a-Box,” and Bulletin Pamphlets

Three final resources from the FDLC are of interest. One valuable resource consists of a “boxed workshop” that is ready to present. A video presentation by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Committee Chairman, provides the core for all of the workshops. Workshops are available for priests, parish leadership and liturgical ministries, and for the liturgical assembly. Some of the topics covered in these workshops, depending on the audience, will be: 1) *Sacrosanctum Concilium*; 2) the structural elements of the 1970 and 2002 Missals; 3) the Art of Presiding; 4) Praying the Prayers of the New Translation; and 5) Leadership in a Time of Change.

Audio recordings of the recently translated texts are also being developed, and will allow celebrants to listen to and speak the prayers aloud to become familiar with the construction and cadence of the new translation. This resource will consist of two CDs with the Ordinary and Propers of the Mass.

Bulletin presentations and pamphlets are being developed, covering such topics as: 1) Why a New Translation; 2) Where Do Liturgical Books Come From; 3) Liturgical Participation of God’s People; and 4) Ritual Dialogues of the Mass. In addition, it is hoped that homily points and practical suggestions can be provided to enable the clergy to prepare the people for the new texts. Information on the FDLC *Roman Missal* Formation website will be updated as these resources become available in the future.