

## LITURGYNOTES – FOR APRIL 2016

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#### Order of Confirmation

The retranslated *Order of Confirmation* is now available from USCCB Publishing.

Please note the following from the USCCB:

Both the RCIA and Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum include rituals for the administration of Confirmation in circumstances that would often involve the ministry of a priest, rather than a bishop, in the context of parish or other celebrations. Aside from the response “And with your spirit” following the anointing with Chrism, the text from the Order of Confirmation that most lends itself to substitution into the older books is the prayer at the Laying On of Hands, whose new translation includes the traditional names for the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who brought these your servants to new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit,  
freeing them from sin:  
send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit,  
the Paraclete;  
give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
the spirit of knowledge and piety;  
fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.  
Through Christ our Lord.

This prayer is found in four locations in the U.S. edition of the RCIA: initiation of catechumens (no. 234), initiation of children of catechetical age (no. 325), reception of baptized Christians into full communion with the Catholic Church (no. 493, and referenced at no. 502), and the combined rite of initiation of catechumens and reception of baptized Christians (no. 590). The prayer at the Laying On of Hands is likewise found in Pastoral Care of the Sick in the ritual for “Christian Initiation of the Dying,” at no. 290, and is also referenced at no. 246 in the “Continuous Rite of Penance, Anointing, and Viaticum.” In all of these locations, it would not only be permissible to use the prayer’s newer translation, but even encouraged in light of its coming into regular use by bishops at their own celebrations of Confirmation. Immediately before the prayer at the Laying On of Hands, however, the prefatory exhortation has a text that varies from location to location in the RCIA, none of which are identical to the version in the Order of Confirmation. Therefore, those exhortations need to retain their current translations found in the RCIA.

Order of Matrimony

The revised (2nd) edition of the Order for the Celebration of Matrimony has received final approval and is set to be published. This ritual text may be "used in the Liturgy as of September 8, 2016, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and its use is mandatory as of December 30, 2016, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. From that day forward, no other English edition of the Order of Celebrating Matrimony may be used in the dioceses of the United States."

The Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship and the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions are hosting regional workshops around the country (see the FDLC website [<http://www.fdlc.org>] for details; registration is now open). In addition, for those unable to attend a regional workshop, we plan to offer local workshops in each deanery.

**YEAR OF MERCY**

Mercy in Motion: A Ministries of Mercy Conference – July 30, 2016

In observance of the Year of Mercy, the Diocese of Davenport will be hosting *Mercy in Motion: A Ministries of Mercy Conference* on Saturday, July 30 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport. Guided by keynote speaker Tom East from the Center for Ministry Development, the faithful of the diocese are invited to reflect upon our call to be a Church of Mercy. The conference will feature a ministry fair with representatives from numerous local organizations and parish programs. Attendants will also be able to participate in a variety of breakout sessions focused on how to develop and maintain various “ministries of mercies” within their parishes and how to be involved as “merciful ministers” with organizations or ministries that implement works of mercy in the community. Please contact Marianne Agnoli at [agnolim@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:agnolim@davenportdiocese.org) if you have any questions or if you or one of your parish organizations is interested in providing information at the ministry fair.

We have set up a specific webpage for the Conference, and will post further information there as it becomes available: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/YearOfMercyConference.htm>.

**RESOURCE: HOMILETIC DIRECTORY**

Summary §§150-156; Appendix I and II

The *Directory* concludes with a discussion of preaching that occurs on occasions other than Sundays: weekdays, weddings, and funerals.

The *Directory* notes that while preaching a homily on weekdays is not strictly required, it is encouraged (especially during Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter) and it provides the homilist an opportunity to preach on texts that are not heard on Sunday (§§150-151). Of necessity, weekday preaching ought to be brief, which often—it is noted—“requires additional preparation” (§§150, 152). The homilist is also urged to attend to how the weekday lectionary in ordinary time is arranged, and make sure the sequence of readings is not interrupted or readings omitted too often by the observance of saints’ feasts (§§152-153).

The *Directory* next turns its attention to weddings and funerals. While not providing much in the way of specifics, the document does stress that the preacher must attend to the reality that many who are

present at these occasions are either not Catholic (or even Christian), no longer practice the faith, or are not well-formed in what the Church teaches about the vocation of marriage or the mystery of death (§§154-155).

The *Directory* concludes with two appendices. Appendix I (§§157-160) addresses the question of the *Catechism* as a resource for preaching. The authors note that “[a] concern that has been voiced often in the years since the Second Vatican Council, notably in Synods of Bishops, has been the need for more doctrine in preaching” (§157). In response to such a need, it is suggested that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) might be a good resource—“but it is important that it be used in a way that is consonant with the purpose of the homily” (§157; emphasis mine).

What does this mean? At a minimum, we must keep in mind that “the Sunday liturgy is not an ‘occasion’ on which to deliver a sermon, that would in its topic be contrary to the liturgical season and its themes” (§158). In addition, the preacher must remember that his “task is not to make the readings at Mass fit a preconceived schema of topics, but to invite his listeners to ponder the faith of the Church as it emerges naturally from the Scriptures in the context of the liturgical celebration” (§159). With these *caveats* in mind, the *Directory* provides a list of paragraphs from the CCC that “resonate with the biblical readings for Sundays and holy days... chosen either because they cite or allude to the specific readings, or because they treat topics found in the readings” (§160). The *Directory* encourages the homilist “not simply to consult the *Catechism* in a cursory fashion, but to meditate on how its four parts are mutually related” (§160). Appendix II provides a bibliography of “post-conciliar ecclesial sources relevant to preaching.”

### Response

The reminder to be attentive to the structure of the weekday lectionary and choice of readings is helpful; preachers should be familiar with what the *Introduction* to the *Lectionary* instructs in this matter. Preaching at the rites presents its own set of challenges. It is good to keep in mind that on occasions such as weddings and funerals there are those who will be present who are either not Catholic or are no longer practicing the faith. These are evangelical opportunities. Finally, as I have noted before, homilies *do* teach, and must be doctrinally sound – but they are not catechetical sessions or theology lectures. The preacher must always return to the purpose of the homily: a transformative encounter with the Word of God.

For those interested in reading more on preaching at the rites (and feasts), I recommend James Wallace’s *Preaching to the Hungers of the Heart: The Homily on the Feasts and within the Rites* (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 2002).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

### DIOCESAN LITURGIES

#### Ordination

Ordinations to the diaconate and presbyterate will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m. Deacon Ross Epping will be ordained to the presbyterate and Mistery Dan Dorau and Chris Weber will be ordained to the diaconate. As this date approaches, please consider including the candidates in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass; for example:

For those who will be ordained this June for ministry in our diocese; we pray to the Lord:

That those who will be ordained to the diaconate and priesthood this June will faithfully follow the Good Shepherd as they serve the Diocese of Davenport; we pray to the Lord:

#### Acolytate

The men in Deacon Formation Class VII will be instituted into the ministry of acolyte, the final rite celebrated before ordination, at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Davenport on Saturday, June 11, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. As this date approaches, please consider including the candidates and their families in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass; for example:

For those preparing to serve our diocese as Deacons; that as they receive the ministry of Acolyte they may be faithful in their service at the altar. We pray to the Lord.

For the Deacon candidates receiving the ministry of Acolyte this summer and for their families; we pray to the Lord.

#### Celebrating the Year of Mercy

April 1-3: SS. John & Paul, Burlington: Parish Mission on Divine Mercy; Bishop Amos presides at opening Mass (April 1 at 6:00pm).

April 10: Junior High Rally: Regina Education Center, Iowa City (9:30-5:30)

May 7: Mass for the Spanish-Speaking Community: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport (10:30am)

#### CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

##### Two Presentations/Workshops by Dan Schutte: April 8-9, 2016

##### HERE I AM, LORD: LIVING THE VOCATION OF OUR BAPTISM

Saying “yes” to God is something we continue to do all through our lives, a vocation we all share as children of God. An evening of praying, singing and reflecting on God’s call with a listening heart is a perfect way to remind ourselves of God’s ever-presence in our lives. Concert at Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University with proceeds to benefit the Benet House Scholarship Fund. Fri. Apr. 8, 7 pm; Fee: \$20; Free to SAU students; \$5/other students with student ID.

##### MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR WORKSHOP

The celebration of Eucharist is at the center of your parish’s communal life. As the Church enters more fully into the New Evangelization, it’s a perfect time to focus attention on how we can more fully enter into the prayer of the Mass. Dan’s musical setting of the revised texts of the Roman Missal Third Edition is fast becoming the standard sung in parishes. Hear Dan speak about the process he engaged in writing this music and learn how to engage your community more fully in the singing. Workshop at Christ the King Chapel, St. Ambrose University. Sat. Apr. 9, 8 am (Registration) 8:30 am –12 pm; Fee: \$25; Register for both events: \$40. Free to SAU students; \$5/other students with student ID.

National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Annual Convention: July 11-16, 2016

The annual convention of the NPM will be held in Houston, Texas this year, with the theme – *The Church Sings*. 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>.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Lent/Triduum 2017

Next year, *Ash Wednesday* falls on March 1.

We will celebrate the *Rite of Election* at Saint Patrick Church in Iowa City on Sunday, March 5 at 3pm (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent).

The *Chrism Mass* will be celebrated on Monday, April 3, at 5pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The Triduum falls on Thursday, April 13 through Sunday, April 16 – with the *Easter Vigil* falling on the night of Saturday, April 15. On that night, the earliest that the Vigil may begin is 8:30pm.

Ordinary Time

As you begin looking ahead to ordinary time—and especially weekday celebrations—please remember that a wealth of Votive Masses and Masses for Various Needs and Occasions are available. You may also want to consider a number of rites from the Book of Blessings as the summer approaches, for example:

*For new drivers, especially as school lets out:* Order for the Blessing of the Various Means of Transportation.

*Especially for rural parishes:* Order for the Blessing of Boats and Fishing Gear; Order for the Blessing of Fields and Flocks; and Order for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time.

*Since this is a common time for moves to take place:* Order for Welcoming of New Parishioners; and Order for the Blessing of a Departing Parishioner.

Ordinary Time and Judaism

Excerpted from *God's Mercy Endures Forever: Guidelines on the Presentation of Jews and Judaism in Catholic Preaching* (Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, September, 1988); full document at: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/jewish/upload/God-s-Mercy-Endures-Forever-Guidelines-on-the-Presentation-of-Jews-and-Judaism-in-Catholic-Preaching-1988.pdf>.

30. The challenges that peak in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter are present throughout the year in the juxtaposition of the lectionary readings. There are many occasions when it is difficult to avoid a

reference either to Jews or Judaism in a homily based upon a text from the Scriptures. For all Scripture, including the New Testament, deals with Jews and Jewish themes.

31. Throughout the year, the following general principles will be helpful:

- Consistently affirm the value of the whole Bible. While "among all the Scriptures, even those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special preeminence" (*Dei Verbum*, 18), the Hebrew Scriptures are the word of God and have validity and dignity in and of themselves (*ibid.*, 15). Keep in view the intentions of the biblical authors (*ibid.*, 19).
- Place the typology inherent in the lectionary in a proper context, neither overemphasizing nor avoiding it. Show that the meaning of the Hebrew Scriptures for their original audience is not limited to nor diminished by New Testament applications (1985 Notes, II).
- Communicate a reverence for the Hebrew Scriptures and avoid approaches that reduce them to a propaedeutic or background for the New Testament. It is God who speaks, communicating himself through divine revelation (*Dei Verbum*, 6).
- Show the connectedness between the Scriptures. The Hebrew Bible and the Jewish tradition founded on it must not be set against the New Testament in such a way that the former seems to constitute a religion of only retributive justice, fear, and legalism, with no appeal to love of God and neighbor (cf. Dt 6:5; Lv 19:18,32; Hos 11:1-9; Mt 22:34-40).
- Enliven the eschatological hope, the "not yet" aspect of the kerygma. The biblical promises are realized in Christ. But the Church awaits their perfect fulfillment in Christ's glorious return when all creation is made free (1974 Guidelines, II).
- Emphasize the Jewishness of Jesus and his teachings and highlight the similarities of the teachings of the Pharisees with those of Christ (1985 Notes, III and IV).
- Respect the continuing validity of God's covenant with the Jewish people and their responsive faithfulness, despite centuries of suffering, to the divine call that is theirs (1985 Notes, VI).
- Frame homilies to show that Christians and Jews together are "trustees and witnesses of an ethic marked by the Ten Commandments, in the observance of which humanity finds its truth and freedom" (John Paul II, Rome Synagogue, April 13, 1986).
- Be free to draw on Jewish sources (rabbinic, medieval, and modern) in expounding the meaning of the Hebrew Scriptures and the apostolic writings. The 1974 Guidelines observe that "the history of Judaism did not end with the destruction of Jerusalem, but went on to develop a religious tradition.., rich in religious values." The 1985 Notes (no. 14) thus speak of Christians "profiting discerningly from the traditions of Jewish readings" of the sacred texts.

32. The 1985 Notes describe what is central to the role of the homilist: "Attentive to the same God who has spoken, hanging on the same word, we have to witness to one same memory and one common hope in him who is master of history. We must also accept our responsibility to prepare the world for the coming of the Messiah by working together for social justice, respect for the rights of persons and nations, and for social and international reconciliation. To this we are driven, Jews and Christians, by the command to love our neighbor, by a common hope for the kingdom of God, and by the great heritage of the prophets" (1985 Notes, no. 19; see also Lv 19:18, 32).

#### 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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