

Dear servants of the liturgy,

We've celebrated the Chrism Mass, a glorious gathering of the diocese. We celebrated the renewal of priestly vows, the blessing of the Oils of the Sick and of Catechumens, and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism. But that's not all. Dr. Paul F. Ford, professor of theology and liturgy at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, California, reminds us that at the Chrism Mass we are also praying for everyone and everything in our diocese that will be anointed with those oils in the coming year:

All those who will be anointed with the Oil of the Sick: the ill, the dying...

All those who will be anointed with the Oil of the Catechumens: infants at baptism, catechumens on their journey to the Easter Sacraments...

All those who will be anointed with the Sacred Chrism: the newly baptized, those to be confirmed, priests and bishops at their ordination...

All those communities who will use the Sacred Chrism to dedicate new or renovated churches and altars.

The Chrism Mass reminds us of our call to unity—especially as a diocese. May that unity be our prayer, especially as we approach the Paschal Triduum.

Easter blessings,

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***FOR YOUR INFORMATION...***

USCCB BISHOP'S COMMITTEE ON THE LITURGY

The BCL's subcommittee on music has posted a PowerPoint presentation on their website at: <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/MUSIC%20FDLCnew.ppt>

The presentation explains the work of the subcommittee and their progress toward producing a repertoire of music for the Catholic liturgy in the United States. Please see their presentation for details. Given the work that this subcommittee is undertaken, and given that we are awaiting a new *Missal*, I would suggest that this is NOT a good time to pursue purchasing permanent hymnals.

### *A REQUEST...*

Fr. Charles Fladung asks if anyone has a “used” white cope and humeral veil in good condition; St. Joseph Parish, East Pleasant Plain, is in need of a set of these vestments. He may be reached at 319-456-3161. Thanks!

### *UPCOMING EVENTS*

#### CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

##### Workshops for Readers/Lectors

Mr. Ken Miller, of St. John Vianney Parish, has kindly volunteered to offer lector training programs in the diocese. His program has been quite successful at his home parish, and he is now ready and willing to “take it on the road.” His program was reviewed and approved by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. If you are interested in having Mr. Miller at your parish or deanery, please contact him at: [KJMCAM99@aol.com](mailto:KJMCAM99@aol.com) or at 563-332-8404. He may also be contacted through St. John Vianney parish.

##### 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](http://www.FormReformConference.com).

And if you are interested in church architecture as well as environmental justice, you may want to check out this article on a [Green Approach to Church Architecture](#). Liturgical design consultant and art historian Carol Frenning wrote in the most recent issue of *Rite: The Liturgy Magazine for the Whole Parish*, "Being Catholic and being “green” is more than an architectural rage. Sustainable architecture supports a Catholic spirituality that respects the sacredness of all creation and a tradition of justice that calls everyone to right relationship with one another and the world around us." To be introduced to Catholic spirituality as it relates to environmental design, find the complete, brief article *Catholic and Sustainable: A Green Approach to Church Architecture* and other resources at [http://www.ncrlc.com/NCRLC\\_resources.html](http://www.ncrlc.com/NCRLC_resources.html).

##### Liturgical Music Conference

St. John’s University (Collegeville, MN) is offering a conference entitled “Music, Theology, Liturgy and the Rites: Baptism, RCIA, Confirmation, Wedding, Funeral” on June 26-30, 2006. For more information, please contact Deb Guertin at 320-363-3371 or [dguertin@csbsju.edu](mailto:dguertin@csbsju.edu).

##### Looking Ahead

*Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions: Annual Meeting*  
October 10 – 13 in Omaha, NE

*LITURGY PREPARATION*

INTERCESSIONS

Ordination

Rev. Mr. Bruce DeRammelaere is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to include him in your Prayer of the Faithful. For example:

For Bruce DeRammelaere, and for all who will be ordained this year, that their lives would give joyful witness to the love of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord:

For all who are to be ordained as priests this year, and especially for Bruce DeRammelaere, that they would faithfully minister the sacraments and preach the Good News in word and deed. We pray to the Lord.

Intercessions for Life

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

May 7<sup>th</sup>           FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

That the joy of the risen Christ might draw us all into a love for the gift of life; we pray to the Lord:

May 14<sup>th</sup>           FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For little children who are forgotten or abused; that we might treasure them as a gift from God and work to protect them each day of our lives; we pray to the Lord:

May 21<sup>st</sup>           SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For all who have grown very old and are overburdened with the weight of their years; that we might not forget them, but might rejoice in the gift they are for our families and our lives; we pray to the Lord:

May 28<sup>th</sup>           ASCENSION

For the gift of faith; that all who are tempted to abortion, murder, or neglect might receive the grace to love the forgotten ones with the compassion of the Lord Jesus; we pray to the Lord:

LITURGY AND THE ENVIRONMENTChurch Leader's Guide for "WATER WISE" STEWARDSHIP WEEK: April 30-May 7

This year's Soil & Water Stewardship Week -- with the theme "Water Wise" -- runs through the first week of May and provides an opportunity to learn about our precious natural resources. The Church Leaders Guide is now available and can be downloaded at the Stewardship Week website: <http://www.stewardshipweek.com/html/church.html>.

This Church Leaders Guide will provide you with insight and fresh perspectives for spreading the important message of soil and water stewardship. The Guide is fifteen pages long and provides the following tools: Sermon Starter, Litany, Water Wise Reflection: Celebrating the Sacred in Water, and a Guide for Bible Study. As noted on the Stewardship Week website: "Acting as stewards of natural resources is a sacred duty, and it can provide profound spiritual fulfillment."

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Some thoughts on the Easter Season from our diocesan *Ordo*:

- 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; not for the entire season). The Sequence is required on Easter Sunday but optional on the other days of the octave.
- 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!!*"

In this Province, the Solemnity of the Ascension is transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. The Easter Season ends with Evening Prayer II on Pentecost Sunday.

As we celebrate the Easter Season, maybe we can learn something from our Eastern Christian sisters and brothers—who have a customary greeting during this 50-day Sunday: In meeting one another, or in answering the phone, the first person would say: *Christos Aneste* (Christ is Risen)! And the second would respond: *Alethos Aneste* (Indeed He is Risen)!

*Christos Aneste! Alethos Aneste!*  
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!