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**The New Roman Missal**

**URGENT!! Diocesan Workshop Registrations Due**

Registrations for the February deanery workshops were due on January 3. It is imperative that we hear from you immediately if you are planning on attending one of these workshops. Arrangements for lunch need to be made.

The February workshops are to be held in the Keokuk, Clinton, and Ottumwa Deaneries. *To date, I have only received registration forms and payment from 10 entities!* If we do not hear from the rest of our parishes by Monday, January 17, we may need to cancel the workshops... so please get your registrations in ASAP!

Registrations for the January workshops are now closed, as are orders for pew cards.

**Mass Settings**

After reviewing the various Mass settings from the three major publishers, a small group of parish musicians from around the diocese met on December 30 to select 1 revised and 2 new settings from each publisher that parishes may want to consider using as a “starting point” (in addition to the ICEL chants) in implementing the new Missal. Of course, parishes are free to choose any setting that best fits their needs, but our hope was to select settings that were versatile enough to be accessible to a number of congregations, easy to learn and sing, yet also beautiful and engaging. Below are our recommendations (and the websites where you can see the music and listen to mp3 files):

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<td>Revised: People’s Mass (Vermulst) New: Mass of Awakening (Soper) Mass of Wisdom (Janco)</td>
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<td>OCP</td>
<td>Revised: Heritage Mass (Alstott) New: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) Belmont Mass (Walker)</td>
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[http://www.ocp.org/newmasssettings](http://www.ocp.org/newmasssettings)
Diocesan Roman Missal Website -

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
The Rite will be celebrated at Saint Patrick Church, Iowa City, on Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m. Please remember that the Rite of Election is not optional: one must be “elected” for the Easter Sacraments by the Bishop (or his delegate). I would hope that we would see this as not just a “legal hoop” to jump through, but as a living sign of our unity as a diocesan church. In case of inclement weather, our alternative date and time are: Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m.

Detailed information—and a registration form—is being sent by separate e-mail to parishes, clergy, Parish Life Administrators, and RCIA Coordinators. The documents will also be posted on the diocesan website (look under Liturgy Events). Please note that registration information is due back to us by January 31!

Website: http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm.

The Chrism Mass
The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, on Monday, April 11, at 5:00 p.m. I would ask that we all encourage the members of our parishes—especially those in the RCIA or preparing for Confirmation—to attend this beautiful and important liturgy. Information on “ordering” oils will be sent to priests/parishes in the near future.

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

RCIA: The Triduum

Rites for Holy Saturday

The RCIA does contain specific Rites to be celebrated on Holy Saturday. A number of options are possible for the Elect, including the Recitation of the Creed, the Ephphetha Rite, and the Choosing of a Baptismal Name (RCIA #185-205). Candidates for Full Communion and Confirmation should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (if not celebrated at some other point during Lent; see RCIA #408 and 482; National Statutes #27).

The Easter Vigil

The order of service varies slightly if the Vigil is celebrated with candidates, catechumens (elect), or both. It is preferable, however, that the reception and confirmation of candidates take place at a Mass different from the Vigil (see National Statutes #26). After the homily:

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Confirmation and the RCIA - Corrected and Updated

(See the Code of Canon Law cc.882-888; RCIA National Statutes #28; also see Priest Faculties for the Diocese of Davenport)

Priests may confirm (without asking for permission) in the following circumstances:

1. When the person was never a Catholic:
   a. When he baptizes an adult (defined as anyone who has reached the age of discretion, about 7 years old),
   b. When he receives a previously baptized non-Catholic into full communion,

2. If the person was a Catholic and left the Church:
   a. When he readmits into full communion a previously baptized Catholic who apostacized (whether by formal act or just by practice) from the faith,
   b. When he readmits into full communion a baptized Catholic who through no personal fault was instructed in or adhered to a non-Catholic religion.

As you prepare for the Easter Vigil, please note that permission must be requested for priests to confirm baptized Catholics (a) who were not raised as Catholic but who never belonged to any other church OR (b) who have never left the Church but were never confirmed. A short letter asking for this permission
should include a list of those people to be confirmed and a short explanation of the circumstances of each candidate.

In order to respect the integrity of the three Sacraments of Initiation, the priest who presides over Eucharist and Confirmation is also the one who is to baptize. Therefore, another minister (e.g., a deacon or even another priest) must not baptize in this situation (see c.883.2; for an exception if large numbers are involved, see RCIA # 226). Also, priests who will be presiding at the Easter Vigil outside the territory of their assignment, or if they are not assigned a pastoral charge, need the explicit (and not merely tacit) permission of the one in whose territory they are baptizing (pastor) in order to baptize (see canons 530 & 862) and confirm (see c.887).

Finally, according to the law of the Church, children who have reached the use of reason (around 7 years of age) are considered, for the purposes of Christian initiation, to be adults. Therefore, if someone who is to be baptized or received into the Catholic Church is deemed ready (i.e., old enough) to receive Eucharist they are to be confirmed.

However, Bishop Amos wishes to allow pastoral discretion in regard to those children who have reached the use of reason and are coming into full communion with the Catholic Church (“candidates”). If a pastor sees a genuine need to delay confirmation of these children until a later time, he may request to do so. Because this situation is so exceptional, written permission from the Bishop must be obtained if confirmation is to be delayed. There should be no delay in the reception of Holy Communion. The possibility of delaying confirmation does not apply to catechumens.

PREACHING RESOURCE

**Unfulfilled in Their Hearing** by Deacon David Shea, D.Min.

Congregations are passionate about what they want and don't want in a homily. This study articulates that passion through quantitative data and in-depth comments. Deacon David Shea, Assistant Professor of Homiletics at the Anthenaeum of Ohio [and a classmate of mine from Aquinas], discovered a significant gap between what Catholics want in a Sunday homily and what they were hearing at Mass. Focus groups clearly articulated their hopes for homilies that would bring them back Sunday after Sunday.


LOOKING FOR ORGAN “TRANSPLANT”...

Fr. Rick Colletti, Rector of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona, is looking for a used Pipe Organ to be rebuilt and refurbished for their church. He is looking for something in the range of 39 stops and 47 ranks. If you can help, please let me know.
Preparing for the Sacred Triduum

For those charged with preparing for the Triduum, please see the following electronic references:


(2) With the publication of the new Roman Missal, the rubrics concerning the celebration of the Triduum have been changed. These changes were reproduced in the January 2003 and March/April 2003 editions of the *Newsletter* from the USCCB’s Committee in the Liturgy. The documents are available at: http://www.nccbuscc.org/liturgy/innews/012003.shtml and http://www.nccbuscc.org/liturgy/innews/03042003.shtml.

Please note what the documents say about the Paschal Candle: “The candle should be made of wax, never be artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size that it may convey the truth that Christ is the light of the world…. The candle is then prepared in rites which are no longer optional.” In other words, we are asked to treat the Paschal Candle as the rich symbol it truly is.

Time for the Start of the Easter Vigil

The *Missale Romanum* states that the Easter Vigil is to take place in darkness, after nightfall. Traditionally in this diocese, and according to the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, that has been calculated as 45 minutes to an hour after sunset. Therefore, for the Diocese of Davenport, the Vigil on April 23, 2010, may not begin before 8:45 PM.

World Day for Consecrated Life: February 6

In 1997, Pope John Paul instituted World Day for Consecrated Life. A complete resource kit for this annual event—including liturgy planning guide, music suggestions, homily guide, general intercessions, prayer service, prayer card master, bulletin announcements, clip art, poster, suggested activities and resources—is available from the National Coalition for Church Vocations at http://www.nccv-vocations.org/World-Day-for-Consecrated-Life-Kit--English-Spanish_p_34.html.
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 the people of the Diocese of Davenport will encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life; we pray....

(3) Weekly intercessions:

February 6 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
For God’s blessings on all people of faith that they may respond in kind by helping those in need; we pray...

February 13 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
For those who experience first hand: anger, hatred, or violence of any kind; may God’s peace and grace be with them; we pray...

February 20 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That God’s love may break down the walls of hatred and division; for the grace to be ambassadors of reconciliation; we pray...

February 27 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
That our appreciation of God’s love for us will be the motivation for our love for justice and peace; we pray....

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