

Dear servants of the liturgy,

Welcome to the “long green season” of Ordinary Time! May your summer be a time of renewal and refreshment. Maybe this would be a good time to schedule formation sessions for liturgical ministers—or do some continuing formation of your own. There are plenty of conferences—and good books to read—out there!

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Your Diocesan Liturgical Commission (DLC) has been hard at work this past year. We have helped the bishop produce two new policies. The first, written with the Diocesan Building Commission, is entitled *Policies Relating to Building and Renovation Projects in Parishes* and describes when and how parishes that are undertaking repair, renovation, and building projects are to consult with the diocese. The second, *Policies Relating to Art and Architecture for Worship*, provides guidance in the area of church architecture and furnishings. Both policies will be posted on the diocesan website. Please note that the building and renovation policy includes a “Liturgical Environment Self-Study” in the appendix that parishes can use to assess their worship space and plan for the future.

The DLC is currently working on a “Liturgy Evaluation Form” that parishes can use to assess the worship life of their community, on updating the liturgy guidelines for deacons to reflect changes called for in recent documents, and on a policy for the care of sacred art and vessels no longer being used—just to name a few items on our plate!

My gratitude to those who have served on the Commission so faithfully: Ms. Gale Francione, Sr. Joann Kuebrich, Dcn. Bob McCoy, Ms. Patti McTaggart, and Ms. Tammy Norcross. My thanks, also, to our new members, who have graciously put their expertise at the service of the diocese and of the liturgy: Fr. Thom Hennen, Ms. Diane Mahoney, and Dcn. David Montgomery.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHCs)

Please recall that EMHCs must be delegated by the local bishop (*Redemptionis sacramentum* §155; see also CIC c.230 §3) and commissioned according to the prescribed rite (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States* §28; see *Book of Blessings* §§1871-1896). The request for delegation must state that the EMHCs have been properly prepared (theologically, spiritually, and practically) for their ministry. Please know that the Office of Liturgy is available to provide formation for EMHCs for parishes, clusters, or deaneries.

A REQUEST...

Does anyone have an extra copy of the Missal (Sacramentary)—1985 edition—that is in good shape and that you are willing to “lend” to another parish? If so, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONTINUING FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Liturgical Music Conferences

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians is hosting their annual regional conventions on June 27-30 (Stamford, CT), July 18-21 (Grand Rapids, MI), and August 1-4 (Sacramento, CA). They are also offering their specialized Institutes over the summer; the closest is “Music with Children” in Darien, IL on August 8-10. More information is available on their website: www.npm.org.

Looking Ahead

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions: Annual Meeting
October 10 – 13 in Omaha, NE.
Focus: liturgical music

LITURGY PREPARATION

INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions for Life

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

July 2nd 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all parents (frustrated by poverty): that they might generously bestow on their children the invaluable gifts of love, patience, and understanding; we pray to the Lord:

July 9th 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For researchers and scientists: that God might plant within their hearts a love for life at every moment of its miraculous existence; we pray to the Lord:

July 16th 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For young mothers who are afraid or alone: that the blessed Virgin of Nazareth might strengthen them through her example and intercede for them with her prayers; we pray to the Lord:

July 23rd 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all who are abused or beaten: that God might give them the courage to escape from the cycles of violence which threaten them; we pray to the Lord:

July 30th 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For everyone haunted by the memories of abortion: that God might give them the grace to seek his sure healing mercy; we pray to the Lord:

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Ordinary Time

As you begin looking ahead to ordinary time—and especially weekday celebrations—please remember that there are a wealth of Votive Masses and Masses for Various Needs and Occasions that 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

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

Order for the Blessing of a Departing Parishioner