

LITURGYNOTES – FOR NOVEMBER 2015

NEWS FROM THE USCCB & FDLC

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Secretariat Confirms Fourth Source for Low-Gluten Hosts in the United States (from BCDW Newsletter)

The October 2012 Newsletter presented a thorough treatment on the issue of gluten and alcohol intolerance and the response of the Church through low-gluten hosts and mustum; the article also provided a consolidated list of suppliers of those products. In early 2015, a fourth U.S. distributor came forward that offers low-gluten Communion hosts for persons living with celiac-sprue disease: the Cavanagh Company of Greenville, Rhode Island. Their low-gluten hosts contain 4.2 parts-per-million (ppm), or 0.00042%, of gluten, and have been confirmed as valid matter for the Eucharist by the Secretariat of Divine Worship.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, products containing less than 20 ppm may be labeled as “gluten free.” An article in the magazine *Gluten-Free Living* states that the equivalent of 27,000 ppm (10 milligrams) per day is usually safe, though this number may well vary from person to person. The low-gluten hosts provided by the four suppliers approved by the USCCB contain [amounts of gluten] far below the recommended safe allowance. In any event, the hosts contain sufficient amounts of gluten to be used as valid matter for the Eucharist.

Individuals seeking to purchase these hosts should do so through their parishes. Parishes and dioceses may use the following contact information:

Cavanagh Company Phone (toll-free): (800) 635-0568
610 Putnam Pike Web: www.CavanaghCo.com
Greenville, RI 02828

Updated information on distributors of low-gluten hosts and mustum may be found on the USCCB website at www.USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/celiac-disease-and-alcohol-intolerance.cfm.

Our current diocesan policy regarding the use of mustum and low-gluten hosts will be updated with this new information and posted on the Liturgy Library page soon:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litlibrary.htm>.

YEAR OF MERCY

The Year of Mercy webpage has moved; the new URL is:
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/YearOfMercy.htm>.

Hopefully, this will make it a little easier for folks to find the page directly. You can still link to it from the diocesan homepage and the liturgy homepage.

Posters for the Year of Mercy featuring the nine pilgrimage churches across the diocese will be distributed at the November Clergy Overnighter.

Please see below for the Year of Mercy events scheduled for December.

RESOURCE: HOMILETIC DIRECTORY

Summary §§39-56

The *Directory* begins its reflection on the lectionary with the Paschal Triduum and Eastertime. The authors first connect the Holy Thursday reading of the Passover from Exodus to Christ's own paschal meal—and to the Eucharist being celebrated (#39). Jesus is presented as the Lamb of God—whose blood saves the people (#39) from sin and death (#40). On Good Friday, we hear from the prophet Isaiah before hearing the account of the Passion. The *Directory* describes Isaiah's oracle as a "prophetic foreshadowing of Christ" (#46). The Easter Lectionary is described in some detail, with connections made to the *Catechism* (#51-55). The *Directory* points out that preaching through Eastertime should help prepare the assembly for the celebration of Pentecost: Easter, Pentecost, and the Eucharist interpret and inform each other (#56).

Response

We must be careful not to read the Christian Eucharist as a *replacement* for the Jewish Passover; rather, Christians have seen in the images used to explain the Passover a way to shed light on what Christ's paschal mystery—and the Eucharist mean. We need to remember that, as Christians, we read the First (Old) Testament *retrospectively* through the lens of the paschal mystery (see *The Jewish People and their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible*). So, while it is true to say that, as Christians, we find in the Suffering Servant Songs of Isaiah a way to speak of Jesus and the events of the Passion, it would be an error to say that is the *only* way the texts can be read.

As noted before, while the preacher may want to refer to the *Catechism* as part of homily preparation, and while all homilies should be doctrinally sound, we need to be careful not to confuse a homily for a catechetical lecture. In addition, during Eastertime, we must be careful with how we use the Acts of the Apostles. As noted in *God's Mercy Endures Forever: Guidelines on the Presentation of Jews and Judaism in Catholic Preaching*, Acts will at times give the impression that all Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus to all Jews – a perspective rejected by the Church today.

See: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Calendar/litGodsMercyEnduresForever-LentTriduumEaster.pdf>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



*Don't forget...
Set your clocks back an hour
this weekend!*

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 1..

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Celebrating the Year of Mercy

Dec 7: GRINNELL DEANERY: Bishop celebrates opening liturgy at Sacred Heart, Newton (7:00pm)

Dec 8: Bishop celebrates opening liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral (5:30pm)

Dec 13: Holy Year Door opened at Sacred Heart Cathedral (9:00am)

DAVENPORT DEANERY: Communal Penance Liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral (3:00pm)

Dec 14: IOWA CITY DEANERY: Communal Penance Liturgy at St. Patrick in Iowa City (7:00pm)

ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER WITH DAVID HAAS

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 pm

Location: Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center
2664 145th Avenue
Wheatland IA 52777-9670

Taize is an ecumenical movement, drawing Christians of all denominations together in unified and compassionate prayer. All people of faith are invited to participate. Pre-registration encouraged. No fee. To register please call: 563-336-8414.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Music Workshops

Due to lack of interest, the previously scheduled music workshops have been cancelled.

If any music minister has an idea of what might be helpful for ongoing formation for those who serve in this ministry, please let me know.

For more opportunities, see the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Precatechumenate and Catechumenate

As the name implies, the *Rite* of Christian Initiation of Adults is marked by the liturgical celebration of the journey towards full initiation through the Easter Sacraments. Most RCIA teams are well aware that the transition from the Precatechumenate to the Catechumenate is celebrated through the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (RCIA §§ 41-74), and that the transition from Catechumen to one of the Elect is celebrated in the Rite of Election, preceded by the Rite of Sending (§§ 106-117). There are analogous celebrations for those baptized in other Christian communities who are journeying to full communion (§§ 411-458).

During the Catechumenate (see §§ 75-80 for introduction), a number of other rites are available for those not baptized that you may want to use. A number of these may be celebrated by the catechist rather than requiring an ordained minister; please see the texts in question for details.

- Celebrations of the Word of God (§§81-89)
- Minor Exorcisms (§§ 90-94)
- Blessing of Catechumens (§§ 95-97)
- Anointing of Catechumens (§§ 98-103).

In addition, the Presentation of the Creed and Lord's Prayer may be celebrated during this time if necessary (§§ 104-5).

LITURGY PREPARATION

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

December 8: Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation; only the Mass of the Day is permitted. Ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) and funeral Masses are prohibited. Marriages celebrated during Mass on that day must use the readings and orations of the holy day. A marriage or funeral may be celebrated outside of Mass using the texts from the Rite of Marriage or the Order of Christian Funerals.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18-25

During this week, the whole Christian community throughout the world is invited to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one" (John 17:21). The theme for this year's Week of Prayer is "Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord" (cf. 1 Peter 2:0). For more information and for resources, please go to <http://www.geii.org/>.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Friday, January 22

January 22 has been designated by the U.S. Bishops as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

In the third edition of the Roman Missal, two options are given from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: (1) For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life (#48/1; white vestments) or (2) For the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30; with violet vestments).

Resources for observing this day can be found on the USCCB website:
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/>.

Please note that in the US, the optional memorial of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, is permanently transferred to January 23.

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

(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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