

LITURGYNOTES – FOR NOVEMBER 2017

LITURGY NEWS

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Report: Annual Meeting of the FDLC

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions held its 48th Annual Meeting in the Twin Cities, Minnesota, October 3-5, 2017. The focus of the gathering was pastoral care of the sick. Among the highlights:

Bishop John M. Quinn of the Diocese of Winona spoke of the power of presence to those who are ailing and how visits to the sick have been part of his priestly and episcopal ministry for decades. “The sick are an integral part of the parish community. They are visible signs of the Paschal Mystery. Let them evangelize the community for they have much to teach us.”

Father Andrew Menke of the USCCB Secretariat for Divine Worship and Mrs. Jan Benton of the National Catholic Partnership for Disabilities examined the new USCCB “Guideline for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities.”

Diocesan leaders heard updates from the Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship on the progress of the translation of liturgical texts, on the status of liturgical books currently under review at the Vatican, and on other liturgical initiatives—in particular, next year’s implementation of the third edition of the *Misal Romano* and the Federation’s plans for liturgical catechesis.

The FDLC’s highest honor, the prestigious Frederick R. McManus Award was presented to the Liturgical Press of Collegeville in recognition of its ninety years of outstanding contributions to liturgical scholarship and ministerial formation. Publisher Peter Dwyer accepted the award on behalf of the staff and monks of the Abbey.

Transcripts of the various talks will be posted here: <https://fdlc.org/content/2017-national-meeting-0>.

The *Misal Romano*

The Spanish translation of the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal for use in the US has been approved and is in the process of being published. The ritual books should be available on **May 1, 2018**. The date of first use is **May 19, 2018** (Pentecost Vigil) and the mandatory use date is the First Sunday of Advent: **December 2, 2018**.

Except for the Appendices, the *Misal Romano* will parallel the arrangement of the English edition of the Roman Missal. This new *Misal* will also include chant notation like the English Missal (and NPM will be

recording the chants like they did for English Missal). Liturgical Press, Catholic Book Publishing, and Magnificat will be publishing this book.

In addition to the US liturgical calendar, prayers for patronal feast days for Latin American countries will be included in an appendix. A number of options currently in the Spanish *Misal* – such as some of the extra options for introductions and greetings, as well as prefaces not found in the English Missal – will not be found in this new edition. Some of the variable texts currently found in the *Misal* will be moved to an appendix.

The FDLC is putting together formation materials for workshops and for parishes, including recordings of the presidential texts for non-native Spanish speakers. On-line videos, and bilingual bulletin inserts. We will let you know when these become available.

“Excerpts from the Roman Missal”

Also known informally as the “Book of the Chair,” this ritual text contains the prayers from the Missal that are used at the presider’s chair. Editions of this book should be available in February 2018. Either 3 or 4 publishers are planning on making this available, including Liturgical Press.

Updates on other Liturgical Texts

One of the highlights of the FDLC conference is meeting with the staff from the Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship and getting updates on projects on which we have been working. According to the BCDW, the following texts have been approved by the US Bishops and are now awaiting approval in Rome:

1. The Order for the Dedication of a Church and Altar
2. An updated supplement to the Breviary
3. The Order for the Blessing of Oils / Consecration of Chrism
4. Mass texts for the memorial of St. Kateri
5. The *Bendicional* (Book of Blessings in Spanish)

While the new rite of Exorcism is available to Bishops only, the USCCB is publishing some of the texts found in the Appendix for use by the laity (<http://store.usccb.org/prayers-against-the-powers-of-darkness-p/7-567.htm>). In addition, work is beginning on a “pastoral directory” to accompany the ritual text.

A number of texts are getting close to completion:

1. The second edition of the Order of Baptism of Children
2. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Others are in process, but have a way to go:

1. Ordinations
2. Retranslation of the New American Bible
3. New edition of the Liturgy of the Hours
4. Penance

RCIA Resources / Events

Both LTP and Liturgical Press announced new initiatives to help serve RCIA ministries. Liturgical Press (<https://www.litpress.org/>) has partnered with TeamRCIA (<http://teamrcia.com/>) to publish a number of new texts (*Seek the Living God*, *Your Parish IS the Curriculum*, and *Field Hospital Catechesis*) and LTP has also produced a number of new print and electronic resources (<http://www.ltp.org/recentadditions.aspx>).

Translations of Liturgical Books in Light of Pope Francis' *Motu Proprio*

As you might guess, at a gathering of liturgists the Pope's new *motu proprio* on liturgical translations led to quite the conversations! The bottom line is this: the implications of the document are being studied by the USCCB's Committee on Divine Worship and on Canonical Affairs... the President and VP of the USCCB met with the CDWDS in Rome... and the Canon Law Society is also doing its own review... so we need to wait to see what practical impact this change in canon law will have on how liturgical texts are translated for use in the US.

As we await the results of those meetings and consultations, another development.... On October 15, Pope Francis sent a letter to Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the CDWDS, clarifying some matters related to the *motu proprio*. An unofficial translation of that letter can be read here: <http://www.praytelligblog.com/index.php/2017/10/22/pope-francis-corrects-cardinal-sarah-on-translation/>. In essence, Pope Francis is returning (as Vatican II intended) the majority of the responsibility for preparing "faithful" translations back to Bishops' Conferences. He is also stressing that by "faithful" he means "a threefold fidelity: *in primis*, to the original text; then to the particular language in which it is translated, and finally to the comprehension of the text by the recipients (see *Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani* nos. 391-392)," and not just a literal translation of the Latin. In other words, the Holy Father's change to canon law also changes how *Liturgiam authenticam* is to be applied. Stay tuned....

Guidelines for the Celebration of Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities

The USCCB approved the second edition of these guidelines, reflecting a better understanding of disabilities as well as new issues (technology, feeding tubes, gluten intolerance, dementia, and prenatal diagnosis). The document itself can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/policies/guidelines-sacraments-persons-with-disabilities.cfm>.

The National Catholic Partnership on Disability created a list of highlights of the new document (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2017/10/GCSPD-changes.pdf>). In sum: see the person, not the disability; individualize approaches to ministry (one size does not fit all); build a relationship, not only a program.

Share the Journey: Love Your Neighbor
<https://www.sharejourney.org/>

Upcoming Key Dates:

- December 12 – Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 18 – International Migrants Day
- January 7-13 – National Migration Week

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Reminder: Lenten Liturgies

Rite of Election:

Sunday, February 18, 3pm (Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport)

Sunday, February 25, 3pm (St. Mary, Ottumwa)

Chrism Mass:

Monday, March 19, 5pm (Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport)

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

For more opportunities, see the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

2018 National Gathering on Christian Initiation: Liturgy and Catechesis

Save the Date! July 5-6 in Chicago! Please go to <https://www.ngci.org/2018> for details....

2018 Convention: National Association of Pastoral Musicians

NPM will gather in Baltimore on July 9-13 for their 41st Annual Convention. Please see their website for details: <http://npm.org/featured-content/2018-baltimore-convention/>.

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

Please note that Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on November 5 – set your clocks back an hour!

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.

December 24-25: Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas

Both Sunday and Christmas are days of obligation. One should fulfill both obligations by assisting at two Masses, one for each of the two days. Please see the liturgical calendar sent with the October *LiturgyNotes* (<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2017/9/LiturgicalCalendar2018.pdf>) for details.

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday, December 23	Dec. 23	Dec. 23	4 th Sunday of Advent	EP I of 4 th Sun Advent
Sunday, December 24	4 th Sunday Advent	4 th Sunday Advent	Evening: Christmas Vigil Night: Christmas Mass during the Night	EP I of Christmas
Monday, December 25	Christmas	Christmas – Mass at Dawn (1 st Mass) Christmas – Mass during the Day		EP II of Christmas

December 31 – January 1: Feast of the Holy Family / Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Since the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1, 2018, falls on a Monday this year, it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. When the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses (i.e., marriage, confirmation) are still prohibited but funeral Masses may be celebrated. Marriage may be celebrated outside of Mass using texts from the Order of Celebrating Matrimony. Because the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ranks higher than the Feast of the Holy Family on the Table of Precedence, Evening Prayer on Sunday is taken from the Solemnity. Please see the liturgical calendar (posted here: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2017/9/LiturgicalCalendar2018.pdf>) for details.

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday, December 31	Holy Family	Holy Family	Holy Family	EP I of Mary, the Mother of God
Monday, January 1	Mary, Mother of God	Mary, Mother of God		EP II of Mary, the Mother of God

January 7-8, 2018

Since the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on January 7, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is transferred to the following Monday, January 8, with only one reading before the Gospel.

	Morning Prayer	Mass before 4pm	Mass after 4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday, January 7	Epiphany	Epiphany	Epiphany	EP II of the Epiphany
Monday, January 8	Baptism of the Lord	Baptism of the Lord		EP II of the Baptism of the Lord

January 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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 “Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power” (Exodus 15:6). For more information and for resources, please go to <http://www.geii.org/>.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Monday, 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 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). For the former, readings are now given in the new *Supplement* to the Lectionary (#947A-E). For the latter, readings are taken from Volume IV of the Lectionary (#887-891).

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

The optional memorials of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, and St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, are transferred to the 23rd.

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) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:
<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

(4) 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>

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