

## LITURGYNOTES – FOR AUGUST 2017

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### DEACONS ORDAINED

On July 8, Bishop Zinkula ordained nine new deacons for our diocese. Congratulations to them! Many thanks to all who supported and guided them through formation, and to those who joined us at the liturgy—as ministers and in the assembly. Once again, I especially want to thank the pastor and people of St. John Vianney in Bettendorf, for their unparalleled hospitality, and the diocesan choir/ensemble, for the generous gift of their time and talent.

### LITURGY NEWS – FROM THE USCCB

As noted in the last issue of *LiturgyNotes*, the US Bishops recently approved a revision of their *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities*. These new guidelines take into account medical and technological innovations of recent years and stress the importance of the inclusion of all parishioners in the liturgical life of the parish.

Advocates for persons with disabilities, healthcare professionals, liturgists, and canonists were consulted in the formation of these guidelines. While not legislative in nature, they will be a helpful resource for dioceses and parishes. The document may be found on the USCCB website at: <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/policies/upload/Guidelines-for-the-Celebration-of-the-Sacraments-with-Persons-with-Disabilities-Revised-Edition.pdf>.

### **FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS ASSISTING BISHOP ZINKULA AT THE LITURGY:**

Please note that Bishop Zinkula has chosen the option of not venerating the Book of the Gospels after the proclamation; the deacon (or priest, in the absence of a deacon) who proclaims the gospel should kiss the Book as usual. Please also note that as you prepare the altar, he prefers that the Missal be placed low and central (rather than up and to the left). Thanks!

### **RELIGIOUS SUPPLY: ANNUAL RESOURCES FROM LTP**

LTP has announced that its annual resources are once again available. You may order your materials directly from LTP, 800-533-1900 or from Religious Supply Center in Davenport. For details, questions, information about discounts, or to place your order, call Mark, 563-324-0669 or 800-292-0052, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., M-F and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday. Resources will be delivered to the Clergy Overnighter in November.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass: St. Paul the Apostle in Davenport, on Sunday, October 15, at 2:00 pm

Information regarding this celebration has been sent to parishes from the Office of Faith Formation. Couples interested in attending should contact their parishes to register. Questions? Please contact Barb Butterworth ([butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:butterworthb@davenportdiocese.org) / 563-888-4240). Deadline for RSVPs is August 15.

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

FDLC Annual Meeting

The FDLC's forty-eighth annual national meeting will be held in Bloomington, MN on October 3-5. This year's theme is "Pastoral Care of the Sick: Touching the Hem of His Garment." We will focus on the pastoral care of the sick and the dying. We are excited about the subject and even more excited about the impressive line-up of presenters who will be joining us. Visit: <https://fdlc.org/national-meeting>.

Save the Date: St. Ambrose Conference, April 6-8, 2018

The Academy for the Study of Saint Ambrose of Milan at St. Ambrose University will be hosting an interdisciplinary and international conference entitled, "St. Ambrose of Milan: (Re-)Constructing Community." As part of that conference, they have invited Mons. Cesare Pasini, Prefect of the Vatican Library, and Fr. Allan Fitzgerald, Director of the Augustinian Institute at Villanova University, to present a unique workshop for pastors, ministers, and lay people on the pastoral charism of St. Ambrose of Milan. Registration for this workshop – to be held on Sunday, April 8, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. – will be \$25.00 per person (or \$100, if participants intend to attend the entire conference). For more information, please see: <http://www.saintambroseofmilan.com/>.

**LITURGY PREPARATION**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Priesthood Sunday: October 29, 2017

Priesthood Sunday, the last Sunday of October, is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. For more information and resources, please visit: <http://www.priestsunday.org/>.

October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In 2002, the US Bishops released When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women. They began with an unequivocal condemnation of violence against women:

As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form—physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal—is sinful; often, it is a crime as well. We have called for a moral revolution to replace a culture of violence. We acknowledge that violence has many forms, many causes, and many victims—men as well as women.

In this document, they called upon the Church in the United States to reach out to both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. Among the recommendations that they made is to use opportunities within the liturgy and in sacramental preparation programs to draw attention to violence and abuse. Their statement, and further resources and recommendations, may be found on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/>.

In addition, resources are available on our website: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/deacon-formation-resources#DomesticViolence>.

Sunday, November 26 (Christ the King): Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

The USCCB has asked us to observe a Week of Awareness (11/26-12/2) and Day of Prayer for Christians around the world who are being persecuted. Materials will be available on the USCCB website by the end of August. I will provide links/further information in the next issue of *LiturgyNotes*.

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](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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