

LITURGYNOTES – FOR NOVEMBER 2019

“Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations weaken and destroy it.”

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LITURGY NEWS

NEWS

Aperuit Illis: Instituting The Sunday of the Word Of God

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio* “*Aperuit illis*,” published on 30 September (the Memorial of St. Jerome and, this year, the 1600th year since his death), establishes that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.”

It is St. Jerome who reminds us that “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”

The full document may be found at:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.pdf

A news story and summary may be found here:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-09/pope-motu-proprio-sunday-word-of-god.html>

A statement from the USCCB may be found here:

<http://www.usccb.org/news/2019/19-169.cfm>

See our website:

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/events/sunday-of-the-word-of-god>

Order of Baptism of Children, 2nd edition (OBC):

Publishers Taking Orders

The 2nd edition of the OBC may be used in the Liturgy as of February 2, 2020, the Feast of the Presentation of

the Lord. Its use is mandatory as of Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. From that date forward, no other translation of the rite may be used in the dioceses of the United States.

The new ritual books (and other resources) are available from:

Liturgical Press (<https://litpress.org/OrderofBaptismofChildren>)

-Ritual books and assembly participation editions

-English and Bilingual versions

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Liturgy Training Publications (LTP)

-English (<https://www.ltp.org/products/details/OBCRE/order-of-baptism-of-children-ritual-edition>)
-and Bilingual (<https://www.ltp.org/products/details/BOBCRE/order-of-baptism-of-children-ritual-edition-ritual-para-el-bautismo-de-los-ninos-libro-ritual>) editions

Catholic Book Publishing

-English (<https://catholicbookpublishing.com/product/1476>)
-and Bilingual (<https://catholicbookpublishing.com/product/1477>) editions

USCCB (<http://store.usccb.org/order-of-baptism-of-children-p/7-641.htm>)

-Ritual Book in English

Magnificat (<https://us.magnificat.net/order-of-baptism-of-children.html>)

-Ritual Book in English

A note on the bilingual editions: The current Spanish-only books (2009) remain valid to use. These new bilingual editions correct some of the Spanish, so are an improvement... but the previous Spanish-only books can still be used.

OCIA (RCIA) Gray Book (From the USCCB)

This month, the US Bishops will vote on the “Gray Book” translation of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA; formerly RCIA).

As the Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship notes, “If the translation receives an affirmative vote, the second stage will see the rearranging and supplementing of the text according to the general pattern of the current book. The second stage will include coordination with the Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance and the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis in the revision of the *National Statutes for the Catechumenate*. Then at a later plenary meeting – perhaps in a year or two – a second vote will take place on the final form of the OCIA book for this country. At that point the translation itself will not be open to amendment, but only the arrangement of the book and any adaptations or supplementary materials that have been added to the text.”

Psalms and Canticles (from the USCCB)

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the definitive translation of Psalms and biblical Canticles prepared for liturgical use in the United States of America. These texts – a modified edition of the *Revised Grail Psalms* (originally prepared by the monks of Conception Abbey) and ICEL Old and New Testament Canticles (such as the Canticles of Zechariah, Mary, and Simeon). GIA has held the © for the psalms, but now the © of all these texts has been transferred to the USCCB, and the two sets of texts has been combined into a single work: *Abbey Psalms and Canticles*.

These definitive texts will be used in the next edition of the *Liturgy of the Hours*, *Lectionary*, other liturgical books (like the forthcoming *Order of Baptism of Children*), and future editions of the *New American Bible*. The USCCB is preparing a complete edition of the *Abbey Psalms and Canticles*; future issues of *LiturgyNotes* will include information about this resource as it becomes available.

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**FEDERATION OF DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSIONS
CELEBRATES FIFTY YEARS OF “PRAYER WITHOUT CEASING”**

October Gathering of Liturgists Highlighted Past, Present, and Future of Liturgical Renewal

Well-wishes and congratulations from across the globe poured into Chicago last week, where close to 200 liturgists, speakers, and their guests gathered to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), celebrating the accomplishments of the organization and looking toward the future of the liturgy in the United States. One thing made clear in the course of the gathering: The liturgy, ever ancient and ever new, continues to nourish, form, compel and transform the faithful.

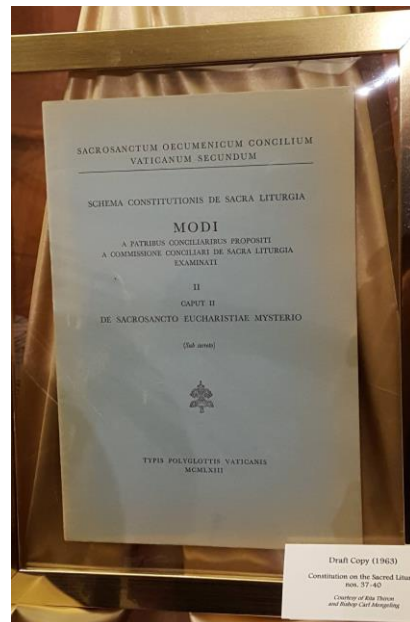
Even the Vatican had a congratulatory message for the Federation:

“His Holiness Pope Francis was pleased to learn of the fiftieth anniversary of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, and he sends cordial greetings to all gathered at the national meeting in celebration of this event. He joins you in giving thanks to Almighty God for the work of the Federation in promoting the liturgical apostolate over these past fifty years. The Holy Father prays that the members of the Federation may always be inspired and nourished by the richness of the Church’s liturgical rites which proclaim, signify and make present the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. Commending all involved in the Federation to the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, His Holiness willingly imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and joy in the Lord” (Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State).

An opening rite included a procession of mementos of the FDLC’s history as well as items from the Second Vatican Council -- a chalice presented to the bishops by Saint Pope John XXIII and an original workbook from a Council session in which the bishops debated the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (1963).



Chalice presented to Bishops at Vatican II
Photo by Deacon Frank Agnoli.



Draft copy of Sacrosanctum Concilium
Photo by Deacon Frank Agnoli.

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The three-day event focused on the FDLC’s past, present, and future. On the first day, attendees recalled the history of the liturgical movement in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, revisited impact of the Second Vatican Council, and reviewed the history of the Federation itself -- a collaboration of diocesan commissions which was formed by the United States Bishops in 1969 in order to provide formation on all the revised liturgical texts promulgated after the Council. Presenters included such liturgical luminaries as Rev. Ed Foley and Bishop Carl Mengeling (who was present as a page at the Council).

On the second day, delegates studied trends of growth, challenges, opportunities, and pastoral practice among American Catholics, based on research presented by Rev. Thomas Gaunt, S.J., of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). Six diocesan leaders served as panelists who offered their own insights into specific multi-cultural, pastoral, and academic realities, including clergy and lay formation.

On the third day, delegates heard from noted liturgist and sociologist Rev. Ricky Manalo and pondered how the next generation of Catholics might perceive the liturgy and how cultural demographics will impact the languages with which it is celebrated. Recent graduates in Liturgical Studies offered their own perceptions of the future of pastoral praxis and liturgical formation.

Of course, prayer was integral to the celebration! Masses and the Liturgy of the Hours were celebrated daily. A Taizé-style Liturgy of Remembrance commemorated the deceased members of the FDLC -- the giants upon whose shoulders the current organization stands. On Friday evening, the delegates travelled to Chicago’s Holy Name Cathedral where Cardinal Blase Cupich presided over the liturgy. Cardinal Cupich congratulated the FDLC on its positive and far-reaching influence on the liturgy in America over the past fifty years, and disclosed that he was a member of the FDLC in its early days.

Each evening, the members celebrated with social events – a reception with an amateur dinner theatre; a cruise on the Chicago River; and a closing banquet. At that banquet, Sr. Janet Baxendale, SC of the Archdiocese of New York was given the Alleluia Award in appreciation for her forty years of dedication to the Federation, to the archdiocesan commission, and to seminary formation.

The Frederick R. McManus Award, the Federation’s highest award, recognizes significant contributions to furthering the liturgical renewal in the United States. It was presented to Abbot Primate Gregory Polan, OSB. It acknowledged his more than twenty years of scholarly work on a revision of the Grail Psalms. The newly-titled “Abbey Psalms and Canticles” are now approved by the Holy See for use in the liturgy.

At the end of the meeting, the FDLC resolved to work on many ongoing projects. It voiced support for further training in the *ars celebrandi* (the art of celebrating the liturgy) as proposed by Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso, a member of the Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship. “Marking a fiftieth anniversary gives anyone an occasion to reminisce about the past. This year has been a “golden opportunity” to bring to mind the countless clergy and laity, liturgists and musicians, artists and scholars who have dedicated themselves to the liturgical apostolate,” said Rita Thiron, Executive Director of the FDLC. “Most of all, it has allowed us to pause and marvel at all that God has accomplished through and for his people.”

Additional photos may be found on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/FoDLC>

Other information may be found on the FDLC website <https://fdlc.org> or by calling 202-635-6990.

Full transcripts of the presentations will soon be loaded onto the website as they become available.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

CONTINUING FORMATION FOR LITURGY / LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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Notre Dame Liturgy Week 2020: “The Liturgical Orientation of Catholic Education.”

The focus of this week (June 22-25) will be to explore the liturgy's role in Catholic education as it takes place in not only in the school, but also in the parish and the home. Please visit their website (<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/conferences/summer-institute/liturgy-week/>) to learn more about the topic, speakers, schedule, and registration deadlines.

LITURGICAL FORMATION: RESOURCE

Signs and Symbols of the Liturgy: An Experience of Ritual and Catechesis (LTP, 2018)

In his address¹ to the CDWDS, Pope Francis called for a renewed emphasis on liturgical formation: initial, ongoing, and in preparation for liturgical ministry. Among the essentials he cited is the need for all the faithful (clergy and lay) to be introduced to the deeper meaning and symbolic language of the liturgy. Liturgy Training Publications (Chicago) has provided a resource to help communities experience and reflect upon the primary symbols of the liturgy (<https://www.ltp.org/products/details/SSL/signs-and-symbols-of-the-liturgy>). *Signs and Symbols of the Liturgy* helps “parishes break open the signs and symbols of the liturgy in their most basic forms. It explains how to prepare a ritual and catechetical experience of the signs and symbols in which participants can interact with the symbols as they are presented, one by one.”

I had the pleasure of working with St. John Vianney in Bettendorf in offering this experience to their liturgical ministers; it was beautifully done and well-received. If anyone might be interested in exploring how we might do this in your parish or deanery, please contact me.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please see: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/ocia>

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).

¹ http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2019/february/documents/papa-francesco_20190214_cong-culto-divino.htm

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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 4 – set your clocks back an hour!

November 3-9: National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please visit the USCCB website for resources, including intercessions: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm>.

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 “They Showed Us Unusual Kindness” (cf. Acts 28:2). For more information and for resources, please go to <http://www.geii.org/>.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Wednesday, 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. As a result, in the US, the optional memorial of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, is moved to January 23 (which is also the optional memorial of St. Marianne Cope).

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/>.

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RESOURCES FOR THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

- (1) Diocese of Davenport Vision 2020: Intercessions for Sundays, Seasons, and Holy Days
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-liturgy>
- (2) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:
<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>
- (3) Intercessions for various life issues may be found on the USCCB website at (in English and Spanish):
<http://usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/intercessory-prayers-for-life.cfm>
<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/index.cfm>
Subscribe at: www.bit.ly/word-of-life
- (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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