

**Decree Making Adaptations to the
General Instruction of the Roman Missal
for the Diocese of Stockton**

In accord with n. 387 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (2000) and canon 838, §4, I hereby decree the following liturgical norms to be particular law for the Diocese of Stockton.

43. Gestures and Postures of the Faithful

In accord with the prerogative granted to the diocesan bishop in the *Adaptations of the Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani*, editio typica tertia, *for the Dioceses of the United States of America*, the faithful in the Diocese of Stockton will remain standing after *Agnus Dei*.

48. *Cantus ad introitum*

Whereas the *Adaptations of the Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani*, editio typica tertia, *for the Dioceses of the United States of America*, grants to the diocesan bishop the authority to approve as the *cantus ad introitum* “a song from another collection of psalms and antiphons, approved by the USCCB or the diocesan Bishop, including psalms arranged in responsorial or metrical forms” the Director of the Office for Worship is hereby mandated to approve such songs when the USCCB has not acted.

61. Responsorial Psalm

Whereas the *Adaptations of the Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani*, editio typica tertia, *for the Dioceses of the United States of America*, grants to the diocesan bishop the authority to approve “an antiphon and Psalm from another collection of the psalms and antiphons, including psalms arranged in metrical form, providing that they have been approved by the United States Conference of Catholic bishops or the diocesan Bishop,” the Director of the Office for Worship is hereby mandated to approve such songs when the USCCB has not acted.

87. *Cantus ad Communionem*

Whereas the *Adaptations of the Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani*, editio typica tertia, *for the Dioceses of the United States of America*, grants to the diocesan bishop the authority to approve as the *cantus ad Communionem* “a song from another collection of psalms and antiphons, approved by the USCCB or the diocesan Bishop, including psalms arranged in responsorial or metrical forms” the Director of the Office for Worship is hereby mandated to approve such songs when the USCCB has not acted.

107. The Ministry of Altar Server

In addition to those functions detailed in the *Missale Romanum*, the function of altar servers is regulated by *Norms for the Ministry of Altar Server in the Diocese of Stockton*.

202. Concelebration

Priests are welcome to concelebrate the Eucharist in the Diocese of Stockton at anytime permitted by liturgical law.

283. Communion under Both Kinds

The faculty is granted to pastors, parochial administrators, and chaplains to allow Communion under both kinds whenever it seems appropriate to them, and providing that the faithful have been well instructed, there is no danger of profanation of the Sacrament, and the rite would not be difficult to carry out.

In accord with the prerogative granted to the diocesan bishop in *Norms for the Celebration and Reception of Communion Under Both kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, n. 52, permission is hereby given to extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in the Diocese of Stockton to consume what remains of the Precious Blood after the distribution of Communion but before the Prayer after Communion.

~~284. Purification of Communion Vessels~~

~~In accord with an indult granted by the Holy See to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on 22 March 2002 the faculty is granted to priest celebrants “to permit extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to assist with the purification of sacred vessels after the distribution of Communion at Mass.”~~

291. Arrangement and Furnishing of Churches

The *Process for Building and Renovation of Churches and Worship Spaces in the Diocese of Stockton* describes the procedure for the initiation, development, and approval of plans for parishes desiring to build or renovate a church.

315. The Place for Reservation of the Most Holy Eucharist

In accordance with n. 315 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (2000), it is the judgment of the Bishop of Stockton that the location of the tabernacle should be as follows:

- a. *In new church buildings*, the tabernacle is to be placed in a chapel “suitable for adoration and the private prayer of the faithful, and which is integrally connected with the church and is conspicuous to the faithful” (*GIRM*, n. 315).
- b. *In the renovation of churches or oratories*, every effort is to be made to locate the tabernacle in a chapel separate from the worship space. If this is not possible due to the existing structure of the church, it is permitted to locate the tabernacle in the main worship space, even in the sanctuary, though apart from the altar of celebration (*GIRM*, n. 315).

These adaptations of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* for the Diocese of Stockton shall take effect on 22 June 2003, the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.

+Stephen E. Blaire
Bishop of Stockton

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Chancellor

Given at the Chancery
of the Diocese of Stockton
on the 30th day of May, 2003.