

WITH ZEAL AND PATIENCE

Notes from the Office for Worship
Diocese of Grand Rapids
WINTER 2011-12

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

Bishops' committee clarifies use of new responses outside of Mass

Whenever a priest or deacon says "The Lord be with you," the proper liturgical response is "and with your spirit."

That's the gist of a clarification and information letter sent to bishops last month by the Committee on Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Bishops.

In addition, when Holy Communion is celebrated outside of Mass, the other responses provided in the English Translation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal are to be used, according to the letter and instructions from Grand Rapids Bishop Walter Hurley.

To assist those who minister Holy Communion to shut-ins and in hospitals and other institutions, the Office for Worship has prepared cards for leaders and for the communicants. The cards can be downloaded from the Roman Missal toolkit at diocesofgrandrapids.org

Non-ordained to use different greeting than priests and deacons

The communion cards clarify another matter that has been debated among liturgists: Do Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion use



the same greeting as those in Holy Orders and say the absolution prayer from the Penitential Act at Mass? The answer is "no." Instead, the communion minister is to use a less formal greeting, and skip the "May almighty God have mercy on us..." prayer following the Confiteor. There has been some confusion about these texts because some ritual books allow for the lay minister to use them, while others do not. (For more information see "Holy Communion outside of Mass" in the Roman Missal Toolkit on the Diocesan Webpage.)

The communion cards are available in PDF or MSPublisher Format. In most pastoral situations, the card would only be needed by the lay minister. Until the revised texts are memorized by the faithful, ministers are to gracefully accept whatever response is offered. Depending on the age and condition of the communicant, the event of receiving Holy Communion may or may not be a teachable moment on the new Roman Missal. (For instance, during *Viaticum*.)

"I am extremely grateful to the men and women of our diocese who share Holy Communion with those who are not able to attend Mass," Bishop Hurley said, recalling how years ago only priests took communion to shut-ins. "Every day, the laity are extending the Church's compassion in a powerful ways that might not happen without their ministry."

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO PRIESTS AND DEACONS

The following adaptations may be made to the other liturgical rites in light of the Roman Missal (but these do not constitute obligations), according to the Committee on Divine Worship:

✦ **The Blessing of Water and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises at Baptism.**

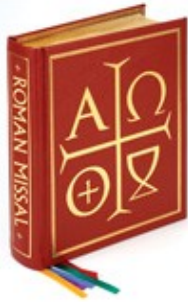
Please see **OPTIONAL ADAPTATIONS**, p. 2

(**OPTIONAL ADAPTATIONS**, from page 1)

✦ **The Nuptial Blessing** at the celebration of Marriage outside of Mass (note that the Latin texts of the Nuptial Blessings have been modified, so the texts of the Nuptial Blessings in the Roman Missal are not merely re-translations).

✦ **The Funeral Liturgy outside Mass** can make use of the various collects found in the collection of Masses of the Dead.

✦ **The Liturgy of the Hours** can make use of the proper collects from the Roman Missal.



Wonder if you can celebrate that wedding or funeral on a particular Sunday or Holy Day? Consult the 2011-12 Liturgical Calendar Supplement on Worship & Prayer > resources at dioceseofgrandrapids.com.

WITH ZEAL AND PATIENCE

Office for Worship

Diocese of Grand Rapids | 360 Division Ave. S.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503 | 616.243.0491



Father Chris Rouech
interim director

crouech@dioceseofgrandrapids.org

Dennis Rybicki
director of liturgical music
drybicki@dioceseofgrandrapids.org

Andi Grandy
administrative assistant | 616.551.4749
worship@dioceseofgrandrapids.org

“With zeal and patience, pastors of souls must promote the liturgical instruction of the faithful... By so doing, pastors will be fulfilling one of the chief duties of a faithful dispenser of the mysteries of God; and in this matter they must lead their flock not only in word

but also by example.

Sacrosanctum Concilium, No. 19

New Resources for the Roman Missal, Third Edition



Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children

The text of the three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, adapted for use with the Roman Missal, Third Edition, may be used as of the First Sunday of Advent. These prayers will help children to participate more fully in the Mass. Accompanied by an introduction explaining their use, these Eucharistic Prayers include the revised translations of the Preface dialogue, Sanctus, words of institution, memorial acclamations, and concluding doxology.

Paperback, No. 7-233, 24 pp., 8" x 10.5", \$4.95



Concelebration Cards for Eucharistic Prayers

Three Eucharistic Prayers from the new *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, are now available in single “concelebration cards” for use by priests during large Masses. Featuring large black and red type, these easy-to-read the 8 ½” x 11” vanilla-colored cards will be useful wherever a large group of priests gathers to celebrate Mass—in cathedrals, shrines, seminaries, colleges, and parishes.

Eucharistic Prayer I, Pub. No. 7-269, 4 pp.
Eucharistic Prayer II, Pub. No. 7-270, 2 pp.
Eucharistic Prayer III, Pub. No. 7-271, 2 pp.
\$19.95 per package (25 cards/package)

Also available at
usccbpublishing.org

10 downloadable
Concelebration Cards in
PDF format (**FREE**):

- 4 Eucharistic Prayers
- 2 Reconciliation Eucharistic Prayers
- 4 Various Needs Eucharistic Prayers



USCCB
COMMUNICATIONS

Available at www.usccbpublishing.org or by calling 800-235-8722.

For more information about the *Roman Missal*, visit usccb.org/romanmissal.

Have a joyful end of Advent and a Merry Christmas!