

NEW ROMAN MISSAL

Welcome to this special edition of *FAITH* Grand Rapids



On Sunday, November 27, the first Sunday of Advent, all parishes and celebrations of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Grand Rapids as well as the United States, will be expected to use the text of the new *Roman Missal*. On Wednesday, October 20, the priests of the diocese gathered, as well as some others, for a formal blessing and distribution of the new missals for the individual priests as well as the missals that are to be used in all parishes in the diocese. In a side bar, you will see that the Knights of Columbus are assisting the diocese in providing for a copy of the *Roman Missal* for each parish and each priest in the diocese. For well over a year now, our Worship Office, lead by Father Chris Rouech, and most parishes, have been providing materials and workshops throughout the diocese to assist people in coming to a deeper awareness of the meaning of the Eucharist and the significance of the prayer that we offer. This new *Roman Missal* replaces the English translation that we have been using since the 1970s. The 1970s text was quickly put together to respond to the need at the time anticipating that there would be a more careful translation provided with the passing of time. Becoming familiar with the new translations, especially the Gloria and the Creed, will take some time. Routine often becomes part of our lives and we can take even our prayer life for granted. For priests, the change is somewhat more significant and will require more attention on our part. It is important to recognize that the new *Roman Missal* is the official prayer of the church and we, bishops and priests, are not authorized to change those texts for whatever reason.



In a personal way, I really welcome the new text because it requires more effort on my part too, because many of the parts spoken by the priest have been changed to be more closely reflective of the original Latin text. In the course of my 46 years as a priest, I have probably celebrated Mass somewhere between 15-16,000 times. With any repetition, such as this, there is always a danger of routine setting in! The new *Roman Missal* will require much more effort and preparation to

continue to celebrate well. It is my prayer for all of you that these changes in the translation of the Mass will provide an opportunity to deepen your awareness of the significance in the meaning of the Eucharist in our lives. The current issue of *FAITH Grand Rapids* magazine is devoted, almost exclusively, to an understanding of the Mass with the thought that this may be helpful to you as well as the many other things that have been provided over the past year to prepare for this significant event.



PAPAL HONORS

On Monday, December 5, 2011, we will gather at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew to formally confer Papal Honors on several priests, a religious, and seven members of the lay faithful. These honors are conferred because of their meritorious service to the church. It is not to say that others do not and have not done so. The recipients are a representative body from all over the diocese. These awards are an expression of appreciation for the work of all. Those receiving honors at this time are as follows:

Prelate of Honor to His Holiness

Rev. Monsignor William H. Duncan (Byron Center, MI)

Chaplain to His Holiness

Rev. Edward A. Hankiewicz (Lowell, MI)
 Rev. R. Louis Stasker (Grand Rapids, MI)

Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross

Sister Mary Aquinas Weber, O.P. (Grand Rapids, MI)
 Mrs. Mary Ann Keeler (East Grand Rapids, MI)
 Mr. Roy P. Lorenz (Muskegon, MI)
 Mrs. Joan M. Secchia (East Grand Rapids, MI)
 Mr. Ronald D. and Mrs. Joan M. Griffith (Holland, MI)
 Mrs. Mary E. O'Connor (Ionia, MI)

Benemerenti Medal

Mr. Philip H. McCorkle, Jr. (Ada, MI)

*May God bless all of you,
 Bishop Hurley*

THANK YOU

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With the implementation of the new *Roman Missal* to be used in all parishes and institutions in the church in the United States, the Diocese of Grand Rapids has provided each parish and institution with a leather bound copy for use in our churches and chapels. A smaller version (chapel edition) has been provided to each priest serving in the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus for the financial assistance they have provided in partially funding these copies of the missal which will be used in our parishes and by our priests. As of November 2, 2011, some 27 of the 52 Councils of the Knights of Columbus have contributed \$9,100 for this funding of which 25 Councils made a contribution of \$400.00 and two Councils a lesser amount.

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