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Missal Additions for October

October 5 - Saint Faustina Kowalska and Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

On May 18, 2020, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin, into the General Roman Calendar. St. Faustina is celebrated each year as an Optional Memorial on October 5.

On July 25, 2014, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed the inscription of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest, into the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America. He is celebrated each year as an Optional Memorial on October 5.

Saint Faustina Kowalska

Collect

O God, who entrusted Saint Faustina with spreading the immense riches of your infinite mercy, grant, at her intercession, that after her example we may fully trust in your goodness and generously perform works of charity.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Collect

O God, who made your Priest Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos outstanding in love that he might proclaim the mysteries of redemption and comfort those in affliction, grant, by his intercession, that we may work zealously for your glory and for the salvation of mankind.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

October 11 - Saint John XXIII

On May 29, 2014, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saint John XXIII, Pope, into the General Roman Calendar. St. John is celebrated each year as an Optional Memorial on October 11.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in Pope Saint John the Twenty-Third have given a living example of Christ, the Good Shepherd, to shine throughout the whole world, grant us, we pray, that, through his intercession, we may joyfully pour out an abundance of Christian charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Missal Additions, cont'd.

October 22 - Saint John Paul II

On October 12, 2012, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed the inscription of Saint John Paul II, Pope, into the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America. Two years later, on May 29, 2014, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saint John Paul II into the General Roman Calendar. St. John Paul is celebrated each year as an Optional Memorial on October 22.

Collect

O God, rich in mercy,
 who willed that Pope Saint John Paul the Second
 should preside over your universal Church,
 grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching,
 we may confidently open our hearts
 to the saving grace of Christ,
 the sole Redeemer of the human race.
 Who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

All Souls' Day

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) falls on a Saturday this year. On Friday evening, All Saints Day is celebrated at the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, though, for pastoral reasons where it is the custom, Evening Prayer II of All Saints may be followed by Evening Prayer for the Dead. On Saturday evening, priests should anticipate the Mass of the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time at normally scheduled anticipated Masses, though the Mass of All Souls' Day may be used outside that usual schedule. At the Hours, Evening Prayer I of the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time is used in individual recitation, though Evening Prayer for the Dead may be used in celebrations with the people.

The only type of wedding that can take place on All Souls Day is outside of Mass. The Mass of the day is the Mass for the Dead without exception, which does not allow for any ritual to be associated with it. A Funeral Mass can take place since it is principally a Mass for the Dead.

Jubilee 2025 from the BCDW July Newsletter

Dicastery for Evangelization Issues, Liturgical Texts, and Guidelines for the Jubilee Year

In early July, the Dicastery for Evangelization's Section for the Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization in the World issued liturgical texts and guidelines for the celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025 and the integral text of the Decree on the granting of the Jubilee Indulgence. While the rites for the Opening and Closing of the Year are only being made available to bishops and offices of worship, the USCCB has made publicly available the formularies and related options of the Mass "For the Holy Year" in English, Spanish, and Latin.

In a decree dated May 13, 2024 (Prot. n. 276/24), the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed three new Mass formularies, "For the Holy Year," available in Latin and several vernacular languages, including English and Spanish (see the next pages for the texts in English). These Masses may be celebrated whenever special celebrations are held during the Jubilee, except on solemnities, Sundays and feasts, during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, days within the Octaves of the Nativity and of Easter, Advent weekdays from December 17 to December 24 inclusive, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), and Ash Wednesday. The proper readings provided may only be used in Ordinary Time; during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, the usual daily readings are required. In addition to the Mass prayers and readings, the Dicastery also provides five samples for the Penitential Act, and four invitations, responses, and concluding orations for the Universal Prayer. These liturgical resources are available in the attachment to this newsletter and at: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/votive-masses-and-various-needs/mass-for-the-holy-year>.

Jubilee 2025, cont'd.

While many of the prayers are new compositions, several depend in whole or in part upon prayers from the Roman Missal:

- Formulary A – the Prayer over the Offerings belongs to several Masses of Easter Time as well as the Mass “In Any Need;” the Prayer after Communion is a modified version of that oration from the Votive Mass of All Saints; and the Solemn Blessing is the familiar “Ordinary Time I” from Numbers 6:24-26.
- Formulary B – the Prayer after Communion belongs to the Mass “For the Evangelization of Peoples” (B); and the Prayer over the People is no. 19.
- Formulary C – the Collect borrows from the Mass “For the Unity of Christians” (B); the Prayer over the Offerings is a slightly modified version of the one from “For the Evangelization of Peoples” (A); the Prayer after Communion borrows a phrase from “For Holy Church” (A); and the Solemn Blessing is “Ordinary Time II” from Philippians 4:7.

The sources of these prayers are helpful in determining the various themes of the prayers “For the Holy Year.”

In light of the Jubilee’s theme, “Pilgrims of Hope,” the prayers naturally stress the themes of pilgrimage and hope. Incorporated into Christ, the faithful are a Body of believers, filled with hope. They look forward to the Lord’s coming in the present and at the end of the ages, an expectation which gives them an eternal vision and moves them to make pilgrimage to God and neighbor. The titles of the Prefaces underline the Christocentric meaning of the Jubilee Year: “Christ, our sole hope,” (Form A); “Christ, our true hope,” (Form B); and “Christ, God and man, the Savior of all” (Form C).

The readings provided for this Mass are nearly identical to those of the annual Chrism Mass (Lectionary for Mass, no. 260): Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Psalm 89:21-22, 25 and 27; and Luke 4:16-21. In Isaiah, the prophet declares that he has been anointed by the Lord “to announce a year of favor,” and, in the Psalm, God speaks about his servant David: “with my holy oil [I have] anointed him.” These passages culminate in the Gospel passage from Luke, where Christ, at the beginning of his public ministry, reads the prophecy of Isaiah (61:1-2) and declares it fulfilled: “The Lord has sent me to announce a year of favor.” In addition to these selections, there is one additional option for the First Reading, Romans 5:5-11, whose verse 5 opens the Bull of Indiction: “Hope does not disappoint.”

Jubilee Logo

Individuals and organizations may download the Jubilee logo in high resolution and the main languages at:

<https://drive.cloud.va/index.php/s/4Bl5PEuIciBeRGt#/pdfviewer>



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Jubilee Website: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>, the Jubilee Masses can also be found at the end of this newsletter.

Jubilee Hymn

“Pilgrims of Hope” is the Jubilee 2025 hymn. Prepared by Pierangelo Sequeri, set to music by Francesco Meneghello, the hymn intercepts the many themes of the Holy Year: creation, fraternity, God’s tenderness and hope.

The English translation, recording and music can be found at: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/inno-giubileo-2025.html>.

Colds and Flu

People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the chalice. Priests are encouraged to use good pastoral common sense to calm the fears of the faithful during cold and flu season. An example of this might include reminding the faithful not to receive the Precious Blood if they are ill.

Workshops for Liturgical Ministers

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or lectors, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. If a parish or institution conducts its own workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please remember to present candidates for this ministry to the Bishop when they are deemed prepared by the pastor or chaplain of said institution.

The following resource is available from the Liturgical Institute at Mundelein for the formation of parish liturgical ministers: <https://liturgy.teachable.com/p/instructions-for-liturgical-ministers>.

Time for Vigil and Anticipated Masses

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Diocese of Erie is no earlier than 4:00 pm. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

Time of the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and not in any way to be considered an Anticipated Mass for Easter Sunday. This is why the discipline of the Church insists that it should not begin before nightfall in any circumstance. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to a variety of models, occurs approximately at 8:06 pm on April 19, 2025. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2024-2025. In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:30 pm or later.

Copyrights

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In worship aids:

- To license the readings for a worship aid, parishes can contact: Mary Elizabeth Sperry at msperry@uscgb.org. If you need any other clarification, please call the Office for Divine Worship at 814-824-1271.
- For reprinting excerpts of the Roman Missal in a worship aid, credit is given to the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL).

On screens:

- The Committee on Divine Worship does not permit projecting readings and liturgical texts on screens during the liturgy. The bishops believe that since people spend much time on screens, the Sacred Liturgy should be a prayerful break from that. They also think screens distract from the liturgy itself.

MASS FOR THE HOLY YEAR

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A

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 27 (26):14

Wait for the Lord; be strong;
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord (E.T. alleluia)!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
fervent desire of the human heart,
look with favor upon your people
who make their pilgrim journey in this year of grace,
so that, bound to Christ the rock of salvation,
they may happily attain
the goal of blessed hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept in compassion, Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your family,
so that under your protective care
they may never lose what they have received,
but attain the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: Christ, our sole hope

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For in this time of grace,
you gather your children into one family,
so that, enlightened by the Word of Life,
they may joyfully celebrate
the mystery of your Son crucified and risen.**

**He is salvation, ever invoked and awaited,
who calls all to his table,
heals the wounds of body and spirit,
and to the afflicted gives joy.**

**Through all these signs of your favor,
we are reborn with living faith to a more certain hope,
and we offer ourselves to our brothers and sisters in loving service,
as we await the return of the Lord.**

**Through him, with the Angels and all the Saints,
we sing the hymn of your praise,
as without end we acclaim:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 4:18, 19

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
he has sent me to preach the good news to the poor,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (E.T. alleluia).**

Prayer after Communion

O God, who refresh us with the one Bread
and sustain us with one hope,
strengthen us likewise, we pray, by your grace,
that, made one body and one spirit in Christ,
we may rise with him to glory.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

R. Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you
and show you his mercy.

R. Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards you
and give you his peace.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

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B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90 (89):1-2

O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation;
from age to age, you are (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who in the fullness of time
sent your Son into the world as our Savior,
grant that, making our pilgrim way through history,
the light of his paschal mystery
may lead us to encounter you, our only hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, may the offerings that we present
on your altars in joyful celebration of this holy year
be acceptable in your sight,
so that we may come to share in the eternal life of him
by whose mortality we are saved from death,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface: Christ, our true hope

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.**

**For your Son, begotten before all ages,
born in time of the Virgin Mary,
and anointed by the Holy Spirit,
proclaimed a year of favor in your name,
bringing consolation to the afflicted,
redemption to captives,
salvation and peace to the whole human race.**

**He is the one true hope,
surpassing every human hope,
that shines forth in every age.**

**And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you, as without end we acclaim:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

Communion Antiphon

Ti 2:12-13

**Let us live justly and devoutly in this age,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of the glory of our great God (E.T. alleluia).**

Prayer after Communion

May our participation at your table sanctify us,
O Lord, we pray,
and grant that through the Sacrament of your Church
all nations may receive in rejoicing
the salvation accomplished on the Cross
by your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer over the People

Be near to those who call on you, O Lord,
and graciously grant your protection
to all who place their hope in your mercy,
that they may remain faithful in holiness of life
and, having enough for their needs in this world,
they may be made full heirs of your promise for eternity.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

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C

Entrance Antiphon

Ti 3:5, 7

God has saved us through the bath
that gives rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit,
that, justified by his grace, we may become heirs
with the hope of eternal life (E.T. alleluia).

Collect

O God, who through your Only Begotten Son
brought to the human race
the remedy of salvation and the gift of eternal life,
grant to all who are reborn in Christ
the desire and the strength to do what you command,
so that the people called to your Kingdom
may be firm in faith, joyful in hope, and active in charity.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, upon the face of your Christ,
our only hope,
who handed himself over as a ransom for all,
so that through him,
from the rising of the sun to its setting,
your name may be exalted among the nations
and in every place a single offering
may be presented to your majesty.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: Christ, God and man, the Savior of all

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.**

**For in him your ancient promises are fulfilled,
shadows give way to light,
the world finds itself reborn,
and humanity is created anew.**

**By his offering once for all upon the Cross,
he wished to gather into one all your children who were scattered,
and, lifted up in glory, the firstborn among many,
he spreads before us the hope of eternal joy.**

**And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28:20

**Behold, I am with you always, says the Lord,
even to the end of the age (E.T. alleluia).**

Prayer after Communion

**Strengthened by heavenly Bread, we ask, O Lord,
that, by adhering constantly to the Gospel of life,
we may become for the human family
a life-giving leaven and a means to salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Solemn Blessing

**May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

R. Amen.

MASS FOR THE HOLY YEAR

During the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, the readings of the weekday are used for the Liturgy of the Word.

LITURGY OF THE WORD (in Ordinary Time)

First Reading

First Option

*The LORD anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
and to give them oil of gladness.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the Lord
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;
To place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,
To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.

You yourselves shall be named priests of the Lord,
ministers of our God shall you be called.

I will give them their recompense faithfully,
a lasting covenant I will make with them.
Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
All who see them shall acknowledge them
as a race the Lord has blessed.

The word of the Lord.

Second Option

God's love has been poured out into our hearts.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

5:5-11

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,

because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,

died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,

though perhaps for a good person
one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,

we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
how much more, once reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,

but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89 (88):21-22, 25 and 27

R. (2) I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.

I have found my servant David,

and with my holy oil anointed him.

My hand shall always be with him,

and my arm shall make him strong. **R.**

My mercy and my faithfulness shall be with him;

by my name his might shall be exalted.

He will call out to me, "You are my father,

my God, the rock of my salvation." **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
for he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor. R.

Gospel

He has sent me to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

4:16-21

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,
and went according to his custom
into the synagogue on the sabbath day.
He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.
He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them,

“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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MASS FOR THE HOLY YEAR

These formularies may be used in Masses during the Holy Year.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I

Lord, you awaken our faith:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, you inspire our hope:

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you enkindle our love:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

II

Lord, you opened the eyes of the blind and freed prisoners:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, you promised a new heaven and a new earth:

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you now reign at the right hand of the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

III

Lord, you are the light that dispels the darkness:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, you are the door that opens to salvation:

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you are the hope that knows no end:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

IV

Lord, you are our hope:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, you are our Savior:

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you are our life:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V

Lord, you are the defense of the poor:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, you are the refuge of the weak:

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you are the hope of sinners:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER (PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL)

I

Priest's Introduction

The Lord of life and history
gives the help of the Holy Spirit
to pilgrims in their journey through time,
so that they may recognize the ways that lead to good
and be able to proclaim: "Jesus is Lord."
With firm hope, let us call upon our heavenly Father.

Response

R. Our Father, hear us.

Priest's Prayer

God our Father, hear our prayer:
may all people come to know you,
the true and only God, and him whom you have sent,
Jesus Christ, your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

II

Priest's Introduction

**Brothers and sisters,
let us offer our prayer to the Father
who in Christ opens the gates of hope and of life
to all people.**

Response

R. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

Priest's Prayer

**O Father,
you grant us the joy of dwelling in your house
to sing the praise of your name
and to receive the strength of your love;
enlighten our lives with the Holy Spirit
and make us witnesses of the hope of the Gospel.
Through Christ our Lord.**

R. Amen.

III

Priest's Introduction

The word of God to which we have listened
is the foundation of our faith,
the nourishment of our hope,
and the ferment of our fraternal charity.
Let us invoke the Father for the needs of the world.

Response

R. Lord God, enlighten and sustain us on our journey.

Priest's Prayer

God our Father,
in Christ you have given the truth that enlightens us,
the way that we should follow,
and the life that continually renews us;
sustain us with the force of your Spirit
so that every day we may progress in your love
and in the hope of the Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

IV

Priest's Introduction

In trust and in unity, let us offer our prayer to the Father,
who has called us to partake of the joy of his Kingdom.

Response

R. Strengthen us in hope, O Lord.

Priest's Prayer

O God our Father,
you accompany and sustain your Church in its pilgrim journey;
through the light and the strength of your Spirit,
stir up in us a living hope,
so that we may recognize the signs of your presence in the events of our world.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.