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World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

As reported in the June-July 2025 *CDW Newsletter*, the Holy See promulgated the Latin text of a new Mass formulary, “For the Care of Creation” in June 2025. English and Spanish translations of this formulary were approved by the Committee on Divine Worship and have been presented to the Latin Church bishops of the USCCB for canonical vote at the June 2026 plenary meeting. On June 8, 2025, the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments promulgated the Latin formulary and Lectionary citations to be used in the Mass “For the Care of Creation.” The Holy See released the proper liturgical texts in Latin, and on August 4, 2026, the Dicastery confirmed the English and Spanish translations of those texts. They can be found as the first attachment at the end of this newsletter. The readings are as follows:

Reading from the Old Testament: Wisdom 13: 1-9

Reading for the New Testament: Colossians 1:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5ab or Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c

Alleluia and Verse before the Gospel: Psalm 104:24 -or- 1 Chronicles 29:11d, 12b

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34 -or- Matthew 8:23-27

Additional resources are available at [USCCB-Environment](#), with a bulletin insert in English and Spanish at [Bulletin insert-Transforming the Power of Liturgy](#).

Pope Leo XIV Continues Catechesis on Sacrosanctum Concilium

As he has resumed holding his Wednesday General Audience at the beginning of August, Pope Leo XIV continues to reflect on Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. Because the Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and summit of the Church's life, ongoing formation is essential for all who serve in its celebration. Clergy, liturgical ministers, and all who participate in the Church's worship are encouraged to read and prayerfully reflect upon these important teachings. Pope Leo's insights invite us to rediscover the transformative power of the liturgy and to carry out our ministries with renewed faith, reverence, and understanding.

The General Audience of August 5, 2026 can be found: [CSL 8.5.26](#).

The General Audience of August 12, 2026 can be found: [CSL 8.12.26](#).

Links to the previous Audiences of May and June 2026 can be found in the Office for Divine Worship Newsletter of August 2026 Volume III, Issue 9.

25th Anniversary of September 11th

As we approach the twenty-fifth anniversary of the September 11 attacks, we remember all who lost their lives and pray for peace in a world still affected by conflict and violence. Attached to this newsletter is a complimentary liturgy preparation resource from the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC), featuring options for Mass texts, a complete prayer service, suggested readings and music, sample intercessions, and prayers for parish use and remembrance.

Liturgical Advisories for 2026

- **November 1, 2026, the Solemnity of All Saints** occurs on Sunday. It replaces the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. On Saturday and Sunday, Evening Prayer I and II is for All Saints. Saturday evening Masses that regularly anticipate the Sunday Mass should observe the Mass of All Saints.

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A Deeper Look at the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults for Priests

The Center for Continuing Formation of St. Mary's Seminary and University invites priests to attend a six-part continuing formation workshop Tuesday – Friday, Sept. 15–18, 2026. This workshop will introduce parish priests to the stages of initiating inquirers into the Catholic faith, including those who are unbaptized and those previously baptized in other Christian communities. The priest's unique role in this process will be highlighted and a deeper look at the recently-revised English translation of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults will be undertaken. For cost, registration information and more details, please see the attachment at the end of this newsletter.

Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year

A votive Mass of the Holy Spirit may be scheduled for the opening of the academic year on weekdays when there is no liturgical impediment. The Roman Missal provides three options for this Votive Mass. One of the prefaces of the Holy Spirit is used and red vestments are worn. The Lectionary texts for the day are preferable. Also, see the options in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 5: Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers, for another way to celebrate liturgically the opening of the academic year.

Time of the Easter Vigil 2027

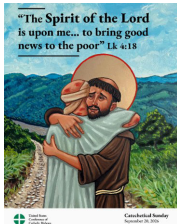
The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and is not in any way to be considered an Anticipated Mass for Easter Sunday. This is why the discipline of the Church insists that it should not begin before nightfall in any circumstance. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to a variety of models, occurs approximately at 7:42 PM on March 27, 2027. Nightfall is generally considered to be about one hour after sunset. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2026/2027. In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:30 PM or later.

Catechetical Sunday 2026 Resources

At its November meeting, the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis chose the theme as: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor” (Lk 4:18). In his homily for the Jubilee of Migrants on October 5, Pope Leo XIV reminded us that our salvation provided by God “is fulfilled when we take responsibility and, with the compassion of the Gospel, care for the suffering of others.”

Catechetical Sunday 2026 Official Image

The Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis has selected the image below to accompany the 2026 theme, in recognition of the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis.



Poster, prayer cards, and certificates are available for free download at:
[Catechetical Sunday 2026 | USCCB](#)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Formation, Delegation, and Ongoing Renewal

Pastors have a particular responsibility to ensure that those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are properly formed, prepared, and commissioned for this important ministry. Before being presented for service, candidates should receive formation that includes the Church's teaching on the Eucharist, the reverent handling of the Blessed Sacrament, and the practical norms governing the distribution of Holy Communion. The Office for Divine Worship provides resources, guidance, and assistance to parishes in developing and renewing formation programs for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Pastors are also reminded that service as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion requires delegation from the Bishop. This delegation is granted for a period of three years and must be renewed at the conclusion of that term if the individual is to continue serving in this ministry.

Regular review of parish rosters and formation programs helps ensure that all ministers are properly delegated and prepared for their responsibilities.

September 2026 Liturgical Calendar

Month Dedicated to the Our Mother of Sorrows

September 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Is 2:4)

- The homily on this day, as well as an intention in the Universal Prayer, should call to mind this observance.
- The Vatican has provided preliminary English and Spanish translations of "Mass for Care of Creation" recently approved by Pope Leo XIV. As soon as we have the official translations, we'll make them available.

September 2: Wednesday - Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

September 3: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor - Memorial - white

September 4: Friday - Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

September 5: Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin - optional memorial - white

September 6: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7: Labor Day

- Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor (no. 26A or B) may be used.
- Readings (Lectionary nos. 907-11).

September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast - white

- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints.
- The *Gloria* is sung or recited.
- The Creed is not prayed.
- Reading: Lectionary no. 636
- Preface I or II of the BVM is used.
- Solemn Blessing no. 15 may be used.

September 9: Saint Peter Claver, Priest - Memorial - white

September 10: Thursday - Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

September 11: Friday - Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Liturgical considerations including sample Universal Prayers can be found here: [USCCB-9.11](https://www.usccb.org/liturgics)

September 13: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

- In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26).
- The theme for the 2026 celebration selected by the pope is "I will never forget you." (Isaiah 49:15)
- The U.S. bishops have approved moving the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to the first weekend after Labor Day - September 13, 2026 - to align with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day in the United States, as many local communities, schools, and parishes have celebrated for some time.
- Pastoral Note: You may want to invite grandparents or the elderly people to offer up the gifts of bread and wine during the Offertory.
- See *Book of Blessings* Ch. 12 "Order of Blessing of Elderly People confined to their Homes," section B "Order of Blessing within the Mass."

Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.

September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- Liturgical color is red.
- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints.
- The *Gloria* is sung or said.
- The Creed is not prayed.
- Preface I of the Passion of the Lord is used.
- Solemn Blessing #5 may be used.
- A Cross should be displayed in a prominent location in the church. You may arrange flowers or white or gold cloths at the foot of the Cross to represent the festive nature of the celebration.
- Adorn the Church processional cross.

September 15: Our Mother of Sorrows - Memorial - white

September 16: Saint Cornelius, Pope and Saint Cyprian, Bishop, martyrs - Memorial - red

September 17-19: Weekdays - Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

September 20: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21: Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

- Liturgical color is red.
- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints.
- The *Gloria* is sung or recited.
- The Creed is not prayed.
- The Preface I or II of the Apostles is used.

September 22: Tuesday - Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

September 23: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest - Memorial- white

September 24-26: Weekdays - Twenty-fifth week in Ordinary Time

September 27: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Priesthood Sunday

- Priesthood Sunday, celebrated on the last Sunday of September annually, is a special day set aside to honor priests in the United States.
- It is a day set aside to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.
- This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.
- Suggested Intercessions:
 1. For the Clergy: May our pope, bishops and priests continue to minister in humble justice and faithful service. Let us pray to the Lord.
 2. For nations and their governments: May they hear the call to work toward peace, justice and equity between one another and for the people they serve. Let us pray to the Lord.
 3. For all who have suffered abuse: May those who have suffered abuse find strength, hope and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.
 4. For an increase to religious vocations: May men and women respond to the Christ's call to serve the Church in the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Let us pray to the Lord.

September 28: Monday - Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Calendar, cont'd.

September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - Feast

- Liturgical color is white.
- Mass proper is found in the Proper of Saints.
- The *Gloria* is sung or recited.
- The Creed is not prayed.
- Prayer Over the People no. 28 may be used.

September 30: Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church - Memorial - white

Bishop Persico Publishes Prayer for a New Bishop

With the celebration of his 75th birthday, Bishop Persico published a prayer for a new bishop for the Diocese of Erie and directed its use beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025.

O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.
We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
May we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.
Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.
For he lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

Eucharistic Congress 2029

Courtesy of Catholic News Service:

The National Eucharistic Congress, Inc. is thrilled to share that initial steps preparing for the 11th National Eucharistic Congress in 2029 have begun. The location for the event has not been shared but organizers of the event will provide more details in the near future.

Recurring Information: 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.

Time for Vigil Masses 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.

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In worship aids:

- To license the readings for a worship aid, parishes can contact: Mary Elizabeth Sperry at msperry@uscce.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.

26A. FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 19 (18):2

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

Collect

God our Father,
who have called all things into being
in Christ, the firstborn of all creation,
grant, we pray, that, docile to the life-giving breath of your Spirit,
we may lovingly care for the works of your hands.
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

Receive, O Father,
these fruits of the earth and of our hands:
bring the work of your creation to perfection in them,
so that, transformed by the Holy Spirit,
they may become for us the food and drink of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 98 (97):3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament of unity which we have received, O Father,
increase communion with you and with our brothers and sisters,
so that, as we await new heavens and a new earth,
we may learn to live together in harmony with all creatures.
Through Christ our Lord.

26A. POR EL CUIDADO DE LA CREACIÓN

Antífona de entrada

Sal 19 (18), 2

Los cielos proclaman la gloria de Dios;
la bóveda celeste anuncia la obra de sus manos.

Oración colecta

Dios y Padre nuestro,
que en Cristo, primogénito de toda la creación,
has llamado a la existencia todas las cosas,
concede, te rogamos, que dóciles al aliento de vida de tu Espíritu,
cuidemos con amor la obra de tus manos.
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Oración sobre las ofrendas

Recibe, Padre,
estos frutos de la tierra y del trabajo de nuestras manos,
y perfecciona en ellos la obra de tu creación,
para que, transformados por el Espíritu Santo,
se conviertan para nosotros en comida y bebida de vida eterna.
Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor.

Antífona de la Comunión

Cfr. Sal 98 (97), 3

Los confines de la tierra
han contemplado la salvación
que nos viene de Dios.

Oración después de la Comunión

El sacramento de unidad
que hemos recibido, Padre,
acreciente la comunión contigo y con nuestros hermanos,
para que, esperando cielos nuevos y tierra nueva,
aprendamos a vivir en armonía con todas las criaturas.
Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor.

A LITURGY PREPARATION AID

PRAYER RESOURCES
FOR THE
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



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INTRODUCTION

Most of us remember where we were on the morning of September 11, 2001. We watched in horror as images of the terrorist attacks flooded the news media. We mourned the thousands of men, women, and children who perished in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and in a field in Pennsylvania.

Churches, synagogues, and mosques opened their doors as people tried to find meaning. Believers - old and new - found comfort, strength, and challenge in prayer.

This September, our assemblies will be faced with renewed turmoil. Media coverage, national observances and family gatherings will refresh their minds and open their wounds. Our nation will again express its grief. While politics and patriotism will certainly be visible, *prayer* should take the more central role on this somber anniversary.

On the following pages, I offer a few suggestions for communal and private prayer.

Certainly, the parish will want to commemorate the day with Mass. In 2026, September 11 falls on Saturday of the Twenty-third Week of Ordinary Time. During the day, the priest celebrant may choose from several options in the *Roman Missal* and its *Lectionary for Mass* – Masses for the Dead, Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice, and Mass in Time of War or Civil Disturbance. Mass preparation sheets are provided herein.

The parish may also wish to prepare a prayer service for use outside Mass. This might be a fine choice for a school assembly or an evening prayer service to begin meetings. This option will be best for an ecumenical or interreligious service. It would be important to meet with the representatives of various faith communities beforehand and have them be involved in the actual preparation of the event (cf. *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism*, 111).

Finally, this resource provides a broad range of music suggestions, sample intercessions, and prayers.

Consider the environment for the church building on September 11 or for that entire weekend's liturgies. Though the American flag is ordinarily not to be displayed in the sanctuary or nave of the church, on this occasion it might be appropriate in the gathering space or other visible location.

Consider preparing, printing, and distributing prayer cards. Alternately, post something on the parish website. This will be particularly helpful for those who are confined to their homes due to advanced age or illness. These might also be used for family prayer time.

Certainly, September 11 will always be a day of solemn remembrance. It is right that this day should never pass from our collective memory. On this twenty-fifth anniversary, let us not only remember this tragic day, but also acknowledge a longing for peace, the peace that only Christ can give. ■ RT

A CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

PREPARATION NOTES

- ★ Sufficient seating should be arranged in the sanctuary (or the front pews) for the presider and other visiting clergy.
- ★ Other liturgical ministers should be recruited -- including readers, cantors, instrumentalists, a cross bearer, candle bearers, candle lighters, and hospitality ministers.
- ★ In a Bible or Lectionary, the readings may be marked with a ribbon.
- ★ The presider's text should be placed in a worthy binder. Additional copies may be made for other ministers.
- ★ Though the American flag is not ordinarily in the sanctuary or the nave of the Church, on this occasion, it may be appropriate to place it in the nave, in the midst of the assembly or near the sanctuary.
- ★ The Paschal Candle might be placed next to a Book of Remembrance. The names of those who perished on September 11, 2001 may be found at <https://www.911memorial.org/> or other websites. Flowers or plants might also adorn this space.
- ★ A candle stand might be placed in the sanctuary or nave of the church with a sufficient number of candles (seven or eight). A candle should be lit at the ambo.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING SONG

See suggestions herein

GREETING

Presider: ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Presider: May the God of all consolation be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

INTRODUCTION

in these or similar words

Presider: On September 11, 2001, the United States was senselessly attacked by terrorists. Thousands perished in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The victims were Americans. The victims were citizens of over fifty other countries.

We pause today [tonight] to remember those who have died. We ask God to be merciful to them and to give them eternal rest. And we gather as a nation, still mourning so great a loss of life, still living under the possibility of more evil deeds, still involved in wars throughout the world, We gather as a nation “under God,” and with full trust in His love, compassion, and justice.

Let us call to mind all those who died on September 11, 2001.

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

As each phrase is read, minister(s) could light a candle. At least fifteen seconds of silence should be maintained between each phrase. A somber tolling of a bell or a sung acclamation might conclude each invocation.

Reader:

- ★ For the passengers on American Flight 11 and United Flight 175 which were flown into the World Trade Center.
- ★ For all the workers who perished in the World Trade Center and neighboring buildings.
- ★ For the firefighters, police, and rescue workers who died trying to save others.
- ★ For the crew and passengers on American Airlines Flight 77 which was flown into the Pentagon.
- ★ For the military personnel and civilians who were killed and injured at the Pentagon.
- ★ For the heroic crew and passengers on United Flight 93 which crashed into the field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.
- ★ For all military personnel who have died in the battle against terrorism.
- ★ For all those who have died as the result of wars and for those who mourn them.

OPENING PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

God of loving kindness,
those who have died still live in your presence.
Welcome into your loving embrace
all those who died on September 11, 2001.

Grant them eternal rest.
Comfort those who mourn them.
Open our hearts to hear your word,
and in it, find light in time of darkness,
and strength in our belief
that your Son won for us eternal life.

Through that same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading	Wisdom 3:1-6, 9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 72
Antiphon:	Justice will flourish in his days and the fullness of peace forever.
Second Reading	Romans 8:31b-3, 37-39
Gospel Acclamation	John 11:2a-26
Gospel	John 14:1-6
Homily or Reflection	

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Prayer: Our Lord is kind and merciful.
Confident in his love, let us turn to him with our petitions.

PETITIONS *See suggestions herein. The response may be "Lord, hear our prayer."*

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Longing for the coming of the kingdom,
let us pray in the words our Savior gave us.
Our Father,...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Presider: Most merciful God,
whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,
be attentive to the voice of our pleading.

By the Death and Resurrection of your Son
we are redeemed,
so we are full of hope that those who have died
now rest in your eternal light.

Give comfort to those left behind.
Protect us from all evil,
and restore your peace to this world.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING

Presider: Bow your head and pray for God's blessing.

Presider: May the God of all consolation bless you in every way
grant you peace all the days of your life.

All: Amen.

Presider: May he free you from all anxiety and strengthen your hearts in his love.

All: Amen.

Presider: May he enrich you with his gifts of faith, hope, and love,
so that what you do in this life
will bring you to the happiness of everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

see suggestions herein

SAMPLE PREPARATION: MASS FOR THE DEAD

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Chant/Opening Hymn	_____
Greeting	Option A
Penitential Act	_____
Glory to God	omitted
Collect	Roman Missal, "for several persons"

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lectionary for Mass, nos. 1011-1016

First Reading	Wisdom 3:1-6, 9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 27:1, 4, 7, 8b-9a, 13-14
Refrain	"The Lord is my light and my salvation."
Setting	_____
[Second Reading]	Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia.
Verse	Phil. 3:20
Setting	_____
Gospel	John 14:1-6
Homily	
Profession of Faith	omitted
Universal Prayer	_____

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Offerings	
Presentation Hymn	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	Roman Missal
Eucharistic Prayer	EP III with embolism for the dead
Preface Dialogue	
Preface	Prefaces I-V "For the Dead"
Holy, holy, holy	_____
Memorial Acclamation	_____
Great Amen	_____
The Lord's Prayer	recited ____ chanted ____
Sign of Peace	
Fraction of the Bread	Lamb of God: _____
Invitation to Communion	
Communion Hymn(s)	_____

Prayer After Communion	Roman Missal

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting	
Blessing	Solemn Blessing no. 13 or no. 20
Dismissal	_____
[Closing Hymn]	_____

SAMPLE PREPARATION: MASS IN TIME OF WAR OR CIVIL DISTURBANCE

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Chant/Opening Hymn	_____
Greeting	
Penitential Act	_____
Glory to God	omitted
Collect	Roman Missal, option B

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lectionary for Mass, nos. 897-901

First Reading	Micah 4:1-4	897.2
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 85:9ab, 10-14	899.2
Refrain		
Setting	_____	
[Second Reading]	Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2	898.2
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia.	
Verse	John 13:34	900.3
Setting	_____	
Gospel	John 15:9-12	901.2
Homily		
Profession of Faith	omitted	
Universal Prayer	_____	

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Offerings

Presentation Hymn	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	Roman Missal
Eucharistic Prayer	EP II or EP for Reconciliation II
Preface Dialogue	
Preface	
Holy, holy, holy	_____
Memorial Acclamation	_____
Great Amen	_____
The Lord's Prayer	recited ____ chanted ____
Sign of Peace	
Fraction of the Bread	Lamb of God: _____
Invitation to Communion	
Communion Hymn(s)	_____

Prayer After Communion	Roman Missal

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting	
Blessing	Solemn Blessing 10 or 13
Dismissal	_____
[Closing Hymn]	_____

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Chant/Opening Hymn	_____
Greeting	
Penitential Act	_____
Glory to God	omitted
Collect	Roman Missal (four options for Collect)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lectionary for Mass, nos. 887-891

First Reading	Isaiah 32:15-18	887.2
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 72:2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 11-14	889.1
Refrain	Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever.	
Setting	_____	
[Second Reading]	Colossians 3:12-15	888.2
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia.	
Verse	John 14:27	890.2
Setting	_____	
Gospel	John 14:23-29	891.3
Homily		
Profession of Faith	omitted	
Universal Prayer	_____	

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Offerings	
Presentation Hymn	_____
Prayer over the Offerings	Roman Missal
Eucharistic Prayer	MVNO III – Jesus, the Way to the Father
Preface Dialogue	
Preface	
Holy, holy, holy	_____
Memorial Acclamation	_____
Great Amen	_____
The Lord's Prayer	recited ____ chanted ____
Sign of Peace	
Fraction of the Bread	Lamb of God: _____
Invitation to Communion	
Communion Hymn(s)	_____
Prayer After Communion	Roman Missal

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting	
Blessing	Solemn Blessing no. 11 (Ordinary Time II)
Dismissal	_____
[Closing Hymn]	_____

THE WORD OF GOD – SUGGESTED READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 11:1-6	The Spirit of the Lord shall be on him...lions lie down with the lamb.
Isaiah 2:6a, 7-9	The Lord God will destroy death forever.
Isaiah 32:15-18	Justice will bring peace...my people will live in secure dwellings.
Isaiah 57: 15-19	I will revive the spirits of the dejected...peace to far and near
Isaiah 58:6-11	True fasting...then you shall call and the Lord will answer
Lament. 3:17-26	My soul is deprived of peace...my reason to have hope...
Jeremiah 8:18-23	Grief over the people's suffering..."and yet we are not safe."
Jeremiah 29:10-14a	I will give you a future full of hope.
Jeremiah 31:10-14	I shall turn their mourning into joy.
Micah 4:1-5	Let us climb the mountain of the Lord... beat swords into plowshares.
Zechariah 9:9-10	See a king shall come to you... he shall proclaim peace to the nations.

PSALMS

Psalms 7	O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.
Psalms 10	Rise, O Lord! Lift up your hand. Forget not the afflicted.
Psalms 17	I call upon you for you will answer me, O God.
Psalms 18:1-1, 19-31	I love you, Lord, my strength.
Psalms 27	The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid?
Psalms 31	Shelter me, Lord, save me from shame. Let there be justice: save me.
Psalms 35:1-4, 17-28	(Prayer for help against unjust enemies.)
Psalms 46	God is our sure defense, our shelter and help in time of trouble.
Psalms 47	God mounts his throne to shouts of joy. O sing your praises to the Lord.
Psalms 55	Cast your cares upon the Lord and he will support you.
OR	I will grieve and mourn and he will hear my voice.
Psalms 64	(punishment for treacherous conspirators)
Psalms 71	In you, O Lord, I take refuge, let me never be put to shame.
Psalms 72	Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace for ever.
Psalms 74	(prayer in time of national calamity)
Psalms 80	The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Psalms 83:2-5, 14-19	(Prayer against a hostile alliance)
Psalms 85	The Lord speaks of peace to his people.
Psalms 86	(Prayer in time of distress)
Psalms 92	(Prayer of God's just judgment of humankind)
Psalms 101	I sing to you, O Lord, sing your justice and love.
Psalms 121	My help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Psalms 140	Deliver me, O Lord, from the wicked...

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 2:1-5	The just judgment of God
Ephesians 4:30—5:2	Remove all bitterness and anger...forgiving as God has forgiven...
2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Be ministers of reconciliation.
Colossians 3:12-15	Put on, then, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility.
Thess. 4:13-18	...so that you may not grieve like the rest who have no hope.
James 3:13-18	Wisdom from above
James 4:1-10	Causes of division, submit yourselves to God.

GOSPELS

Matthew 3:7-14	His winnowing fan is at hand.
Matthew 5:3-12	Beatitudes
Matthew 5:21-24	Leave your gift at the altar, go first and be reconciled.
Luke 3:7-17	You brood of vipers...winnowing fan
Luke 24:36-48	Peace be with you...you are my witnesses of these things.
John 14:27-30	Peace I leave with you... not as the world gives do I give it to you.
John 15:9-17	As the Father loves me, so I love you.... Love one another.

IN OTHER LITURGICAL BOOKS

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MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

GENERAL/ PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress is our God
Be Not Afraid
Christ be Our Light
Father, Lord of All Creation
God of Day and God of Darkness
How Firm a Foundation
Hymn of the Jubilee of Mercy
In Every Age
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Lord of All Hopefulness
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
O Christ the Great Foundation
The Church's One Foundation
The Church of God in Every Age
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The Master Came to Bring Good News
The Kingdom of God
Ubi Caritas
We Walk by Faith
What Does the Lord Require?
Where Charity and Love Prevail

Ps 45/ Luther/ EIN FESTE BURG
Dufford
Farrell
GENEVA/ODE TO JOY
Haugen/ BEACH SPRING
Is 43/ Lk 6/Dufford/FOUNDATION
Costa/Inwood
Ps 90/ Whitaker
Bayly/ BEACH SPRING/HYFRDOL
Struther/ SLANE
Isaac Watts / ST. ANNE
Wesley/ AURELIA
Stone/Wesley/AURELIA
F. P. Green
ST. COLUMBA
Finn/ ICH GALUBE AN GOTT
Rees/ LAUDATE DOMINUM
Various – chant
SHANTI/ AZMON
Bayly/ SHARP THORNE
Benoit/CHRISTIAN LOVE

FOR THE DEAD/ MOURNING

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death
Eternal Father, Strong to Save
God Remembers
God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn
Keep in Mind/ *Acuérdate de Jesucristo*
On Eagle's Wings
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping
Will the Circle be Unbroken?
With the Lord
Yes, I Shall Arise

Tucker
Dykes/ MELITA (Whiting vv. 2 and 3)
Col 3:30/Wren/Haugen
Troeger/Morris
2 Tim 2:81-2/ Deiss
Ps 91/ Joncas
Dorsey/ PRECIOUS LORD
Tice/WAYFARING STRANGER
Alonso
Ps 130/ Joncas
Lucien Deiss

NATIONAL HYMNS/ PATRIOTIC

America the Beautiful
God of Our Fathers
My Country 'Tis of Thee
Star Spangled Banner
The Battle Hymn of the Republic (vv 2-6)

Katharine Bates/ Samuel Ward
Daniel Roberts/ NATIONAL HYMN
Samuel F. Sith/ AMERICA
Francis Scott Key/ John Stafford Smith
Julia W. Howe/ William Steffe/BATTLE HYMN

PEACE / COMFORT

Dona Nobis Pacem in Terra (Round)

Dona Nobis Pacem

Everything That Has Voice

Hazme un instrumento de tu Paz

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

La Paz de la Tierra/The Peace of the Earth

Let There be Peace on Earth

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Nothing Can Trouble

Now is the Time

O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines

O God of Love, O King of Peace

O God of Love, O King of Peace

Paz, Paz, Paz

Ubi Caritas

Venerá el Amore /Love Shall Overcome

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Within Our Darkest Night

World Peace Prayer

Iona Community

Kodner/Traditional

Murray/ Haugen

Temple/Temple

Bonar/ KINGSFOLD

Bell/Trad. Guatamalan

Miller/Jackson

Temple

St. Teresa of Jesus/Taizé/ Berthier

Kendzi

Carl Daw/JERUSALEM

Baker

Baker / TALLIS' CANON

Juenes

Taizé

Romans 12:21/Colón

Benoit/ tr. Westendorf

Taizé

Haugen

INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND RECONCILIATION

Carta Rigoberta Menchu

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

For the Healing of the Nations

God Made from One Blood

God Whose Purpose is to Kindle

Healer of Our Every Ill

Help us Accept Each Other

Hope of the World

In Christ There is No East or West

Lord of All Nations Grant Me Grace

O God of Every Nation

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

One Bread, One Body/ *Un Pan, Un Cuerpo*

Remember Your Love

Save us, O Lord

Sólo le pidos a Dios

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

This is My Song

We Gather Together

What Does the Lord Require?

Celtos Cortos

Duck/ TALLIS' CANON

Kaan/ ST.THOMAS/ WESTMINSTER

Troeger/ FOUNDATION

Lk 12:49/Trueblood

Haugen

Romans 15:7/ Kahn/ELLACOMBE

Harkness/ DONNE SECOURS

Gal 3:23/ Oxenham/McKEE

Phil 2:1-18/Spanneus/ JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

Reid/ PASSION CHORALE

William Croft/ ST. ANNE

1 Cor/ Gal 3/ Didache/ Foley

Psalms 27/ Balhoff/ Ducote

Psalms 80/ Dufford

Mercedes Sosa

Faber/IN BABILONE

Stone/Harkness/FINLANDIA

Valerius/ Kremser/Kreutz

Micah 6/Bayley

HYMNS RELEASED SOON AFTER 9-11-01

Christ in the Rubble	Genevieve Glen/SEPTEMBER HOPE	OCP
God, How Can We Comprehend?	Carolyn Winfrey Gillette	umc.org
God Who Weeps When We Are Weeping	Marnie Barell	umc.org
God, You See Your Loved Creation	Herman Steumpfle, Jr.	Selah Pub
How Long, Lord, Shall We Cry for Help	Herman Steumpfle, Jr.	pcusa.org
In All Our Grief/ <i>Kyrie Eleison</i>	Sylvia Dunstan	pcusa.org
Let Justice Roll on Earth	Rosalind Brown	Selah Pub
Life Again Begun	Herbert Brokering	ELCA.org
O God, Our Strength and Our Refuge	E.W. Hamilton	umc.org
O God, Our Words Cannot Express	Carolyn Winfrey Gillette	umc.org
Strength in Our Weakness	Sylvia Dunstan	pcusa.org
We Humans Build to Frame a Life	Ruth Duck	umc.org
We Seek You Here as Well, O Lord	Mary Louise Bringle	GIA
When Earth is Changed and Waters Roar	Ruth Duck	umc.org
When Sudden Terror Tears Apart	Carl Daw	Hope/umc.org
When Terror Streaks Through Morning Skies	Mary Louise Bringle	GIA

SELECTED PSALMODY

Psalm 16	Keep me safe, O God.
Psalm 18	I love you, O Lord my strength.
Psalm 22	Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
Psalm 23	The Lord is my Shepherd.
Psalm 27	The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalm 29	The Lord will bless his people with peace
Psalm 30	I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.
Psalm 31	Father, I put my life in your hands.
Psalm 54	The Lord upholds my life.
Psalm 67	May God bless us in his mercy.
Psalm 72	Justice shall flourish in his time.
Psalm 80	Lord, make us turn to you.
Psalm 91	My refuge, my stronghold
Psalm 123	Our eyes are fixed on the Lord.
Psalm 128	May the Lord bless and protect us.
Psalm 130	With the Lord there is mercy.
Psalm 131	My soul is still, I have found my peace.
Psalm 137	By the waters of Babylon

CANTICLES

Exodus 15/ Canticle of Moses	O'Kelly-Fischer
Luke 1:46-55/ Magnificat	Various settings
Ephesians 1:3-10	various settings
Colossians 1:12-20	various settings
1 Peter 2:21-24	Proulx
Revelation 11:17-18; 12:10b-12a	various settings

RESPONSES AND LITANIES

<i>Miserere mei Domine</i>	Taizé
<i>Ubi Caritas</i>	Taizé
<i>Veni Sancte Spiritus</i>	Taizé (with verses in various languages)
<i>Exaudi nos</i>	Taizé
<i>Kyrie</i>	Taizé
<i>Libera nos Domine</i>	Taizé
<i>Te rogamus audi nos</i>	Taizé

SELECTED CHORAL WORKS

Come Down, O Love Divine	R. Vaugh Williams, arr. Dietterich
Happy and Blest are They	from St. Paul – Mendelssohn
He That Shall Endure to the End	from Elijah, Mendelssohn
He Watching over Israel Slumbers Not	from Elijah, Mendelssohn
Hide Not Thy Face from Us	Farrant
How Amiable are Thy Dwellings	R. Vaughn Williams
How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place	Brahms
Lord, I Trust in Thee	Handel, ed. Darlow
Most Glorious Lord of Life	William Harris
Most Glorious Lord of Life	David Lord
My Shepherd will Supply My Need	arr. Virgil Thompson
O Lord, Increase my Faith	Gibbons
O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem	Sir John Goss
O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem	Thomas Tallis
O Lord, We Pray that Thou Wilt Give us Peace	(Droz dov, ed. A.T. Davison)
<i>Sicut cervius</i> (Like a Deer)	Palestrina

OTHER MUSICAL SELECTIONS SOLO AND INSTRUMENTAL

But the Lord is Mindful of His Own	Mendelssohn (from St. Paul)	alto
Grant Us Thy Peace	Mendelssohn	
Hear My Prayer	Mendelssohn,	choir with solo soprano
I Know that My Redeemer Lives	Handel (from Messiah)	
I was Glad	Perry	double choir, advanced
If God Be for Us	Handel (from Messiah)	
If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee	Bach	solo organ
O Rest in the Lord	from Elijah, Mendelssohn	alto
Psalm settings for Organ	Howells	solo organ
Song of Peace	Langlais	organ solo
When in the Hour of Utmost Need	Bach	

SAMPLE INTERCESSIONS

SAMPLE INVITATIONS

Presider: Let us pray to the Lord God, the defender of the weak and the powerless,
who delivered our ancestors from harm.

Presider: Let us turn to our compassionate Father, who listens to our prayers.

Presider: Confident in the abiding love of the Father, let us turn to him with our petitions.

SAMPLE INTERCESSIONS

Please choose from among the following.

For the Church throughout the world, especially where her members are persecuted,
that the gift of faith will give them peace, we pray.

For the President, Congress, and for all national leaders,
that their judgments be guided by compassion and justice, we pray.

For all who protect us, especially for those who serve in the military, the police, and firefighters, we pray.

For peace throughout the world and for an end to terrorist, we pray.

For negotiators and diplomats,
that their attempts to reach peaceful resolutions to conflicts may prove fruitful, we pray.

For all who are victims of violence and oppression,
for spouses who have been widowed, for children who have been orphaned,
and for all who have been traumatized, we pray.

For the people of New York City, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania,
who live with the daily reminder and effects of evil deeds, that they may find peace, we pray.

For the children of the world, we pray.

For refugees and immigrants and for the people and agencies who advocate for them, we pray.

For our enemies, we pray.

For all who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001,
may the darkness and doubt which comes from grief, be enlightened by faith and friendship, we pray.

For our beloved dead, especially those who died from terrorist activities,
on September 11 and in the years since, we pray.

SAMPLE CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Lord God,
Your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked,
yet he prayed for his persecutors and overcame hatred with the Blood of the Cross.
Relieve the suffering of those harmed by violence;
grant them peace and renewed faith in your protection and care.
Protect us all from violence, keep us safe from the weapons of hate,
and restore us to tranquility and peace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God,
you have promised that you will dwell with us
and that we will be your people;
and one day you will wipe away every tear from our eyes,
and death will be no more,
and mourning and pain will be no more,
for you make all things new.
We praise you and long for the fullness of your reign.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Father in heaven, Creator of all,
look down upon your people in their moment of need,
for you alone are the source of our peace.
Bring us to the dignity which distinguishes the poor in spirit
and show us how great is the call to serve,
that we may share in the peace of Christ
who offered his life in the service of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alternative Opening Prayer, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1985 Sacramentary

PRAYERS

The following prayer was prayed by both Pope Benedict XVI (on April 20, 2008) and by Pope Francis (on September 25, 2015) when each visited Ground Zero in New York City.

OPTION A

O God of love, compassion, and healing,
look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions,
who gather today at this site,
the scene of incredible violence and pain.
We ask you in your goodness
to give eternal light and peace to all who died here--
the heroic first-responders:
our fire fighters, police officers,
emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel,
along with all the innocent men and women
who were victims of this tragedy
simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion, to bring healing
to those who, because of their presence here that day,
suffer from injuries and illness.
Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families
and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy.
Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss
on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.
Our hearts are one with theirs
as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.
God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world:
peace in the hearts of all men and women
and peace among the nations of the earth.
Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding,
overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy,
we seek your light and guidance
as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared
may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.
Comfort and console us,
strengthen us in hope,
and give us the wisdom and courage
to work tirelessly for a world
where true peace and love reign
among nations and in the hearts of all.

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A PRAYER SERVICE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Courtesy of Father Matthew Ernest, Director of the Office of Liturgy

OPTION B

Lord of Mercy, Prince of Peace,

This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.

This day does not pass in the calendar without our remembering.

We remember images of death and destruction.

Images that human eyes were never meant to see.

We remember words our ears were never meant to hear,

the tender last words of husbands and wives who would never embrace again.

We imagine the feeling of emptiness in the arms of children

who at the end of the day could not find mom or dad for their welcome home hug.

We remember our own feelings of emptiness as our sense of security,

as our own confidence in the predictable order of life and work was radically shaken.

This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.

We remember the heroism of the many that lost their lives in saving others.

We remember all those who suffered and died;

we grieve for them still, friends and strangers alike, along with their families and friends.

This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.

And it is right that it should not pass from our memory.

But today, and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss,

it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace,

and with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions

that will draw us closer to our most ancient and most holy desire,

peace among all God's children.

Dona nobis pacem. Lord, grant us peace. Amen.

OPTION C

A PATRIOT DAY PRAYER – XAVIER UNIVERSITY

Holy God,

Creator of all people and all nations,

it is with sorrow and apprehension that we remember the tragic events
that occurred on this day.

We lift to you in prayer all those who died

in the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon,

and on United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

We entrust them to your loving care.
Console their families, friends, and all who mourn this loss
in the hope that all who trust in you find peace and rest in your Kingdom.

We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted.
May their painful memories of that day
be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution.

We also pray for ourselves as we seek your strength and guidance.
We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and under the shadow of future acts of aggression;
we stand in need of Your assistance.

Enable us, dear God, to put an end to fear:
by resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another;
by resolving to abide in a peaceful manner
and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way;
by resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions
in response to acts of hostility;
and by resolving that justice, not revenge, prevails in our world.

Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love;
that in times of despair, we will be voices of hope
and creators of new dreams;
that in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.

Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness,
But rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.

And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001
by resolving, with your help, almighty God,
to truly live this way, so you may be glorified
and your love made known to others through us. Amen.

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OPTION D

Where God seems not to be, where God seems to have withdrawn,
there we shall find God most present.
This logic contradicts the logic of reason.
This is the logic of the Cross.
The logic of the Cross is a scandal to reason and must be maintained as such.
Only thus will we have access to God. Otherwise, we should never surmise it.
Reason seeks the cause of suffering.
Reason seeks evil for evil.
The Cross seeks no causes.
God is to be found in suffering and most intently of all.
Where reason sees the absence of God, the logic of the Cross sees God's full revelation.
The Cross remains the Cross—the blind spot in the eye of reasoning and the wisdom of the world.
~ From Leonardo Boff *Passion of Christ, Passion of the World*.

COLLECTS: FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND JUSTICE (MVNO: 30)

O God, who have revealed
that peacemakers are to be called your children,
grant, we pray,
that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice
which alone ensures true and lasting peace.
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. Amen.

OPTION E

O God, who show a father's care for all,
grant, in your mercy,
that the members of the human race,
to whom you have given a single origin,
may form in peace a single family
and always be united by a fraternal spirit.
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. Amen.

OPTION F

O God, Creator of the world,
under whose governance the design of all ages unfolds,
be attentive, we pray, to our petitions,
and grant to our times tranquility and peace,
that we may exult with increasing joy in praise of your great mercy.
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. Amen.

OPTION G

COLLECTS: IN TIME OF WAR OR CIVIL DISTURBANCE (MVNO 31)

O God, merciful and strong,
who crush wars and cast down the proud,
be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst
and to wipe away all tears,
so that we may truly deserve to be called your children.
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. Amen.

OPTION H

O God, author and lover of peace,
to know you is to live, to serve you is to reign;
defend against every attack those who cry to you,
so that we, who trust in your protection,
may not fear the weapons of any foe.
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. Amen.

OPTION I

A Deeper Look at the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults for Priests

Join this six-part workshop introducing parish priests to the stages of initiating inquirers into the Catholic faith, including those who are unbaptized and those previously baptized in other Christian communities.

The workshop will highlight the priest's unique role in this process and provide a deeper look at the recently-revised English translation of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.



PRESENTER

Father Dennis Gill

Father Dennis Gill, ordained in 1983 for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Director of the Office for Divine Worship. Father Gill completed his graduate studies in the Sacred Liturgy at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, and the Pontifical Liturgical Institute of Saint Anselmo in Rome. He served a five-year term as the Director of Liturgy at the Pontifical North American College in Vatican City State. A professor of Sacred Liturgy at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, he lectures on the Sacred Liturgy throughout the country. He has published two books: "Music in Catholic Liturgy: A Pastoral and Theological Companion to Sing to the Lord" and "Ars Celebrandi: An Artful and Careful Celebration of the Eucharist."

REGISTRATION DETAILS



Date **Tuesday – Friday, Sept. 15–18, 2026**
Arrive **Tuesday, 10 a.m. EDT**
Depart **Friday, 4 p.m. EDT**
Cost **\$750.00**

LOCATION

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