



Office for Divine Worship Newsletter

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Update on the Translation of the Liturgy of the Hours From the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship's June Newsletter

Two large blocks of texts for the *Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition* were prepared by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. "Supplementary Elements" (approved 177-3 with one abstention) consists of revised translations of antiphons, versicles, long and short responsories, Lord's Prayer introductions, and hagiographical introductions in the Proper of Saints. "Additional Texts" (approved 180-2) is made up of all the Divine Office's front matter – decrees, Apostolic Constitution, General Instruction, and calendar information – along with adjustments to rubrics, psalm headings and tituli, and some miscellaneous texts not previously translated.

With these approvals, the Secretariat of Divine Worship will begin the careful task of assembling the four volumes of the breviary and await the final approval of the liturgical Bible, expected in November 2024, which will supply all the Scriptural texts needed to complete the project. The complete Liturgy of the Hours will be submitted to the Holy See for the requisite confirmation in late 2024 or early 2025.

Additionally, the body of bishops also approved, 156-8 with 11 abstentions, a request from Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, USCCB President, to establish a task force to develop a *National Directory for Instituted Ministries* concerning the qualifications, formation, and practice of lectors, acolytes, and catechists. While awaiting the draft text of the full Directory (likely in November 2025), the bishops also approved the presentation of an existing draft of interim guidance on instituted catechists. This interim guidance, if approved at the November 2024 plenary meeting, would eventually be incorporated into the final Directory.

Reminders from the Chancery

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We are very grateful for the help of trained and designated Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in carrying our Lord to those who are sick and homebound. This service finds its origin in the very beginning of the Church. Extraordinary Ministers who take the Eucharist directly from Mass to the sick and homebound can either a) receive their pyx from the altar and be sent forth by the presider after Communion, or b) can pick up the pyx after Mass from the Tabernacle and take the Blessed Sacrament immediately to the person who is to receive it. The long-standing directive first issued by Bishop Trautman, and repeatedly renewed by Bishop Persico, is that it is not permitted for those distributing the Eucharist to place the consecrated host in a pyx brought forward by the people in the Communion line at Mass and then return to their seat. Wherever this custom exists, it should cease.

Reservation of the Holy Eucharist

The Eucharist must be reserved in all parish churches (cf. can. 934 §1, 1). The Eucharist may be reserved in another church (i.e., in a secondary church, whether it has mission status or not), but only with the permission of the diocesan bishop or episcopal vicar and **provided that Mass is celebrated there at least twice a month** (cf. can. 934 §1, 2 and can. 934 §2). **Churches in which the Eucharist is reserved are to be open for at least some hours each day**, unless some grave reason (e.g., security concerns) intervenes (cf. can. 937). For churches in which the Eucharist is not reserved, pastors are encouraged to delegate deacons or trusted lay persons to unlock these churches occasionally to allow the faithful to enter for private prayer and devotion (cf. can. 1214).

Reminder on the Proper Place for the Celebration of the Eucharist

Canon 932: §1 The Eucharistic celebration is to be carried out in a sacred place unless in a particular case necessity requires otherwise; in such a case the celebration must be done in a decent place.

In a sacred place:

The proper location for the celebration of the Mass is a sacred place, which is a technical term in the law (cf. c. 1205).

Sacred places include:

- Churches (both parish and secondary, with or without mission status)
- Oratories (e.g., seminary, university, and convent chapels)
- Catholic cemeteries

When necessity requires:

In responding to the spiritual needs of the faithful, the priests of the parish may also be requested to celebrate Masses in other places, such as nursing homes, correctional facilities, the location for the parish picnic, or other appropriate places. The location should be decent and there must always be at least an altar cloth (always white) and a corporal (cf. c. 932 §2).

The canon requires necessity, not just pastoral advantage, to celebrate outside of a sacred place. Barring possible exceptions, celebrating Mass on the parish property outside of the church building (such as in the parking lot or on the church lawn), when the church building is available and ready at hand, would lack any sense of necessity. Mass in that case should be celebrated in the church.

New Ritual Editions are Now Available to Order

Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass (HCWEMOM) is now available to be pre-ordered from several publishers. This new translation is to be implemented on the First Sunday of Advent, 2024, with optional use permitted as of September 14, 2024, Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is now available to be pre-ordered from several publishers as well. The revised OCIA may be used on the First Sunday of Advent, 2024. The mandatory implementation date is Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Jubilee Year 2025

On Ascension Thursday, May 9, Pope Francis officially proclaimed the Church's 2025 Jubilee. "Hope is the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee beginning on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024 be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." The full text of the Bull of Indiction entitled SPES NON CONFUNDIT "Hope does not disappoint" can be found at: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/09/0374/00781.html#ing>

Hymn for Jubilee Chosen

"Pilgrims of Hope" the Jubilee 2025 hymn, chosen from among 270 hymns from 38 countries, prepared by Pierangelo Sequeri, set to music by Francesco Meneghello, 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.iubiliaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/inno-giubileo-2025.html>

Invite One Back

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/invite-one-back>

Envisioned as an initiative for the Easter season, the Invite One Back resources are designed to help parish leaders reach out to parishioners who have not returned to Mass since the pandemic.

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>.

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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.