

## MEMORANDUM

August 10, 2011

Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

To: All Priests  
All Deacons  
Catholic School Principals  
All Liturgy and Music Directors

From: Virginia Meagher, Office for Worship

RE: UPDATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE *ROMAN MISSAL*

Thank you to all who participated in the Music Listening Sessions last week. The feedback was plentiful and clear. As a reminder, all parishes are welcome to choose to use which ever Mass settings they would like for use with the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. Based on the feedback, we do recommend that parishes learn the following Mass settings over the coming year or two:

- If you primarily use OCP music, we recommend the **“Mass of Christ the Savior”** by Dan Schutte. Participants noted that it is melodious and easy to learn. The Cathedral will be using this Mass setting.
- If you primarily use GIA music, we recommend the **“Mass of Joy and Peace”** by Tony Alonso. Participants found it uplifting, youthful and easy to sing. The Diocese will use this Mass setting over the next year for the Vocations Mass and Ministry Day. Several parishes indicated that they will use this Mass setting for their Youth Masses.
- For a larger choir and music ministry, we recommend the GIA setting of **“Storrington Mass”** by Marty Haugen. Participants found it easy to sing and uplifting and are also pleased with the options of brass, C and B flat instruments, hand bells and timpani to give it a fuller feeling for larger celebrations. The Diocese will use this Mass setting over the next year for ordination and Chrism Mass.

Questions have come up on several occasions regarding the use of the *Prayers for Masses with Children* and the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* once the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, is

introduced this Advent. Here is a letter sent to the US Bishops from Archbishop Aymond, Chair of the Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship:

I write to inform you of the response Archbishop Dolan received from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments regarding the use of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* and the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* once the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, is introduced this Advent. This question was originally proposed by Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., during his visit to the Congregation last year in his capacity as then-USCCB President. In his letter (Prot. N 692/11/L), Most Rev. J. Augustine Di Noia, OP, Archbishop Secretary, states:

Having now attentively studied the matter, this Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has concluded that nothing stands in the way of the continued use of these texts and, for that purpose, to be reprinted, in accord with the norm of liturgical law, until such time as revised translations of these texts have been approved by the Bishops and have received the *recognitio* of this Dicastery.

In communicating this decision, the Congregation noted that the updated words of institution should be used in the Eucharistic Prayers, and that the people's responses and acclamations should be updated to reflect the text of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. In the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the new text of the Order of Mass should be inserted, and the concluding formulae of the orations should be updated to reflect the newer text.

The Secretariat of Divine Worship will begin work immediately to prepare the necessary adjustments to the texts and see to their publication as soon as possible. The text of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* will be published by USCCB Communications as a supplement to the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, (similar to the current supplemental text of the Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), and it should be available in time for the implementation of the Missal this Advent. We hope to include the text of the *Directory for Masses with Children* as an introductory text for this supplement. The Congregation suggests that it would be helpful to remind pastors of the regulations regarding the use of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children*, and we will address this in the upcoming issue of the *Committee on Divine Worship Newsletter*.

The *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* was originally published by both Catholic Book Publishing Company and Liturgical Press. The staff of the Secretariat will contact both publishers to work toward the release of updated editions from these same publishers.

On behalf of the Committee on Divine Worship, I express my thanks for your continued support and efforts as this significant moment in the liturgical life of our Church draws near. May the Lord bless our efforts.