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Rev. Richard Hilgartner Becomes 9th Secretariat Executive Director; Msgr. Anthony Sherman Completes His Term

Following nine years of service to the USCCB, Monsignor Anthony F. Sherman has completed his term as Executive Director of the Secretariat of Divine Worship. His final day of work was February 11, 2011. He has been succeeded by Rev. Richard B. Hilgartner, who becomes the ninth Executive Director of the Secretariat.

Msgr. Sherman came to the Conference in February 2002 and served his first five years as Associate Director of the Secretariat. He became Executive Director in November 2007, and his tenure was marked by two major events in the life of the Church in the United States: the 2008 visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Washington, DC and New York City, and the approval and preparation of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. Msgr. Sherman will undertake a three-month sabbatical in Rome before returning to pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Fr. Hilgartner began his work as Executive Director on February 14, 2011, and most recently served as Associate Director since September 2007. A priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, he holds a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (in Sacramental and Liturgical Theology) from the Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo, and previously served in parish ministry, campus ministry, and teaching (undergraduate theology and seminary Homiletics) in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The work of the Secretariat over the next several months will focus primarily on bringing the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* to publication. The staff is working collaboratively with the publishers of the ritual edition of the *Missal*, especially USCCB Communications, to see to the accurate layout of the ritual books. Publishers of liturgical music and of various forms of liturgical participation aids and catechetical resources are also engaged in bringing various products to publication. In both cases, draft texts and proofs must be approved by the Committee on Divine Worship. Ritual editions in particular undergo detailed review in order to receive the *concordat cum originali*.

Fr. Hilgartner is assisted in the work of the Secretariat by Sr. Doris Mary Turek, SSND, Multicultural Specialist, and Staff Assistants Mr. Matthew M. Godbey and Ms. Tess M. Stumme. The Secretariat's new Associate Director, Rev. Daniel J. Merz, will begin his service to the Conference on June 1.

January 2011 Meeting of the Subcommittee on Hispanics and the Liturgy

The Subcommittee on Hispanics and the Liturgy met in Miami, Florida on January 20-22, 2011. Two new Bishop-members have joined the Subcommittee since its last meeting: Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S. of San Antonio and Auxiliary Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama of Atlanta. They replace outgoing members Bishop Ricardo Ramírez, C.S.B. of Las Cruces and Bishop James A. Tamayo of Laredo. A third new member – Carmen Aguinaco, Director of the Hispanic Ministry Resource Center at Claretian Publications in Chicago and President of the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry – replaces Sister Rosa Maria Icaza, C.C.V.I. on the Subcommittee.

Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Subcommittee Chairman, gave a report on the Latin American Liturgical Congress convened by Antonio Cardinal Cañizares Llovera, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and Msgr. Juan Miguel Ferrer, Second Undersecretary, in Bogotá, Colombia from September 20-25, 2010. He reported in particular on one informational meeting session of the Bishops present with Cardinal Cañizares Llovera. Sister Doris Turek, Multicultural Specialist of the Secretariat, also reported on a discussion with Msgr. Juan Manuel Sierra Lopez, Undersecretary, with all of the priests, religious, and lay representatives present which was held at the same time.

Misal Romano for the United States

Members of the Subcommittee discussed Spanish-language catechetical materials for use in preparation for the publication of the U.S. *Misal Romano*. The group also reviewed an English-language packet entitled *Implementation Materials* now being distributed by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, and noted those portions which might be translated into Spanish for distribution before the *Misal Romano* is published. The Southwest Liturgical Conference also has material in Spanish in preparation. Members reviewed talks and articles which might be reworked for use as part of the formation materials.

The approved texts of the patronal feasts of Spanish-speaking countries, which were received from the Episcopal Conference of each of the countries, were compiled and reviewed. These will be submitted for approval to the full body of Bishops for inclusion in an appendix of the U.S. *Misal Romano*. The Subcommittee also discussed current and new musical settings for the text of the Order of Mass in Spanish as they appear in the *Missale Romanum*. When the *Misal Romano* for the United States is finalized, the Subcommittee will prepare an information statement regarding musical settings.

The USCCB's *Roman Missal* website in Spanish was discussed and suggestions given for updating the material currently posted. Finally, changes were made to the Spanish text of the *Misa para dar Gracias a Dios por el Don de la Vida Humana* to conform to the final English text of the *Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life*, confirmed by the Congregation for the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*.

Other Actions

Since the USCCB Committee on the Liturgy changed its name to the Committee on Divine Worship in 2007, the members discussed a similar change in the official name of the Subcommittee. The suggested change, pending approval, is: Subcommittee on Divine Worship in Spanish / Subcomité para el Culto Divino en Español. This change will be submitted to the Committee on Divine Worship and the Committee on Priorities and Plans for approval.

Finally, a status report on the *Leccionario*, now awaiting the *recognitio* from the Holy See, was given and the process for making changes for consistency was noted. The Subcommittee will next meet on September 19-21, 2011 in Seattle, Washington.

February 2011 Meeting of the *Vox Clara* Committee

The newly appointed members and staff of the *Vox Clara* Committee met from February 2-3, 2011 in the offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome. This Committee of senior Bishops from Episcopal Conferences throughout the English-speaking world was formed by the Congregation on July 19, 2001 in order to provide advice to the Holy See concerning English-language liturgical books and to strengthen effective cooperation with the Conferences of Bishops in this regard.

The *Vox Clara* Committee is chaired by Cardinal George Pell (Sydney). The participants in the meeting were Archbishop Alfred Hughes (New Orleans, emeritus), Archbishop Michael Neary (Tuam), Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. (Ottawa), Bishop David McGough (Birmingham, auxiliary), Bishop Thomas Olmsted (Phoenix), Bishop Arthur Serratelli (Paterson), and Bishop John Tong Hon (Hong Kong). Other members of the Committee, though not present, are Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I. (Chicago), Cardinal Justin Rigali (Philadelphia), and Cardinal Oswald Gracias (Bombay).

In the course of the meeting the following officers were announced: First Vice-Chairman, Bishop Thomas Olmsted; Second Vice-Chairman, Cardinal Oswald Gracias; Secretary, Bishop Arthur Serratelli; and Treasurer, Cardinal Justin Rigali. Also assisting the meeting were the Executive Secretary, Monsignor James P. Moroney, Abbot Cuthbert Johnson, O.S.B., and Monsignor Gerard McKay, and special assistants Reverend Joseph Briody and Reverend Gerard Byrne. Other advisors to the Committee, unable to be present, are experts Reverend Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B. and Reverend Dennis McManus. The representatives of the Holy See included the Delegate to the *Vox Clara* Committee, Reverend Anthony Ward, S.M., Undersecretary of the Congregation, Monsignor Thomas Fucinaro, Monsignor James O'Brien, and Reverend Andrew Menke.

The Committee heard reports on the recent publication by the Congregation through the *Vox Clara* Committee of a study text with excerpts from the new English translation of the *Roman Missal*. It is the hope of the members that the study text will be of assistance to Bishops throughout the English-speaking world in establishing programs of formation for Priests in preparation for the implementation of the *Roman Missal*.

The process for the completion of the *Roman Missal*, continuing initiatives for publications of the *Lectionary for Mass* by various Conferences, and the recent confirmation of the Revised Grail Psalter were also discussed, along with the effective refinement of structures and processes followed at all levels in the future development of English-language liturgical texts.

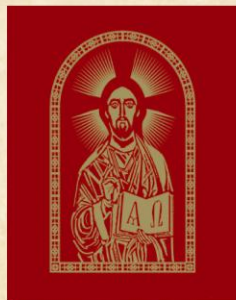
The Committee discussed at some length the English-language translation of the blessing of holy oils for the Chrism Mass and explored the means by which a text might be made available in time for use on Holy Thursday of 2012. As a text reserved for the Bishop it is not included in the *Roman Missal*. The Committee also looked to the continuing translation of the rest of the corpus of Roman Rite liturgical books as envisioned by the instruction *Liturgiam authenticam*. In particular, the Committee recommended to the Congregation the expeditious establishment of a plan of work by all collaborators.

On the second day of the meeting, the Prefect of the Congregation, Cardinal Antonio Cañizares Llovera, and the Secretary, Archbishop Augustine Di Noia, O.P., met with the *Vox Clara* Committee. Cardinal Pell began by thanking the Congregation for its consistent support throughout the years and recalled that, with the work of the translation of the *Roman Missal* substantially complete, initiatives should continue around the English-speaking world for its effective reception. In this regard, Cardinal Pell thanked the Prefect for his introduction to the *Vox Clara* study text with excerpts from the new English-language translation.

Both the Prefect and the Secretary stressed the importance to the Church of providing authentic vernacular translations to strengthen ecclesial communion. They also thanked the members and advisors for the role of the *Vox Clara* Committee in providing a model of collaboration by which the principles of *Liturgiam authenticam* might be applied to the translation of the *editiones typicae* of the Roman Rite.

Finally, the Committee expressed satisfaction that the completion of the English translation of the *Roman Missal* has been welcomed throughout the English-speaking world. The widespread development of formation programs for clergy and people and the publication of resources were acknowledged with gratitude by the Committee, which remains firmly convinced of the spiritual and catechetical value of this moment in the liturgical renewal envisioned by the Council Fathers almost a half century ago.

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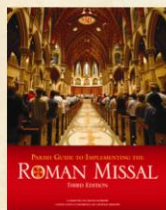


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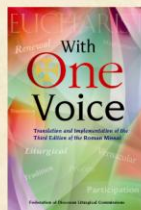
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