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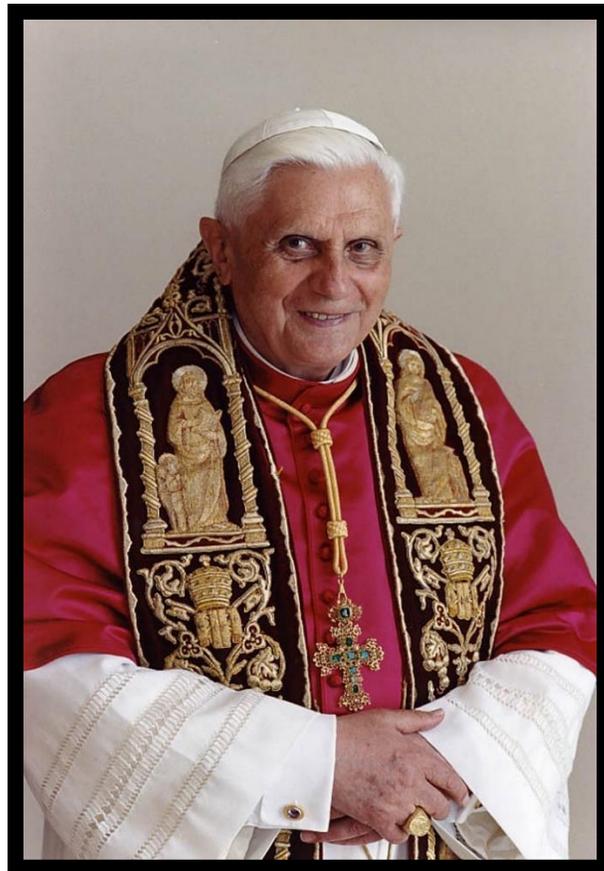
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Pope Benedict XVI

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The Church mourns the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Bishop of Rome from April 2005 until his retirement in February 2013. There are many reasons to be grateful for his years of faithful and loving service, but those who cherish the liturgical apostolate owe him a special debt of gratitude. His writings on the Sacred Liturgy are a treasure that will continue to inspire and bear fruit for years to come.

Semper in Christo vivas, Pater Sancte!

Members of the Committee on Divine Worship Pay Tribute to Pope Benedict XVI

Most Rev. Paul S. Coakley, Archbishop of Oklahoma City:

I had a memorable first encounter with the future Benedict XVI during an *Ad Limina* visit when I was Bishop-Elect of Salina in 2004. He was giving a talk to the bishops of our region when suddenly a cell phone rang. I was mortified on the second ring to discover that the phone was in my pocket! It was a loaner phone which I had received that morning for use during my time in Rome. Fortunately, he was very gracious (and I was very embarrassed). In 2010 Pope Benedict appointed me Archbishop of Oklahoma City. I remember fondly the *Ad Limina* visit of 2012 when Pope Benedict wished to meet us in provincial groupings. Our province is very small and we enjoyed an intimate conversation with him as with a concerned father on the topics that were matters of importance to each of us. I was struck by his gentleness and kindness. He was a towering intellect, a saintly priest and a great gift to the Church. May he rest in peace!

Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne, Bishop of Burlington:

I offer my prayers for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. His was certainly a historic life of service to the Church having served as a theological consultant at the Second Vatican Council, later Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, and Dean of the College of Cardinals from which he was elected to serve the Church as Pope until his retirement in 2013. Like the times in which he lived, his life was one that reflected the significant challenges and controversies which the Church faced. This he did with great dignity and faithfulness to the teaching and Tradition of the Church. Now, having been called from this life to the next, may we all pray that Benedict may rest in peace.

Most Rev. Mark J. Seitz, Bishop of El Paso:

I had the privilege of first meeting [Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI] when he was a Cardinal. He stayed at the seminary in Dallas in the early 1990's where I served on the staff. At Mass he used my personal chalice. Pope Benedict named me an auxiliary bishop for Dallas in 2010 and in 2012 I had the privilege of making an *Ad Limina* visit to Rome and to be part of a meeting with him there. I remember him as very gracious, humble, and attentive. He wanted to know about the life of the Church in Texas. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the entire Catholic community as we mourn his passing. I pray that Pope Benedict will rest in peace. May he forever be remembered for his devoted service to the Church and for his unwavering commitment to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia:

Pope Benedict appointed me an Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia in June 2009, and in September of that year, I was introduced to him as part of an audience with him at Castel Gandolfo during the orientation program organized each year by the Congregation for Bishops for new bishops. I was touched in that brief encounter that Pope Benedict recalled immediately his visit to our diocesan seminary, Saint Charles Borromeo, in 1990. He asked if I had studied there and commented that it is "an excellent Seminary!" In December 2001, I went to Rome with Archbishop Charles Chaput, our recently installed new Archbishop in Philadelphia, and my three brother auxiliary bishops for the *Ad Limina* visit. The Church in Philadelphia was going through a very difficult time, and Pope Benedict very generously met privately with Archbishop Chaput and the four of us, auxiliary bishops. It was an extraordinary encounter which I will never forget. The Holy Father listened to us, as we explained the challenges that we were facing in Philadelphia. He asked some questions, and offered comments, but concluded our meeting with words of encouragement and support: "Now, you are experiencing Good Friday, but there will be an Easter Sunday!" Linking the current experience of our local Church to the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus – was such a powerful source of consolation and strength. We give thanks to God for the abundant graces of Pope Benedict's ministry over the course of his life. May he rest in peace!

Four Publishers to Print Revised *Order of Penance*

Ritual editions of the revised *Order of Penance* go on sale in the United States beginning January 25, 2023. Four publishers have produced ritual editions, all of which are available for pre-order at this time; this information is summarized for the benefit of our readers:

Catholic Book Publishing Corp. (CatholicBookPublishing.com, 877-228-2665)

- 7¼" × 10¼", 208 pgs., clothbound hardcover, \$34.00
- 4" × 6¼", 352 pgs., imitation leather, \$24.95

Liturgy Training Publications (LTP.org, 800-933-1800)

- 7" × 10", 256 pgs., casebound hardcover, \$49.95

Magnificat (bookstore.Magnificat.net, 970-416-6670)

- 5" × 7¾", 384 pgs., semi-leather softcover, \$24.95

Midwest Theological Forum (TheologicalForum.org, 630-541-8519)

- 7.18" × 10¼", 248 pgs., synthetic leather hardcover, \$49.95

As a reminder, first use of the liturgical book may take place on Ash Wednesday, February 22, with mandatory use beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16.

Catholic Book Publishing Corp. to Sell Remaining USCCB Communications Ritual Editions

Following the USCCB's decision to reorganize its communications department last year, the Conference's publishing house, USCCB Communications (previously known as USCCB Publishing), permanently closed in December 2022. As part of the liquidation process, Catholic Book Publishing Corp. has agreed to sell the remaining inventory of nine titles, most notably the four liturgical books from the Roman Pontifical which were exclusively produced by USCCB Communications for use in the dioceses of the United States. More information is available at CatholicBookPublishing.com/read/usccb-publishing-titles.

Roman Pontifical

- Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism, 8½" × 11", 32 pgs., hardcover, \$29.95
- Order of Confirmation (bilingual), 8½" × 11", 124 pgs., hardcover, \$49.95
- Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar, 8½" × 11", 196 pgs., hardcover, \$49.95
- Ordination of a Bishop, of Priests, and of Deacons, 8½" × 11", 124 pgs., hardcover, \$59.95

Book of Blessings

- Order for the Blessing on the Fifteenth Birthday (bilingual), 6" × 9", 36 pgs., paperback, \$8.95
- Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb (bilingual), 6" × 9", 56 pgs., paperback, \$6.95

Other Titles

- Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, 6" × 9", 528 pgs., paperback, \$26.95
- Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, 8¼" × 10¾", 24 pgs., paperback, \$7.95
- Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, 8½" × 11", 200 pgs., hardcover, \$44.95

Availability of *Exorcisms and Related Supplications*

As an additional consequence of the closing of USCCB Communications, copies of *Exorcism and Related Supplications* will now need to be purchased directly from the Secretariat of Divine Worship. To request an order form, please send an e-mail to DivineWorship@usccb.org. Whether for use by an exorcist or an office of worship, or for an academic purpose, purchase will require the approval of a bishop as detailed on the order form.

2023 Liturgical Calendar Advisories

This year, there are two occasions when a non-obligatory Solemnity is followed by a Sunday: the Annunciation of the Lord and the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. A more thorough discussion of the issues surrounding consecutive celebrations is found in the May-June 2016 *Newsletter*, “The Liturgical Celebration of Consecutive Feast Days (and Nights).”

Keep in mind that the fulfillment of the Mass obligation does not depend upon the Mass prayers and readings used but rather on the time of day at which one attends Mass. According to canon 1248 §1, “A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass.”

March 25-26, 2023 (The Annunciation of the Lord and the Fifth Sunday of Lent)

In the Table of Liturgical Days, the Fifth Sunday of Lent ranks higher (no. 2) than the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (no. 3). Thus, on Saturday evening, Evening Prayer I of the Fifth Sunday of Lent is used. Regarding the Mass to be celebrated on Saturday evening, were the Fifth Sunday of Lent to have a proper Vigil Mass, there would be no question as to which Mass to use, since the Vigil Mass of a Solemnity “is to be used on the evening of the preceding day, if an evening Mass is celebrated” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 11). In the absence of a proper Vigil, the Mass to be used on Saturday evening is determined by the parish schedule. At normally scheduled anticipated Masses, priests should anticipate the Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent since the faithful that attend that Mass are expecting to fulfill their Sunday obligation and experience the Sunday liturgy. Nevertheless, at Masses outside that usual schedule, the Mass of the Annunciation of the Lord may be used. While anticipating the Masses of Sundays and days of precept has become a very common practice, one is never obligated to anticipate them – except in those cases when the Mass is scheduled as an anticipated one. A Ritual Mass is not permitted on either day, and a Funeral Mass is permitted on March 25, since it is not a day of precept.

June 24-25, 2023 (The Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

In the Table of Liturgical Days, the Nativity of John the Baptist ranks higher (no. 3) than the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (no. 6). Thus, on Saturday evening, Evening Prayer II of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist is used. Regarding the Mass to be celebrated, the situation is the same as that above. At normally scheduled anticipated Masses, priests should anticipate the Mass of the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Nevertheless, at Masses outside that usual schedule, the Mass of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist may be used. A Ritual Mass is permitted on the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and a Funeral Mass is permitted on either day.

Subscription Renewals for 2023 *Newsletter*

Renewal forms for the 2023 *Newsletter* will be mailed to current subscribers in February. Subscribers are asked to return the completed renewal form with their payment by April 30, 2023 to ensure continuing service. Anyone who has not received a renewal notice by March 31 should contact David Ringwald at (202) 541-3060 or by e-mail at dringwald@usccb.org.

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