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Gradual Implementation of Musical Settings of the Order of Mass from the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* May Begin in September 2011

Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, USCCB President, has authorized Diocesan Bishops to permit the gradual implementation of various musical settings of the Order of Mass from the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, effective September 2011. This permission applies only to the *Glory to God*, the *Holy, Holy, Holy*, and acclamations at the Mystery of Faith (Memorial Acclamations), which are contained in most musical settings. New musical settings of the *Amen* and the *Lamb of God*, the texts of which are not changing, can be introduced at any time.

In explaining the decision, Archbishop Gregory Aymond, Committee Chairman, wrote to the body of Bishops, "This will allow for a pro-active approach to implementation and give time for communities to learn the various parts of the new translation in a timely fashion and an even pace."

The Committee on Divine Worship made this recommendation to Archbishop Dolan following a discussion during the Committee's meeting on June 13 in Seattle, Washington. When reconsidering the implementation all at once, Committee members were also acutely aware of the difficulties of introducing the new *Glory to God*. Following the implementation date, it would have been sung only once (on the Immaculate Conception) before Christmas. Numerous requests for this change in the implementation plan had come from Bishops and diocesan worship offices.

While the change will allow for the gradual introduction of the musical settings, the change does not apply to other parts or to the acclamations when they are spoken, which will rely more heavily on printed participation aids and effective catechesis. The gradual introduction of musical settings of the acclamations, especially the chant settings contained in the *Roman Missal*, will allow the faithful primarily to learn the music itself, so that it will be familiar by the time the rest of the *Missal* is introduced on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. In order to accomplish this, parishes will be left to furnish on their own the necessary participation aids, keeping in mind the requisite reprint regulations for published musical settings.

Many newly-composed and revised settings of the parts of the Order of Mass are already available from publishers, and those publications include reproducible people's parts for use in participation aids. The musical settings of the chants of the acclamations contained in the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, along with accompaniment arrangements, will be available as a free download on the USCCB *Roman Missal* website at www.USCCB.org/romanmissal.

USCCB Approves U.S. Propers and Adaptations for *Misal Romano*, Patronal Feast Prayers of Spanish-Speaking Countries

The body of Bishops attending the June 2011 USCCB plenary meeting in Seattle, Washington approved two Spanish-language action items for the future *Misal Romano, Tercera Edición*: the proper texts and adaptations for the United States, and a set of Mass formularies of the patronal feasts of Spanish-speaking countries for inclusion as an appendix. Both action items were approved by a two-thirds majority of the Latin Church Bishops.

The U.S. proper texts and adaptations, approved 185-0 with one abstention, were translated into Spanish by the Subcommittee on Hispanics and the Liturgy, based on the texts confirmed by the Holy See in July 2010 for the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. In addition, the U.S. *Misal Romano* will include in an appendix the Mass text of each Spanish-speaking country's patronal feast. That action item was approved by a vote of 185-1 with three abstentions.

Both sets of texts will be incorporated into the *Misal Romano, Tercera Edición* for the United States. At present, the Subcommittee awaits the completion and final confirmation of the Mexican translation of the *Misal Romano* before making a judgment as to which Spanish-language edition would be best suited for use in this country. The two approved action items will be sent for the *recognitio* of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments at the same time as the full *Misal* when that text is selected and approved by the USCCB.

June 2011 Meeting of the Committee on Divine Worship

The USCCB Committee on Divine Worship met in Seattle, Washington, on June 13, 2011. This was the first meeting led by Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans, who assumed the Committee Chairmanship in November 2010. Members of the Committee discussed a variety of action items.

Introducing Musical Settings for the Order of Mass

When the implementation date for the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* was set for the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011, it was done with the belief that a comprehensive catechesis of Priests and lay faithful alike would mitigate any difficulties from introducing the text all at once. In recent months, however, many Bishops and other groups have inquired about introducing musical settings of the Order of Mass to provide a more gradual implementation. The Committee recommended to Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, USCCB President, to allow Diocesan Bishops to permit the gradual introduction of musical settings of the Order of Mass, beginning in September 2011. Archbishop Dolan ratified the idea and authorized the Committee to publicize it.

U.S. Liturgical Calendar

Members of the Committee discussed two proposals to inscribe the Optional Memorials of Blessed Marianne Cope (January 23) and Blessed John Paul II (October 22) into the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America. In the former case, the Bishop of Honolulu submitted documentation attesting to the *cultus* of Bl. Marianne in the United States and the world at large. She was a Franciscan nun who cared for the lepers on Moloka'i, and worked alongside St. Damien de Veuster for six months, from her arrival on the island in November 1888 until his death in April 1889. Despite daily contact with the lepers, Bl. Marianne never contracted the disease, and died in 1918 at the age of 80. She was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2005.

In light of the recent beatification of the late Pope John Paul II, the Committee, on its own initiative, considered adding his liturgical memorial for the dioceses of the United States. In his groundbreaking Petrine ministry of over 26 years, he published the Code of Canon Law and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, authored 14 encyclicals, made 104 pastoral visits outside Italy, beatified 1,340 people, and canonized 483 Saints, the latter three statistics being more than any Pope before him. Bl. John Paul visited the United States seven times (including two refueling stopovers in Alaska), the last time on January 26-27, 1999 in St. Louis.

Both proposals were approved by the Committee, and will be brought before the body of Bishops for consideration at the November 2011 USCCB plenary meeting. They must be approved by two-thirds of the Latin Church Bishops and subsequently confirmed by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Other Matters

The Committee was briefed on the current status of the translation review of the *Lectionary for Mass* and offered several suggestions on bringing the work on the review of Volume I (Sundays and Solemnities) to a successful conclusion in the next several years. Members accepted the request of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations to collaborate on a document on preaching, joining with four other Committees in this endeavor. The Committee will review a preliminary draft of the preaching document in Fall 2011. The Committee agreed to change the name of its Subcommittee from “Hispanics and the Liturgy” to “Divine Worship in Spanish.” The name change must be approved by the Committee on Priorities and Plans. Finally, the Committee declined a request to recommend the nationwide introduction of “Recovery Sunday,” currently held every September in the Archdiocese of New York to provide pastoral support to those suffering and/or recovering from various addictions, citing concerns over the growing number of national observances and “theme Sundays.”

The Committee will next meet on Sunday, November 13 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Rev. Daniel Merz Begins Term as Secretariat Associate Director



On June 13, 2011, Rev. Daniel Merz began his service as Associate Director of the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship. His first week of work spanned the meeting of the Committee on Divine Worship and the USCCB plenary meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Fr. Merz comes to the Secretariat from the Diocese of Jefferson City. In addition to parish work and service on the diocesan liturgical commission, he most recently served as Vice Rector and Dean of Students at Conception Seminary College. He completed seminary at the Pontifical North American College in Rome in 1998, earned an S.L.L. at the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy at Sant’Anselmo in Rome in 1999, and an S.L.D. from there earlier this year. The Secretariat welcomes Fr. Merz and the scholarly and pastoral experience he brings for the service of the Conference.

FDLC Offers Four *Roman Missal* Workshops for Deacons

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) has organized four workshops for Deacons to learn about the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. The topics include: Why a New Missal, Principles of Translation, Characteristics of the New Translation, the Deacon at Mass: *Ars Celebrandi*, and the Deacon as Catechetical Leader. Each 1-day workshop, led by either Rev. Richard Hilgartner or Rev. Daniel Merz from the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship, will take place on a Saturday to accommodate Deacons’ travel schedules. The locations and dates are:

- Memphis, Tennessee – August 6
- Saginaw, Michigan – August 27
- Trenton, New Jersey – September 10
- Fresno, California – September 24

To learn more or to register, visit the registration website at www.Cvent.com/d/ldqhb8 or contact the FDLC at (202) 635-6990 or www.FDLC.org.

2013 Liturgical Calendar Available for Purchase

The 2013 edition of the *Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America* is now available for purchase from the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship. The calendar lists each day's celebration, rank, liturgical color, Lectionary citations, and Psalter cycle.

Calendars are on sale for \$10.00 each, and are available either in 8½ × 11" paperback or e-mailed in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Checks are to be made out to the Committee on Divine Worship and mailed to the Secretariat at 3211 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017, ATTN: 2013 Liturgical Calendar.

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