

The *Roman Missal, Third Edition* and other Liturgical Rites

As the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* is fully integrated into the liturgical life of the Church in the Dioceses of the United States, the following clarifications may be helpful in regard to the way in which the *Roman Missal, Third Edition* influences the celebration of other liturgical rites.

1. In conversation with the Congregation for Divine Worship, we understand that the following adaptations are to be made to other liturgical rites in light of the *Roman Missal*:
 - Every occurrence of “And with your spirit,” including the dialogue between the confirmand and the bishop in the *Rite of Confirmation*.
 - The *Confiteor*
 - The prayer of the priest and the assembly in at the invitation to Holy Communion (“Behold the Lamb of God”; and “Lord, I am not worthy...”)
 - The dismissal at other rites
 - The prayers of the deacon/priest in preparation to proclaim the Gospel

2. We suggest that the following adaptations can be made to other liturgical rites in light of the *Roman Missal* (but these do not constitute obligations):
 - The Blessing of Water and the renewal of Baptismal Promises at Baptism
 - The nuptial blessing at the celebration of Marriage outside Mass (note that the Latin texts of the Nuptial Blessing have been modified, so the texts of the Nuptial Blessings in the *Roman Missal* are not merely re-translations)
 - The Funeral Liturgy outside Mass can make use of the various collects found in the collection of Masses of the Dead
 - The *Liturgy of the Hours* can make use of the proper collects from the *Roman Missal*.

3. Permission has been granted to republish *Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest*, substituting texts from the Missal where needed; no new *recognitio* is required. Until this text is available, the above-mentioned texts should be modified in light of the Missal. Note that the dialogue “The Lord be with you... and with your spirit” is only used by a priest or deacon, but not when a lay minister leads such a celebration.
4. A supplement containing the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, modified to maintain consistency with the *Roman Missal* is now available for purchase through USCCB Communications. We have no official word on the status of the revised *Lectionary for Masses with Children*, which was approved by the body of Bishops in 2006.
5. The *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* will be republished soon, substituting Missal texts where appropriate and adapting others (though there is no new translation of texts not in the Missal).
6. Resources for the blind or sight-impaired regarding the *Roman Missal* are available through the National Catholic Partnership for Persons with Disability (NCPD). Large-print (up to 44-point type) Missals for priests are available through NCPD, and the Xavier Society for the Blind provides large print and Braille participation aids as well as a Braille Missal (for priests).
7. The Committee on Divine Worship is currently exploring options for some form of updated publication of the *Liturgy of the Hours*.
8. The Spanish translation for the texts of the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life (to be used on 22 January) has received the *recognitio* and will be distributed soon.
9. An interim *Pontifical* is currently in the final stages of preparation for publication. This ritual book will include the Rite of Confirmation, the Rites of Ordination (including the Admission to Candidacy and the Institution of Readers and Acolytes), the Rites for Blessing an Abbot or Abbess, the Consecration of Virgins, and the Rite for the Blessing of the Oils and Consecrating the Chrism. All of these will be the currently-approved editions, while incorporating updated orations and prefaces from the *Roman Missal*. The Rite for the Blessing of the Oils and Consecrating the Chrism will be the existing translation that was included in the old *Sacramentary*. The *Pontifical* will be available in time for use this coming Holy Week.