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Roman Missal — Green & Grey Books

The bishops have completed their review of the first 'Green Book' stage of the Missal. ICEL announced the release of the last Green Book in November (see November 2007 *Liturgy Newsletter*). Comments and suggestions from the bishops on four Green Books were reviewed at a meeting of the Department for Christian Life and Worship in January and the conclusions of the meeting were passed on to ICEL to assist with the production of the next 'Grey Book' stage. The four Green Books were: Proper of Saints II (July – December), Votive Masses and Masses for the Dead, Introductory Documents, and Appendices.

The Bishops' Conference at its Easter meeting will consider the third Grey Book: Order of Mass II. This contains texts such as the Prefaces and Blessings. After that they will receive the next three: Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, Ritual Masses, and Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions.

Vox Clara on the progress of the English Translation

Vox Clara, the body set up by the Congregation for Divine Worship to advise and assist it on matters to do with the English translation of the liturgy, met for the fifteenth time in December 2007. They reviewed the ICEL Green Books of Votive Masses and Masses for the Dead, Antiphons and Proper of Saints II. They found the texts to be of high quality. They also reviewed the Grey Book translation of the Proper of Seasons. Cardinal Arinze indicated his thanks for the advice of the members of the Vox Clara Committee and shared their satisfaction that the completion of the project is in sight.

- http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc_con_ccdds_doc_20071205_press-release-vc_en.html

Year of St Paul

Cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemol, the archpriest of the Basilica of St Paul outside the walls in Rome, has announced some more details of the Year of St Paul which begins on 28 June 2008. These include a pastoral programme together with an artistic-cultural programme. One of the themes of the year is to encourage prayer and work for Christian unity. The Cardinal noted that the chapel currently used as the baptistery, located between the basilica and the cloister of St. Paul Outside the Walls, will become an 'Ecumenical Chapel, maintaining its characteristic baptismal font but designated as a place in which to offer our Christian brethren a special place for prayer, either within their own groups or together with Catholics, without the celebration of the sacraments'. A website has been set up a source of information on the year. An English language version is in preparation.

Three more Liturgy Office leaflets on the letters of St Paul, Titus, 1 Corinthians and

Romans, have been uploaded to the the Liturgy Office website.

- <http://www.annopaolino.org>
- <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Scripture/Paul.html>

Mass setting for World Youth Day

Missa Benedictus Qui Venit by George Palmer has been released as the official Mass Setting for World Youth Day in Sydney in July. The spirit of the Mass is described as 'rejoicing' and an arrangement has been released for parish use in Australia prior to the event. Permission has been given to use the new translations of the *Gloria* and *Sanctus*. On the World Youth Day website the full music for the Mass setting can be downloaded arranged for cantor, congregation, keyboard and guitar together with melody lines for services booklets and a recording of the Mass.

- http://www.wyd2008.org/index.php/en/australian_parishes_schools/wyd08_mass_setting

Preparation for the Synod of Bishops

Work continues on the preparation for the Synod on the Word of God later this year. A first draft of the *Instrumentum Laboris*, the working document of the Synod, was con-

When someone has the experience of a great love in his life, this is a moment of "redemption" which gives a new meaning to his life. But soon he will also realize that the love bestowed upon him cannot by itself resolve the question of his life. It is a love that remains fragile. It can be destroyed by death. The human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:38-39). If this absolute love exists, with its absolute certainty, then — only then — is man "redeemed", whatever should happen to him in his particular circumstances. This is what it means to say: Jesus Christ has "redeemed" us. Through him we have become certain of God, a God who is not a remote "first cause" of the world, because his only-begotten Son has become man and of him everyone can say: "I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20).

Benedict XVI
Spe Salvi, 26

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Coming Events

RCIA Network Conference
Manchester 2-4 July 2008
www.rcia.org.uk/Events

National Network of Pastoral Musicians
How can I keep from singing?
Worth Abbey, 18-20 July 2008
<http://nnp.m.org/>

Society of St Gregory
You have put on Christ
Summer School
Worth Abbey, 28 July-1 August 08
www.ssg.org.uk

By a happy coincidence, St Paul will be particularly venerated this year, thanks to the celebration of the Pauline Year. The next Synod taking place on the Word of God will therefore offer to the Church's contemplation, and principally to her Pastors' contemplation, the witness also of this great Apostle and herald of God's Word. To the Lord, whom he first persecuted and then to whom he consecrated his entire being, Paul remains faithful even to death. May his example be an encouragement for all to accept the Word of salvation and translate it into daily life through the faithful following of Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI
Address to Synod Preparatory group
21 January 2008

The Synod considered the quality of participation in the case of large-scale celebrations held on special occasions and involving not only a great number of the lay faithful, but also many concelebrating priests. On the one hand, it is easy to appreciate the importance of these moments, especially when the Bishop himself celebrates, surrounded by his presbyterate and by the deacons. On the other hand, it is not always easy in such cases to give clear expression to the unity of the presbyterate, especially during the Eucharistic Prayer and the distribution of Holy Communion. Efforts need to be made lest these large-scale celebrations lose their proper focus. This can be done by proper coordination and by arranging the place of worship so that priests and lay faithful are truly able to participate fully. It should be kept in mind, however, that here we are speaking of exceptional concelebrations, limited to extraordinary situations.

Sacramentum Caritatis 21

sidered in Rome in January. The document is based on the replies to the Lineamenta (see Newsletter 7:4) sent in by Bishops' Conferences across the world. Pope Benedict in his address to the preparatory group emphasised the place of 'evangelization and ecumenism. They are centred on the Word of God and at the same time are justified and sustained by it.'

- http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/index.htm

Large Scale Masses

Pope Benedict met with clergy of the diocese of Rome on 11 February and responded to a number of questions from the clergy.

One particular question was on the difficulties encountered in large scale celebrations of the Eucharist. In his response the Holy Father mentioned that he had raised the issue at the Synod. He also spoke of the Eucharistic Congress in Munich in 1960. He went on to reflect:

For me, I must say, it remains a problem, because concrete communion in the celebration is fundamental and so I do not find that the definitive answer has been truly found. I also had this question brought up at the last synod, but it did not find an answer. I also had another question brought up, about concelebration 'en masse': Because if, for example, thousands of priests concelebrate, one does not know if this is still the structure desired by the Lord. But in any case they are questions. And so the problem of celebration in large numbers in which not all can be equally involved was presented to you. A certain style must therefore be chosen to conserve that dignity that is always necessary for the Eucharist and then the community is not uniform

and the experience of participation in the event is diverse; for some it is certainly insufficient. But it did not depend on me, rather it depended on those who made the preparations.

One must reflect hard, therefore, about what to do in these situations, how to respond to the challenges of this situation... But it seems to me that... knowing what the Eucharist is, even if one is not able to participate externally as one would wish so as to feel involved, one enters into it with one's heart, as the ancient imperative of the Church says — perhaps created for those who are standing in back in the basilica — "Lift up your hearts! Now let us all go out of ourselves, in this way we are all with the Lord and we are together." As I said, I do not deny the problem, but if we really follow this word, "Lift up your hearts," we will all find, even in difficult and sometimes questionable situations, the true active participation.

- Full text
<http://www.zenit.org/rssenglish-21821>
- *Liturgies with large groups* is a useful document prepared by Canadian National Liturgy Office
<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Preparation/index.html>

On the correct formula for Baptism

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has released responses to questions about the formula for Baptism. They have clarified that the following two formulas would be invalid: *I baptize you in the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Sanctifier* and *I baptize you in the name of the Creator, and of the Liberator, and of the Sustainer* and that anyone baptised with one of these formulas would need to be baptised using the *forma absoluta*.

- http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/doc_sac_index.htm

1962 Missal: New prayer for Good Friday

On 5 February the Holy See issued a new prayer text to replace the Intercession in the Good Friday Liturgy 'for the Jews' for use in celebrations of the Extraordinary form of the Roman Rite. A number of Bishops' Conferences had asked that the prayer in the 1962 Missal be replaced. The text of the Prayer and a translation can be found on the website.

- www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Extraordinary

Relics of St Thérèse

The bishops of England & Wales have requested that the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux visit England. Over the last 15 years the relics have visited 40 countries in all five continents as well as being a frequent presence at significant events in Rome and elsewhere. The relics will visit England and Wales from 16 September to 7 October 2009.

- http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/~wwwcath_ezpublish/index.php/ccb/catholic_church/media_centre/press_releases/press_releases_2008/relics_of_st_therese_to_visit_england_and_wales

Syllabus for the Formation of Lay Liturgical Ministers

The Formation Subcommittee of the Department has been developing a Syllabus for the formation of lay liturgical ministers. It is intended to give an outline of both an introductory course and further development for ministers. The Syllabus has five modules: Introduction, Liturgy, Ministry, Particular Ministry and Spirituality. Course material is also being worked on.

In the Autumn three dioceses put on pilots of three of the modules: Arundel & Brighton — Spirituality, Hexham & Newcastle — Liturgy, Shrewsbury — Ministry. The diocesan teams reported back with

their evaluations at the February meeting of the Formation Subcommittee. Each diocese had been pleased with how well the pilots had gone both for the team and the participants. The teams had dedicated much time to preparing the courses and fed back to Subcommittee comments on what had worked well and what could be improved or needed to be reconsidered. The three dioceses made a short presentation to colleagues at the following meeting of diocesan liturgy contacts held at Hinsley Hall, Leeds.

It is intended that the Syllabus will be completed by the autumn for presentation to the bishops.

Calendar Notes 2009

Each year the Liturgy Office produces notes providing details of the liturgical calendar for the following year. It provides the moveable feasts for the year as well as dates for the Cycle of Prayer. As well as notes for 2009 draft notes are also provided for 2010. They are published on the Liturgy Office website.

- <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar>

Rest in Peace

John FitzGerald O Carm died on 28 November 2007. He joined the Carmelite Order in 1942 and was ordained priest in 1951. As a young friar he was sent to join the then 'Welsh Mission' of the Order and he grew to love the language, culture and people of Wales. He was a key figure in the translation of the Liturgy into Welsh and participated in the production of an ecumenical Welsh translation of the Bible. For many years he taught and was chaplain at University College, Aberystwyth.

Therese McCusker, who died on 14 December 2007. After studying at the Irish Institute for Pastoral Liturgy at Carlow she founded with Sr Ellen Flynn the St Vincent's Liturgy Centre based in Manchester. From the centre they worked with many parishes in the North West and across the country providing liturgical formation and promoting good practice. The centre was active 1989–1996. Therese was an accomplished organist, accompanist and trainer of cantors. Her final years were devoted to music in her home parish of St. Helen's, Crosby, Liverpool.

Seán Collins OFM died on 24 December 2007. He entered the Franciscan Order in 1963 and was ordained priest in 1972. He taught liturgy at Antonianum, and the Beda College, Rome before returning to Ireland to teach at the Milltown Institute, Dublin. In 1984 Seán came to the Irish National Centre for Liturgy then in Carlow as assistant director and succeeded the late Mgr Seán Swayne in 1986 as director and national secretary for liturgy, a position he held for six years.

Seán was appointed general secretary of the Franciscan Order in November 2006 and took up his appointment in January 2007 but returned home for treatment for lymph cancer in late June. Before leaving Rome, Seán received, at his own request, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the hands of the Minister General of the Franciscan Order, José Rodríguez Carballo, OFM, giving a moving testimony to the Fraternity of the General Curia: 'I was a teacher of the sacraments for many years. I used to teach my students that the sacrament contains and offers the grace it signifies. This sacrament is medicine for the body and the soul. I am confident that the Lord, through it, will help me in those times of physical weakness and trial ... I am serene and confident in the Lord...'

Almighty God and Father,
by the mystery of the cross,
you have made us strong;
by the sacrament of the
resurrection
you have sealed us as your own.
Look kindly upon your servants,
now freed from the bonds
of mortality,
and count them among
your saints in heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Order of Christian Funerals

The centenary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity offers us an opportunity to thank Almighty God for the fruits of the ecumenical movement, in which we can discern the presence of the Holy Spirit fostering the growth of all Christ's followers in unity of faith, hope and love. To pray for unity is itself "an effective means of obtaining the grace of unity" (*Unitatis Redintegratio*, 8), since it is a participation in the prayer of Jesus himself. When Christians pray together, "the goal of unity seems closer" (*Ut Unum Sint*, 22), for the presence of Christ in our midst (cf. Mt 18:20) fosters a profound harmony of mind and heart: we are able to look at each other in a new way, and to strengthen our resolve to overcome whatever keeps us apart.

On this day, then, we think back with gratitude to the work of so many individuals who, over the years, have sought to spread the practice of spiritual ecumenism through common prayer, conversion of heart and growth in communion. We also give thanks for the ecumenical dialogues which have borne abundant fruit in the past century.

Pope Benedict XVI
address to the Joint Working
Group of the World Council of
Churches and the Catholic Church
25 January 2007

Book reviews

Brief reviews of recent liturgical publications have previously been carried in *Liturgy Newsletter*. Because of pressure of space it has been decided that all further reviews, and details of books received, will be put directly on the Liturgy Office website. This has the advantage of allowing more substantial reviews of a broader selection of materials.

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Diocesan Reports

Each year diocesan liturgy contacts meet together with the Department's Formation Subcommittee and the Liturgy Office. Each diocese is invited to produce an annual report highlighting the work of its Liturgy Commission or equivalent body in the last year. Participants are also given copies of the annual reports prepared by the Committees and the Liturgy Office for the Department for Christian Life and Worship. These reports are also posted on the Department website [http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/index.php/ccb/catholic_church/catholic_bishops_conference_of_england_and_wales/departments/christian_life_and_worship/reports]

The following are brief extracts from some of the diocesan reports.

Arundel & Brighton

As well as the diocesan Guidelines on 'The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation', there is also an outline for a Confirmation Mass on the website, to assist deanery Confirmation co-ordinators, Confirmation catechists and all those responsible for Confirmation Masses. Bishop Kieran has again asked that all draft Confirmation Mass liturgies are sent to the Commission, and so we are able to assist our bishop by giving advice and guidance where necessary.

Cardiff

Reader Formation 2008: During Lent a Diocesan wide Formation Course for readers is taking place at three locations in different parts of the Archdiocese. The course covers such topics as: General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Techniques, Rubrics, Theology and the Prayer of the Faithful. A working party of Liturgy Commission and others has been working to put all this in place. Commissioning of Readers from all over the Archdiocese is due to take place at the Cathedral during the Easter Season.

Clifton

Certificate in Pastoral Liturgy: This course continued with a new intake of students, including our Permanent Diaconate students. The course aims to form pastoral liturgists for every parish community, so as to educate the Sunday Assembly and deepen its understanding of the ministry of all the baptised within the liturgy of the Church. The course includes units on the Liturgical Ministries, the Liturgical Movement/Developments in pastoral Liturgy since 1900, Liturgical Music and Resources, The Liturgical Year. Rite and Ritual, Pastoral Rites. This course may be taken as a certificate in Higher Education or as the first stage towards a Degree or Diploma in Theological Studies validated by the University of Bristol

Middlesbrough

Our Operational Plan 2007-2010 describes the planned objectives for 2007. It was an ambitious objective to have Sunday Mass sung in every parish, but there was great encouragement in parishes and may have moved forward. This will be an ongoing objective and has been

carried forward into 2008 and with the exception of the 'Music Day for Priests', most other implementations were covered to some degree. The plan focuses on one major aspect each year, 2007 was Music in Liturgy, and in 2008 the emphasis is on the Word.

Nottingham

The Bishop asked that a Ceremonial be created to guide individual deacons in their ministry and foster a common practice across the Diocese. This was distributed to all deacons and priests in the spring of 2007 and there was a follow-up meeting in Newark to give deacons an opportunity to share with each other and members of the Commission any issues relating to the Ceremonial and to their liturgical ministry in general. The general impression is that deacons have found the Ceremonial to be a useful document.

It is recognised by the Commission that there are much wider issues regarding the development of the provision for diaconal formation in the Diocese.

Southwark

The Archbishop of Southwark has been engaged in recent months with a wide-ranging consultation exercise to map out a vision for the Diocese and its needs for the future. The results of this consultation have now been collated and published and are themselves the subject for further study and reflection. To assist with this process the Southwark Liturgy Commission has been involved in preparing prayer materials for use in the Advent season.

At its March 2008 meeting the Commission will be invited to consider its response to the consultation results, to identify what work for the Commission might emerge and to plan strategies to implement in the coming years.

Shrewsbury

Musically, our major effort was a special celebration of Evening Prayer for St Cecilia's day, held in three venues in the diocese, after much planning and preparation by the music sub-committee.