

# *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* *Celebrating the Mass*

## Formation — Introductory Evening

### Introductory Session

*The session, an evening, is a balance between information and formation. It could be used for any halfday session.*

*It is based on the structure for an Introductory day [R021]. Depending on the nature of the group you may wish to take and replace elements from the day structure.*

*PowerPoint presentations have been prepared for each suggested section together with an accompanying handout.*

*If you do not have access to a projector or a technophobe — the presentations, with notes, may be used simply to assist your own preparation. For the presentation itself there are the handouts together with copies of the documents themselves.*

#### **1. Introduction**

- Of the Group (if they do not all already know each other)
- Of the Place (if necessary – toilets; fire exits; meal and tea/coffee arrangements)
- Of the Evening — Timetable

#### **2. Our Context**

- Question to the group: What are you expecting of the session? What are your expectations concerning GIRM/CTM? Buzz groups of 3 or 4  
*Alternative Questions might include: 'What have you already heard about GIRM/CTM?' or 'What is good about your parish's liturgy; what might be improved?'*
- Take feedback and briefly address any particular expectations that will not be met (E.g. Are there other resources that you can point people to that will meet their needs?)

#### **3. The General Instruction and the Year of the Eucharist**

*For an Evening Session is suggested to highlight the Year of the Eucharist using two brief extracts from Mane nobiscum, Domine: the invitation to study GIRM and renew the quality of Sunday Mass.*

*The PowerPoint presentation will need to be shortened accordingly.*

#### **4. General Instruction & Celebrating the Mass**

- [What is a General Instruction? (Powerpoint)] — may be shortened or omitted
- GIRM (Powerpoint)
- CTM (Powerpoint)

*The purpose of this section is to introduce the documents. The level of introduction will be difference depending on the needs of the group and whether they have had the opportunity to look at the documents prior to the sessions.*

*It may be important to stress that neither GIRM or CTM is calling for radical change rather they provide an opportunity to reflect on and renew current practice.*

*It will be important to highlight what is new but also to stress the need to attend to the quality of participation and celebration in general.*

*Allow time for Questions — may be pick up some of the issues raised in 2.*



## 5. **Moving Forward**

*The content of this session — which might form the bulk of the meeting — should be determined by area/issues that the diocese has already identified and the resources that it has decided to use.*

*The three components will be:*

- **Specific area/issue and how to approach it**

*Use the 'Opportunities and Challenges' sheets together with accompanying process as groupwork.*

*Feedback to share responses and raise questions.*

- **An introduction to the available resources**

*Presentation of Resources and how they might be used.*

*A Powerpoint presentation exists to introduce the full range of resources produced by the Liturgy Office. This can, of course, be adapted to include only those resources the diocese wishes to use.*

- **Overview of diocesan plans for further formation**

*If you are planning to use In Communion with Christ and/or With Hearts and Minds a separate time is likely to be needed to explore how to prepare clergy and parishes for these.*

*This is an opportunity to present formation plans but also to invite suggestions.*

## 6. **Conclusion**

*Allow time for final thoughts and questions.*

*Bring the Evening to a conclusion, in particular place it in the context of the planned ongoing formation.*

