

The International Commission on English in the Liturgy

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Meeting of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy

The eleven Bishops of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy have completed their translation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, from 8 to 12 September, they considered texts from the Proper and Common of Saints, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead, Antiphons, Introductory Documents and Appendixes, and revised them in the light of comments received from Bishops worldwide and from the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship. These texts will now be forwarded to the countries where English is used in the Mass, so that the respective Bishops' Conferences, having made local adaptations, can send them to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome for *recognitio*.

At their meeting the Bishops re-elected Bishop Arthur Roche of Leeds as Chairman, and Archbishop Denis Hart of Melbourne as Vice-chairman and Bishop Arthur Serratelli of Paterson, New Jersey as Treasurer. Bishop Denis Browne of Hamilton, New Zealand was elected Secretary.

The members of the Commission were pleased to have several guests join them for a portion of the meeting, including Archbishop Raymond Roussin, S.M. of Vancouver, Coadjutor Archbishop J. Michael Miller, C.S.B. also of Vancouver, Bishop Gerald Wiesner, O.M.I., Chairman of the Liturgy Commission for Canada, and Father William Burke, Secretary of the same Commission.

The Bishops welcomed news from their Conferences of a recent letter from Cardinal Arinze, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, to Presidents of several Bishops' Conferences, in which he has granted *recognitio* to a new English version of the Order of Mass, in the preparation of which the Commission has collaborated.

Also participating in the Commission's discussions were Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Canberra, Australia, Bishop Alan Hopes of Westminster, England, and Father Anthony Ruff, O.S.B. of Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota.

The Commission will meet twice in 2009, in January and July, to continue its work of translating into English the Latin texts of the Roman Rite.

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