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***Check the website of the Office for Divine Worship
for a complete listing of workshops and programs for 2012-2013***

YEAR OF FAITH

A **petition for the Prayer of the Faithful** for each Sunday of the *Year of Faith* can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

Also, see the archdiocesan website for the *Year of Faith* for easily down-loaded copies of the **Archdiocesan Prayer** for the *Year of Faith* and the **Litany** for the *Year of Faith*.

See the archdiocesan website for more information on the *Year of Faith*:

<http://archphila.org/yearoffaith/>

Also, check the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for additional information on the *Year of Faith*:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/index.cfm>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Usually **March 25** is transferred to Monday, April 8

Looking ahead...

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)

Saturday, 2 November 2013

The Rite of Marriage during Mass cannot be celebrated on All Souls Day. However, it is possible to celebrate the Rite of Marriage outside Mass on All Souls Day.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Office for Divine Worship now has the responsibility for direction, guidance and support of pastors and those who collaborate with them in the formation of adults for Christian Initiation. Additional information on Christian Initiation for adults can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*.

CONFIRMATION FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC ADULTS

The ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation for baptized Roman Catholics is the Bishop. Typically, this occurs during the pastoral visit of the Bishop to the parish. *Every effort should be made to prepare Catholic Adults for Confirmation to participate in the parish celebration with the Bishop.*

Additionally, Archbishop Chaput will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2013 during the 6:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The candidates for this sacramental celebration are baptized Roman Catholics who have been properly catechized for Confirmation (and if needed, for the reception of First Communion). Information about this celebration for pastors and those who assist with the formation and reception of the Sacraments of Initiation can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship..

If for some serious reason, a school age baptized Roman Catholic is unable to be confirmed by the Bishop during his pastoral visit to the parish, then this candidate, with the permission of the pastor, may be presented for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. The pastor's permission is to be included with the registration forms to be sent to the Office for Divine Worship.

A pastor who foresees the genuine pastoral need to confirm an adult baptized Roman Catholic can do so only with the specific delegation of the Bishop (see Canon 882 and *National Statutes for the Catechumenate*, nos. 28-29). Archbishop Chaput gives this faculty to all priests of the Archdiocese to confirm Roman Catholic Adults on any occasion from Palm Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. This delegation is required for the validity of the Sacrament in the case of a Roman Catholic candidate.

MASSES FOR THE NEOPHYTES AND ALSO A PENTECOST CELEBRATION During the Easter Season

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* provides helpful guidance for the pastoral care of the newly baptized adults at Easter:

247 Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community *its main setting is the so-called Masses for neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter season.* Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary, especially the readings for Year A. Even when Christian initiation has been celebrated outside the usual times, the texts for these Sunday Masses of the Easter season may be used.

248 All the neophytes and their godparents should make an effort to take part in the Masses for the neophytes and the entire local community should be invited to participate with them. *Special places in the congregation are to be reserved for the neophytes and their godparents. The homily and, as circumstances suggest, the general intercessions should take into account the presence and needs of the neophytes.*

249 To close the period of postbaptismal catechesis, *some sort of celebration should be held at the end of the Easter season near Pentecost Sunday;* festivities in keeping with local custom may accompany the occasion.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to have an appointment letter from the Archbishop.
- Pastors and chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions. Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also welcome to these sessions.
- Pastors and chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Divine Worship if they conduct their own formation and to send to this office their request for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- Request forms can be found on the Office for Divine Worship website. Letters of Appointment from the Archbishop will then follow.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are appointed for a three-year term and for the place where they are commissioned. Terms may be renewed if agreeable to both the pastor/chaplain and the minister.
- *Pastors are reminded to conduct the commissioning of new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion according to the rite found in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 63.*

*The Fall 2013 schedule of Archdiocesan Formation Sessions
for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.*

Register for these workshops directly online at the Office for Divine Worship website or call the Office for Divine Worship. Important information for the pastor/chaplain can be found online on the registration forms.

PUBLICATION OF SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY READINGS IN ON THE PARISH WEBSITE AND IN THE PARISH BULLETIN

Pastors are encouraged to publish aids for the Sunday and Weekday readings for Mass on the parish website and/or in the parish bulletin to foster a reading of the Word of God outside of Mass and also as a preparation for Mass. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the following website which could be published:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.