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LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEM

ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

The Ordination of Deacons is an Archdiocesan Celebration and all clergy and faithful are welcome to attend. Pastors are asked to make this information known in the most convenient way.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Sunday, June 18, 2017

A more solemn celebration of Mass on this Sunday is a most fitting way to observe this Solemnity. Liturgical exposition and a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament follow the norms found in the ritual book, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*. It is also possible to have exposition and a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament on a day near to the Solemnity, in anticipation or to recall its observance.

The *Sequence* is optional on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

The American observance of Father's Day on this day should in no way detract from this Sunday's celebration of the Mystery of Christ. A petition in the *Prayer of the Faithful* and the possible use of the *Prayer over the People* found in the *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1729-1733, provides for a suitable liturgical inclusion of Father's Day.

SAVE THE DATE

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage
to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC
Saturday, October 28, 2017**

*All Parishes, Schools and Institutions are encouraged to participate.
Look for more information in future editions of the Monthly Mailing.*

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Office for Divine Worship 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*.

- For the current Christian Initiation Information Periodic Mailing, see: <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/christian-initiation/>.
- The *Institute for Christian Initiation* will again take place next year. Please see the flyer attached to this edition of the Monthly Mailing.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

**LITURGICAL FORMATION WORKSHOPS
2017-2018**

CHRISTIAN INITIATION COORDINATORS FALL MEETING

Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 10:00 AM - Noon

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Crafting the Syllabus for the Catechetical Sessions for Adults and Children

Presenter, Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Saturdays, October 21, 2017, January 13, 2018 and March 3, 2018, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Presenter, Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Since 2008, the Office for Divine Worship has provided workshops throughout the fall and spring all throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors. These have in some instances been very well attended and in other instances poorly attended. For 2017-2018, the Office is experimenting with a new approach to the workshops.

For Lectors, Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Cathedral Chapel, 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Presenter, Sister Marganne Drago, SSJ

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Thursday, November 9, 2017
and Thursday, March 15, 2018, 7:00—9:00 PM

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Sick, Saturday, February 3, 2018,
10:00 AM-Noon

Cathedral Chapel, 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Presenter, Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to have an appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
- Candidates are to be fully initiated practicing Catholics, high school graduates, validly married (if married), recognized for faith and devotion to the Holy Eucharist as well as for service in the parish/institution.
- 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 attend.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion typically serve for three years. Pastors/chaplains may renew terms, if agreeable and in consultation with the minister.

- 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.
- All records of active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are maintained by the parish/institution.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned after participation in a training session, according to the form found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 63, “Order for the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.”**
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion only serve in the parishes/institutions for which they are commissioned.

TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

As of Pentecost 2015, only the revised *Order of Confirmation* may be used by priests when delegated by the Archbishop to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. This new ritual book is only published in a bi-lingual (Spanish-English) format by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To purchase a copy of *The Order for Confirmation*, see: <http://store.usccb.org/>.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS ON WEDDINGS IN CHAPELS

1. Only those Catholic colleges and universities that have requested and have been granted permission may celebrate weddings on a regular basis. To date four colleges/universities have been given this special permission: LaSalle University, Saint Joseph University, Rosemont College, and Cabrini College. (Villanova University’s Church, which serves as both the university chapel and parish church continues also to be a site for weddings on a regular basis.)
2. Pastors may give individual permission for a wedding in a chapel within the parish only on a “case by case” basis. Pastors cannot grant a blanket permission for a chapel to be used as the site of weddings. Those in charge of chapels cannot presume this permission and should not, therefore, advertise the chapel as being available for weddings.

3. Whenever a pastor gives an individual permission for a wedding in a chapel within his parish, the pastor remains responsible to see to it that any necessary delegation is granted and that all of the documentation and other pastoral, canonical, and liturgical preparations for the marriage are completed. Requests to the chancery for dispensations/permissions must be submitted by the parish - not the chapel. The wedding is recorded in the parish sacramental register.

DISPLAY OF FLAGS IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Surprisingly to many, there are no regulations of any kind governing the display of flags in Roman Catholic Churches. Neither the Code of Canon law, nor the liturgical books of the Roman rite comment on this practice. As a result, the question of whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic Church is left up to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, who in turn often delegates this to the discretion of the pastor.

The origin of the display of the American flag in many parishes in the United States appears to have its origins in the offering of prayers for those who served during the Second World War (1941-1945). At that time, many bishops and pastors provided a book of remembrance near the American flag, requesting prayers for loved ones – especially those serving their country in the armed forces – as a way of keeping before the attention of the faithful the needs of military families. This practice has since been confirmed in many places during the Korean, Viet Nam and Iraqi conflicts.

The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has in the past encouraged pastors not to place the flag within the sanctuary itself, in order to reserve that space for the altar, the ambo, the presidential chair and the tabernacle. Instead, the suggestion has been made that the American flag be placed outside the sanctuary, or in the vestibule of the Church together with a book of prayer requests. It remains, however, for the diocesan bishop to determine regulations in this matter.

LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

MAKE SURE YOUR PARISH RECEIVES THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION

Please notify the Office for Divine Worship if there are any changes to the Coordinators serving as liaisons between your parish and the Office for Divine Worship.

FOR THE MOST RECENT NEWSLETTER FROM THE USCCB

Individual issues of the Newsletter are posted online around the fifteenth of the month approximately three months after they have been released to subscribers.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/>

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/>.

FOR PAST MONTHLY MAILINGS OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP visit:

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/>

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

Basilica Music Academy

There are many opportunities over the summer to have your cantors refine their musical skills.

We offer a range of classes for sight-singing, vocal [reproduction and private lessons. Please check our website at <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/basilica-music-academy/>.

Communication between Pastors and the Parish Music Director

During the recent Archdiocesan workshop on liturgical music and the second edition of the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*, the topic arose of good communication between the Pastor and the Parish Music Director.

After introducing various options for the entrance (introit), Communion Antiphon and the Gloria, the discussion soon turned to the fact that many Parish Music Directors would like to incorporate these elements but were not permitted because of the Pastor would not allow it. This was especially the case with the obligatory use of the Gloria with the Ritual Mass for a Wedding.

In general, the overall communication and a relationship between the Pastor and the Parish Music Directory needs some renewed attention. There should be a willingness to collaborate and be receptive to new directives and guidelines throughout the Archdiocese. While this is the case in many instances, it is also not the case in many others. I encourage both the Pastor and the Parish Music Director to consider the positive impact on the congregation when the Pastor and the Parish Music Director work hand in hand to bring people into a deep understanding of the Liturgy through liturgical music.

There are many Parish Music Directors who would like to incorporate new ideas into their music program after they attend seminars and workshops in liturgical music formation. This is reason why communication and a relationship between the Pastor and the Parish Music Director is so very important.

Questions for the Director of Liturgical Music

I'd love to hear from you! If you have any specific questions or points you would like addressed in the coming Monthly Mailing for Priests, please feel free to email me at cangelini@archphila.org.