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CELEBRATION OF THE PARISH SUNDAY MASS
WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

The Office for Divine Worship will *no longer* send to pastors liturgical preparation forms in advance of a celebration of a *parish* Sunday Mass with the Archbishop. On these occasions, scheduled by the Archbishop's Office, the Office for Divine Worship is available to answer any pertinent questions. Liturgical Preparation forms will continue to be sent for special events celebrated in the parish with the Archbishop and for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- “In celebrations at which the Bishop presides, and especially in the celebration of the Eucharist led by the Bishop himself with the presbyterate, the deacons, and the people taking part, the mystery of the Church is revealed (GIRM, number 22).” For this reason, this solemn celebration of Mass calls for special care in the preparation of the liturgical celebration: the church itself, the music and liturgical ministers, and all that is required for the rites, including the sacred vessels.
- In the overall plan for liturgical music the parts that belong to the celebrant and people together should be sung, for example the Kyrie, the Gloria, the Holy, the Lord's Prayer and the Lamb of God. The choices for the Entrance, the Offertory and the Communion should correspond to the norms found in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, numbers, 48, 74, and 87.
- Notes for Altar Servers when the Archbishop celebrates can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Thursday, 2 February 2012

If at all possible, candles should be blessed at one of the scheduled Masses following one of the forms in the *Roman Missal*.

Pope John Paul II in 1997 established the World Day of Consecrated Life in conjunction with the celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. A remembrance of those in the Consecrated Life in the announcements and in the Prayer of the Faithful is especially fitting this day. In the United States the observance of the World Day of Consecrated Life is on the Sunday following February 2nd. Likewise, a remembrance of those in the Consecrated

Life in the announcements and in the Prayer of the Faithful is fitting on Sunday, 5 February 2012.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BLASE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS

Friday, 3 February 2012

The blessing of throats should be observed according to the directives and with the prayer found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 51.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Saturday, 11 February 2012

Pope John Paul II in 1992 established World Day of the Sick in conjunction with the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. A remembrance of the sick in the announcements and in the Prayer of the Faithful is especially fitting this day.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 22 February 2012

Ashes are distributed **only** on Ash Wednesday and **not** the days before or after. The directives and texts in the *Roman Missal* are to be observed.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Parish resources to promote a better understanding and preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Also, click the banner on the Archdiocesan home page, *God is Rich in Mercy*, for the same resources.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

AND THE RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS

AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES

Sunday, 26 February 2012

- Details regarding the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion have been distributed by e-mail by the Office for Divine Worship and can be found on its website.
- All priests are invited to vest in choir dress in the Neumann Room behind the Cathedral Basilica Sanctuary for the procession. The *Book of the Elect* is to be carried during the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion by someone other than a priest or deacon.
- Pastors should arrange for the *Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop* **prior** to the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion on the First Sunday of Lent. The *Celebration for Sending* is outlined in the ritual book, *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, numbers 530-546. The *Celebration for Sending* may take place in a celebration of the Word of God or at Mass.

The *Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates* will take place in two sessions during the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia:

<i>Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 6:30 PM</i>	<i>Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 2:30 PM</i>
Delaware County	Bucks County
Montgomery County	Chester County
Philadelphia North	Philadelphia South

Please click [here](#) for **Important Parish Information and Directives** for the *Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates* which include the necessary forms to be completed on-line by **27 January 2012**.

**CELEBRATION OF THE SCRUTINIES
AND PRESENTATIONS OF THE CREED
AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

The Rites Belonging to the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, numbers 138-205, found in the ritual book, *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, are to be carefully observed for the Elect. Any questions regarding these rites may be directed to the Office for Divine Worship.

VEILING OF STATUES

In the dioceses of the United States, crosses in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for the Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday. Statues in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Additional information can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

*Workshop on the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the Roman Missal
For priests, deacons, liturgical music ministers,
liturgical ministers and liturgical planners
Wednesday, 29 February 2012
7:00—9:00 PM
Cathedral Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103*

The third edition of the *Roman Missal* introduces revisions to texts, rubrics and liturgical music for the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum. This workshop will present these revisions and assist parishes with their implementation for 2012.

Register for this workshop by contacting the Office for Divine Worship by e-mail or phone.

Additional Information for Liturgical Preparation

The *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts (Paschale Solemnitatis)*, by the Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, is posted on the

website for the Office for Divine Worship. This letter provides helpful pastoral, theological and liturgical (as well liturgical music) information for pastors and preparers of the Liturgy for Lent, the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter Time.

Time of the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil should not begin before nightfall. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to the US Naval Observatory Astronomical Applications Department, occurs at 7:31 PM on 7 April 2012.

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*.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

In accord with the US National Statutes for Catechumens (26 June 1988) no. 33, Archbishop Chaput asks that you note:

Only the adult elect, that is, the unbaptized catechumens elected at the Rite of Election, are to be fully initiated with Baptism, Confirmation and reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord at the Easter Vigil, according to the rites outlined in the *Roman Missal*. Children may also be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Baptized non-Catholic Christians are to be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday or any Sunday of Easter Time. In fact, this reception can take place almost any time during the Church Year according to the rite outlined in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (cf. RCIA, nos. 473-504).

For many parishes, this represents an innovation that will require catechesis on the dignity of Baptism and the avoidance of any confusion between candidates for Baptism and baptized Christians.

RECEPTION OF BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS INTO THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults allows for people baptized in another Church or ecclesial community, although never treated as catechumens, to benefit from the doctrinal and spiritual formation of the unbaptized. Additionally, the use of the Combined Rites for catechumens and candidates gives the candidates an important sense of the Sacred Liturgy and participation with the Church leading to Confirmation and Communion. However, many candidates do not require a full program parallel to the catechumenate. Therefore, the directives provided in the US National Statutes for the Catechumenate for Reception into Full Communion (nos. 30-37) should be increasingly observed.

Valid Baptism and Conditional Baptism

All non-Catholic Christians seeking full communion must be validly baptized. The following norm is to be observed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with regard to the reception of candidates into the full communion of the Catholic Church:

Baptism is the doorway to all of the Sacraments. Therefore, the sacred minister needs moral certitude that a person was baptized with the Trinitarian formula and the triple water pouring/immersion before other Sacraments are celebrated. This moral certitude requires more than the evidence of a baptismal certificate and must be the case in each individual circumstance. Such moral certitude can often be readily obtained through inquiry with the candidate. When moral certitude is lacking, a conditional Baptism is necessary (see Canon 869 and National Statutes for the Catechumenate 37).

Additional information on valid baptism and conditional baptism can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

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, 27 May 2012 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.

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.

COLDS AND FLU

AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED LITURGY

- ❖ Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before Mass begins, or even use an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution in the pew before distributing, and after purifying their fingers after distributing Holy Communion;
- ❖ People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the chalice.

Priests are encouraged to use good pastoral common sense to allay the fears of the faithful during cold and flu season. An example of this might include refraining from the use of the Sign of Peace during the celebration of Mass and reminding the faithful not to receive the Precious Blood if they are ill.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Pastors and chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions listed below. 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.*

PLEASE REGISTER NOW!!!
WORKSHOPS
FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
7:00—9:00 PM

1 March 2012

Saint Agnes Parish, 445 North Main Street, Sellersville, PA 18960

8 March 2012

Saint Aloysius Parish, Beech & Hanover Streets, Pottstown, PA 19464

15 March 2012

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul (Chapel)
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

22 March 2012

Saint John Fisher Parish, Chichester Avenue & Rolling Glen Drive, Boothwyn, PA 19061

29 March 2012

Sacred Heart Parish, 203 Church Road, Oxford, PA 19363

***SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNION MINISTERS
SERVING IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, PRISONS,
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES***

Saturday, 3 March 2012, 9:00 AM-Noon
*Cathedral Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103*

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.

SATURDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2012

**The Association of Church Musicians in Philadelphia
Presents**

**WINTER WORKSHOP 2012
FOR ALL CLERGY AND LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTERS**

**Words, Meaning, Mystery
Does the Quality of our Music Measure Up?**

**Dr. Leo Nestor, presenter
Director of the Institute of Sacred Music
Catholic University of America**

8:15AM to 3:00PM
Saint Helena Church (Empress Room)
Blue Bell, PA

Check for details on the website of the *Association of Church Musicians of Philadelphia*:
www.acmpmusic.com