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*Check the website of the Office for Divine Worship
for a complete listing of workshops and programs for 2014*

LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sunday, February 2, 2014

The Blessing of Candles using one of the two forms in the *Roman Missal* should take place before the principal Mass.

Blessed 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 Universal Prayer is especially fitting this day.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Monday, February 3, 2014

The blessing of throats should be observed according to the directives and with the prayer found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 51. It is also possible for the blessing of throats to follow the celebration of Mass.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Blessed 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 Universal Prayer is especially fitting this day.

LOOKING AHEAD AT LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS IN 2014

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT AND THE RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES Sunday, March 9, 2014

- Details regarding the *Celebration of 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 *Celebration of the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion* by someone other than a priest or deacon.
- Parishes are encouraged to observe the *Sending of Catechumens for Election* (cf. RCIA, nos. 106-117) or the *Rite of Sending the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop and for the Call to Continuing Conversion* (cf. RCIA, nos. 434-445) or the *Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop* (cf. RCIA, nos. 530-546), depending on the local circumstances, the week or so before the *Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates*.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Saturday, November 1, 2014

All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Wedding Masses can be celebrated on the Solemnity of All Saints. The liturgical music, Mass formula and Lectionary texts are those of the Solemnity of All Saints. The Rite of Marriage is celebrated as usual following the homily. The Nuptial Blessing takes place as usual. The Solemn Blessing from the Rite of Marriage may be used instead of the Solemn Blessing for the Solemnity of All Saints.

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 the 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.

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*.

Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, PA First Sunday of Lent, 2014

Saturday, March 8, 2014 2:30 PM
Montgomery County and Philadelphia South

Saturday, March 8, 2014 6:30 PM
Bucks County and Delaware County

Sunday, March 9, 2014 2:30 PM
Chester and Philadelphia North

All correspondence has already been sent to the Christian Initiation Coordinators. If you have not received this information, please contact the Office for Divine Worship or see the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

Parishes are free to choose another time than the one assigned if necessary to promote greater participation of catechumens and candidates. The Call to Continuing Conversion is meant for adults (and not children) who are baptized and will be received into Full Communion and/or Confirmation and/or Communion but also have distanced themselves from the Faith.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR SPRING 2014

- **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.*

Register for this workshop directly online at the Office for Divine Worship website
or call the Office for Divine Worship.

*Additional workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Spanish speaking communities,
to be announced through the Office for Hispanic Catholics, and for various ethnic communities,
to be announced through the Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees.*

CANTOR TRAINING FOR SPRING 2014

For more information and to register for *Archdiocesan Cantor Training*, see:

<http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/music/forms/CantorTrainingRegistrationForm2013-14.pdf>

*Cantor Training for Spanish speaking communities,
to be announced through the Office for Hispanic Catholics.*

OTHER POINTS

Below are responses to inquiries to the Office for Divine Worship:

The Funeral Mass for Non-Catholics

In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in accord with *Canon 1183* and the *Order of Christian Funerals, number 18*, the Funeral Mass is not celebrated for a non-Catholic unless the conditions stated are satisfied. In such cases, the permission of the Diocesan Bishop is required, there was an expressed wish on the part of the deceased for the Funeral Mass and the minister of the Church or ecclesial community of the deceased is unavailable. The Archbishop does not grant a universal permission out of respect to the ecumenical community. Parish priests and deacons are encouraged to provide the Vigil for the Deceased, and/or the Funeral Liturgy outside Mass and/or the Rite of Committal without any permission necessary for a non-Catholic when requested to do so and the person's minister is unavailable.

The Mensa of the Altar is to be Covered with a White Cloth

Out of reverence for the celebration of the memorial of the Lord and for the banquet in which the Body and Blood of the Lord are offered, there should be, on an altar where this is celebrated, at least one cloth, white in color, whose shape, size, and decoration are in keeping with the altar's structure (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, number 304*).

The Proper Liturgical Books—the *Roman Missal* and the *Lectionary for Mass* are not to be replaced by electronic devices for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.