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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

**THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:  
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
Wednesday, January 1, 2014, is a Holy Day of Obligation

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
Saturday, 18 January through Saturday, 25 January 2014

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity should have, if possible, petitions in the Universal Prayer for this intention. Also, when possible during this week the Mass for the Unity of Christians may be used with the readings of the day and green vestments.

*The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity provides an excellent catechesis and resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the following website:*

*[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/chrstuni/weeks-prayer-doc/rc\\_pc\\_chrstuni\\_doc\\_20130528\\_week-prayer-2014\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/weeks-prayer-doc/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_20130528_week-prayer-2014_en.html)*

**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR THE DIOCESES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the Mass “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, of the Mass “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

*See the website of the Office for Divine Worship for plans for Eucharistic Exposition for January 22, <http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/pdf/LiturgicalPlanningGuidefor%201-23-12.pdf>*

*Petitions for the Universal Prayer for the intention of Respect Life can found on the website for the Office for Worship.*

**OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARIANNE COPE  
Thursday, January 23, 2014**

The Congregation for Divine Worship, this past July 2013, confirmed the request of the US Bishops for the addition of the optional memorial of Saint Marianne Cope to its Proper Calendar.

*Marianne Cope was born on January 23, 1838, in Darmstadt, Germany. In 1862, she entered the Sisters of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York, after having postponed her entrance nine years in order to fulfill family obligations. She was instrumental in the founding of several schools and hospitals for immigrants. In 1883, she led a group of Sisters to the Hawaiian Islands to care for the poor, especially those suffering from leprosy. In 1888 she went to Kalaupapa, Moloka'i, where she set a home for girls with leprosy. After the death of Saint Damien de Veuster, she also took over the home he built for boys. She died on August 9, 1918*

**LOOKING AHEAD AT LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS IN 2014**

*The Feast of The Presentation of the Lord*  
on Sunday, February 2, will replace the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul*  
on Sunday, June 29, will replace the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*The Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
on Sunday, September 14, will replace the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)*  
on Sunday, November 2, will replace the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The *Feast of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*  
on Sunday, November 9, will replace the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

## 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 and registration will be conducted electronically.  
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.*

### **Important Notice for Pastors:**

*Under no circumstances are consecrated hosts to be reserved in peoples' homes during the day or overnight for the Communion of the Sick. Every possible arrangement is to be made that hosts for the Communion of the Sick are to be given to the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion during the Communion of the Mass. If this is not possible, and with very good reason, then arrangements are to be made for the hosts to be obtained outside of Mass so that the Communion minister can then go immediately to the sick.*

## 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.*