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

ARCHDIOCESAN OBSERVANCE OF THE PAPAL TRANSITION

The liturgical and pastoral guidance for the archdiocesan observance of the papal transition can be found on the homepage of the archdiocesan website. These resources will be updated for the *sede vacante* and the election of the future pope.

A *Prayer for the Church*, provided by the Knights of Columbus, is available on their website for use during this period of the papal transition:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>

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

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is transferred to Monday, March 26.

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. A memo with regard to the Wednesday Confessions during Lent is attached.

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.

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 7:23 PM on March 30, 2013.

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*.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

In accord with the US National Statutes for the Catechumenate (11 November 86) 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 Solemn Paschal 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 practice continues to represent an innovation that requires catechesis on the dignity of Baptism and the avoidance of any confusion between candidates for Baptism and baptized Christians.

Candidates for the Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church should be encouraged to participate in the Easter Vigil, especially with a distinct place to sit among the faithful and acknowledged by the priest celebrant.

RECEPTION OF BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS (CANDIDATES) 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.

Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for baptized non-Catholics are an essential element of their Reception.

Reception of Candidates and 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, 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 after March 1, 2013.

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.

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

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

Saturday, March 2, 2013, 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.

SAVE THE DATE

***RCIA and Clergy
April 15 and 16, 2013
Saint Helena Parish, Blue Bell***

All priests and deacons are encouraged to participate in a two full-day program on the periods and steps for the Christian Initiation of Adults. This program is specifically designed

to assist clergy in their unique role of leadership and formation in Christian Initiation. Christian Initiation coordinators are welcome to join their pastors for this program.

This program will be conducted by the *North American Forum on the Catechumenate* and the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese.

For advance registration and more information, please contact the Office for Divine Worship at 215-587-3537 or worship@adphila.org.

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>.