

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

YEAR OF FAITH

OPENING MASS FOR YEAR OF FAITH
SUNDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2012
6:30 PM
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
PHILADELPHIA, PA
ALL ARE WELCOME

See the archdiocesan website for more details and 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>

The *Year of Faith* begins on October 11, 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

PARISH MASSES

Parishes are encouraged to celebrate the *Mass for the Church* or the *Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples* on Thursday, October 11, or on the following Sunday, October 14, to begin the observance of the *Year of Faith*. The readings are those of the weekday or the Sunday. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments has approved texts in Latin and

Italian for a special "Mass for New Evangelization." This Mass text will be made available as soon as the English translation is approved.

Porta Fidei, the Apostolic Letter of Pope Benedict XVI, calling for the *Year of Faith* and the *Pastoral Recommendations* suggested by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, 7 October 2012

A *Liturgy Guide* for Respect Life Sunday is provided for parishes in English and Spanish by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at the following website:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, 21 October 2012

The *Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples*, number 18 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions in the *Roman Missal*, may be used on World Mission Sunday. The Readings can be those of the Sunday or those for the *Evangelization of Peoples* in Volume IV of the *Lectioary for Mass*.

Additional information on the observance of World Mission Sunday can be found at the following website:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/evangelization-and-catechesis/world-missions/>

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Thursday, 1 November 2012 All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Saturday, 8 December 2012

The Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of Obligation.

Please see the website of the Office for Divine Worship for details on the Saturday celebration of this Holy Day:

<http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/pdf/Immaculate%20Conception%202012.pdf>

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

INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION

This Institute is a comprehensive, in-depth, and practical seminar, exploring and explaining the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* including:

- ◆ Liturgical and theological reflections on the steps and periods
- ◆ Demonstrations of all liturgical rites
- ◆ Plans for practical parish implementation
- ◆ Discussion of pastoral and canonical concerns

SAVE THE DATES
SATURDAYS, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

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

October 13, 2012
November 10, 2012
January 19, 2013
February 23, 2013
March 16, 2013

For Pastors, Priests, Deacons, Coordinators, Parish Teams, Catechists, Liturgical Musicians

For more information, check the attached flyer and the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

PLEASE REGISTER BY 8 OCTOBER 2012
To register, call or e-mail, the Office for Divine Worship