

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 2012

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YEAR OF FAITH

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.

Plans for the Archdiocesan observance of the *Year of Faith* will be posted on the Archdiocesan website beginning October 1, 2012.

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*.

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 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.

SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

A votive *Mass of the Holy Spirit* may be scheduled for the opening of the academic year on weekdays when there is no liturgical impediment. The *Roman Missal* provides three options for this Votive Mass. One of the prefaces of the Holy Spirit is used and red vestments are worn. The *Lectionary* texts for the day are preferable.

Also, see the options in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 5: Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers, for another way to liturgically celebrate the opening of the academic year.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, September 16, 2012

The theme for Catechetical Sunday is:
Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization.

Visit www.usccb.org and search for “Catechetical Sunday 2012” for resources in English and Spanish.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR CHILDREN
FOR USE WITH THE ROMAN MISSAL, THIRD EDITION

The three *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* for use with the *Roman Missal* are now available as a supplement to the Missal. Copies of these prayers can be obtained from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Publishing, www.usccbpublishing.org.

The introduction to the *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* highlights several significant pastoral and ritual issues. The *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* are strictly limited to Masses celebrated with children (no. 14). Emphasis is to be given to singing the responses and acclamations proper to the Prayers. Catechetical instruction on “internal participation” in the saving event of the Eucharistic Prayer should precede celebrations with children and the use of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Children*.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 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.**

WORKSHOP FOR LECTORS

Saturday, 22 September 2012, 10:00-12:00 Noon
Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

This workshop is especially for coordinators of parish lectors. All lectors, as well as priests and deacons, are welcome to participate. For more information, check the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

PLEASE REGISTER BY 14 SEPTEMBER 2012
To register, call or e-mail, 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
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