

**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 2009**

**SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS**

**December 8, 2009, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Tuesday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**December 25, 2009, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

Four PM is the earliest time in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

**January 1, 2010, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**

Friday, January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**BLESSINGS RELATED TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

The form for the blessing of an Advent Wreath, a Manger or Nativity Scene, a Christmas Tree, and of homes during the Christmas season, are found in the *Book of Blessings*. The introductions to these various blessings offer helpful pastoral and liturgical information. The provided blessings for an Advent Wreath and a Manger or Nativity Scene maintain an important balance and perspective with regard to these elements of devotion and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

**Roman Missal Formation**

**USCCB WEBSITE:** [www.USCCB.org/liturgy/romanmissalformation](http://www.USCCB.org/liturgy/romanmissalformation)

The fall workshops for priests on the new English translation of the Third Edition of the *Roman Missal* inaugurated a year long period of remote preparation for the eventual use of this new liturgical book in the United States. Priests are encouraged to check the USCCB website for additional information during this period of remote preparation.

An information session on the translation is scheduled for all Sisters in the Archdiocese on December 6, 2008, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Roxborough, Philadelphia. Please alert any Sisters on your staff about this important occasion.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Pastors and chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Worship if they are conducting their own training and to send to this office their request for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Request forms can be found on the Office for Worship website. Letters

of Appointment 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**WINTER WORKSHOP  
FOR ALL CLERGY AND LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTERS**

**Liturgy as a Collective Act: *Sing to the Lord* and the New *Roman Missal***

Saturday, February 6, 2010 – 9:00AM to 3:00PM  
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

*COMPLETE INFORMATION IN THE JANUARY MAILING*

If you need more information or a registration form for any of the above  
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