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OFFICE for WORSHIP

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Dear Bishop, Monsignor, Father and Deacon,

THE CARDINAL'S PASTORAL LETTER

The Office of Worship is happy to assist with the implementation of the Select Norms appended to the Cardinal's October 7, 2008, Pastoral Letter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Office for Worship. The Pastoral Letter and Select Norms have been widely distributed throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Letters of Appointment for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Office for Worship has sent Letters of Appointment for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the name of Cardinal Rigali to all of those who attended one of the 2008 Fall Archdiocesan Training Sessions and to those whose pastors requested permission to conduct their own training.

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.

Two Additional Training Sessions

Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
St. John the Evangelist Parish
21 South 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 7:00- 9:00 pm
Maternity BVM Parish
9222 Old Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115

Please use request/registration forms on the Office for Worship website.

SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

December 8, 2008, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The anticipated Mass on Sunday evening, December 7, may be the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

January 25, 2009, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments granted on January 25, 2008, the following special faculty for the Jubilee Year of Saint Paul:

Therefore, in force of the faculties attributed to this Congregation by the Supreme Pontiff, Benedict XVI, grants, in an extraordinary way, that next January 25, 2009, the Third Sunday "per annum", the singular churches can celebrate a Mass according to the formula *Conversion of St Paul, Apostle*, as found in the Roman Missal. In this case, the Second Reading of the Mass is taken from the Roman Lectionary for the Third Sunday "per annum", and the Creed is recited.

LITURGICAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

The spring flyer for the Liturgical Studies Certificate program is attached to this mailing. Please pass it on to interested staff members and parishioners. Additional information and the application form can be found on the Office for Worship website.

SAVE THE DATES!

A Workshop on *Sing to the Lord!*

A full day workshop on the USCCB document, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2009, at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. This workshop is designed for clergy, music ministers and anyone interested in the document. The new document replaces the previous documents, *Music in Catholic Worship* and *Liturgical Music Today*. The new document gives theological and liturgical directives on who, what, why and how to sing the Sacred Liturgy. More information will follow. Pastors, please pass this date on to your music ministers.

Theological Institute for Priests:

The *ARS CELEBRANDI* for the priest celebrant at Mass

Thursday, April 30, 2009, 10:30 am-2:30 pm

Immaculate Conception Chapel at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

Father Dennis Gill, presenter

This workshop will present the *ars celebrandi*—the art of celebration—for the priest celebrant at Mass with a focus on the rites particular to him. The plan for the workshop includes a theological introduction with regard to the why of prayerful, beautiful and reverent celebrations of the Mystery and a review and modeling of some of the rites with their associated chants. Benedict XVI states that the *ars celebrandi* is the best way to ensure for the priest himself and the faithful actual participation in a full and conscious way in the Eucharist (see SacC, 38).

ARCHIVES FOR OLD LITURGICAL BOOKS

Monsignor Francis Carbine began to collect old liturgical books for the Archdiocesan Archives. The Office for Worship continues this fine effort of Monsignor Carbine. If you have any old liturgical books that you think should be archived, please contact the Office for Worship.

ALL ARE INVITED!

Archdiocesan Choir Festival

celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Association of Church Musicians in Philadelphia
(ACMP)

and Saint Cecilia, Patroness of Music

Sunday, November 23, 2008, 3:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Dr. Elaine Rendler-McQueeney, guest speaker

All choirs and music ministers are invited to participate.

For more information, contact Cally Welsh, callywelsh@msn.com

If you have any questions about any of the above points, please don't hesitate to give me a call at the office or send me an e-mail, frdgill@adphila.org. The renovation of the Office for Worship website has been delayed. I apologize for this delay but now it should be ready to serve you. Please check the website for liturgical resources and helpful liturgical links, <http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship.htm>.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill
Director