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SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS:

November 1, Solemnity of All Saints

A Parish Mass or Masses should be scheduled for the faithful who desire to celebrate this solemnity even though this year it is not a day of obligation.

Wedding Masses may be celebrated this year on November 1. The ritual Mass for Marriage, however, is not used. The *Sacramentary* texts for the Solemnity of All Saints are used with the Rite of Marriage and the Nuptial Blessing. One of the *Lectionary* texts for the Solemnity of All Saints may be substituted with one of the readings from the *Lectionary* texts for the celebration of Marriage.

The Rite of Marriage outside Mass may also be celebrated.

Funeral Masses may also be celebrated this year on November 1.

The Saturday evening anticipated Mass is that of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

November 2, Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Information will follow, as directed by Cardinal Rigali, that all parishes schedule a period of Eucharistic Exposition on this day to pray for the Country as its citizens prepare to vote in the general election on November 4.

December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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

On the Name of God and the use of “Yahweh”

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments recently wrote on June 29, 2008, to all of the Bishops' Conferences on "The Name of God." This letter provides the biblical and theological reasons for avoiding the pronouncing of the tetragrammaton. Therefore, the Congregation directs that in liturgical celebrations, in songs and prayers, the name of God in the form of the tetragrammaton YHWH is neither to be used or pronounced.

The complete text of the letter from the Congregation for Divine Worship can be found on the website of the Office for Worship.

Catechesis on the Revised English Translation of the *Roman Missal*

The revised English translation for the Order of Mass can be found on the website of the Office for Worship.

The revised Order of Mass received the necessary recognition from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on June 23, 2008. This recognition of the Order of Mass has been granted in advance of the whole of the *Roman Missal* so that there will be sufficient time to allow for catechesis and the preparation of formation materials for both the clergy and the faithful. The text has not yet been promulgated for liturgical use and cannot be used for the celebration of Mass.

Priests and deacons are encouraged to download the revised English translation of the Order of Mass and begin reading it and praying with it. This is a first step toward its reverent and serene reception. The Secretariat of Divine Worship of the USCCB has currently established a website for ongoing catechesis for the implementation of the revised *Roman Missal* at www.USCCB.org/liturgy/missalformation.

The Office for Worship will provide as well a plan for catechesis and formation materials for both clergy and faithful in the Archdiocese.

Save the Date! 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 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. Save the date!

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, frgill@adphila.org.