

New or Changed Rubrics and Norms for Forms of Mass to be Observed by the Faithful in the Assembly

Introduction

The implementation of the new Order for celebrating Mass involves a few changes in our participation and a few refinements. The intention is to help the whole Church to celebrate in a harmonious way and yet retain appropriate opportunity for adaptation. For that reason, we have a combination of general rubrics which apply world-wide and others which the Bishops of the United States, or the local Ordinary have determined are appropriate. Everything included here can be found in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 2002* at the paragraph number indicated. (Emphasis added indicates a new perspective or a change from past practice.)

General

- “Although it is not always necessary (e.g. in weekday Masses) to sing all the texts that are of themselves meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people is not absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and holy days of obligation.” (40)
- “A common posture, to be observed by all participants, is a sign of unity of the member of the Christian community gathered for the Sacred liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants.” (42)

Introductory Rites

- Stand as usual from beginning of Entrance Song until end of Opening Prayer.
- The Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling with holy water may replace the Penitential Rite and is especially appropriate during Easter, at the celebration of Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Communion), and on occasional Sundays and solemnities outside Lent.
- The Gloria may not be replaced by any other text. It is sung or said on Sundays outside Advent and Lent, on solemnities and feasts, and at special celebrations. (53)

Liturgy of the Word

- Sit during the readings and psalm, stand for Alleluia and Gospel.
- The Alleluia or verse before the Gospel may be omitted if it is not sung.
- **Creed:** At the words, “by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary...” All make a profound bow. On the feast of the Annunciation and on Christmas, all genuflect.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Table and the Gifts

- Sit as usual until the indication to stand prior to the invitation to pray, “Pray friends that our sacrifice...” We are standing while we recite the prayer, “May the Lord accept this offering...” This change is meant to emphasize the priestly action of the assembly making the offering. (146) (Up until this time, we have been reciting this prayer while still seated, then we have changed posture to standing at the conclusion of the dialogue.)

Eucharistic Prayer

- Kneel – In the Diocese of the United States the faithful kneel from the end of the singing of the Holy, Holy until after the singing of the great Amen except when prevented by some good reason. Those who do not kneel should take care not to distract others, and they should make a profound bow as the priest genuflects at the consecration. (43)

Communion Rite

- Stand for the Lord’s Prayer.’
- “It is, however, appropriate that each person offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest and in a sober manner.” (82) “,,one may say, The peace of the Lord be with you always, to which the response is, Amen. (154) Ordinarily the priest will remain in the sanctuary and exchange the sign of peace with the other ministers. In the Dioceses of the United States, the priest may offer the sign to a few of the faithful near the sanctuary for a good reason on special occasions (for

example, funerals, weddings, when civic leaders are present)> (154/2)

- Since the Lamb of God is meant to accompany the fraction rite, the invocations will be repeated as many times as necessary to create a true litanic form, the last time ending in, grant us peace. No other chants or songs may be substituted for the Lamb of God. It is altogether fitting to insert other titles for Christ (tropes) in place of the words "Lamb of God" such as "Prince of Peace" "Lord of Lords".

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- May enter the sanctuary at this time, but remain a certain distance from the altar.
- The distribution of hosts into additional vessels and the pouring of the chalices needed for communion are reserved to the priest and deacon and should be done during the singing of the Lamb of God. The Fraction Rite is never to be initiated or carried out by an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. (83)
- "It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord's Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the instances when it is permitted they participate in the chalice (cf. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion will stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice being celebrated." (85) This is not a new directive, but it is given in much stronger language and therefore calls for a serious effort.
- The faithful kneel at the invitation to communion (This is the Lamb of God...)

Order for reception of communion:

- First the priest receives under both species
- Then he communicates the deacon under both species
- Then he communicates the extraordinary ministers assisted by the deacon with the chalice
- Finally the priest gives the ciboria and chalices to the ministers and all proceed

to the communion of the faithful. The Extraordinary ministers should not approach the altar to take the vessels themselves.

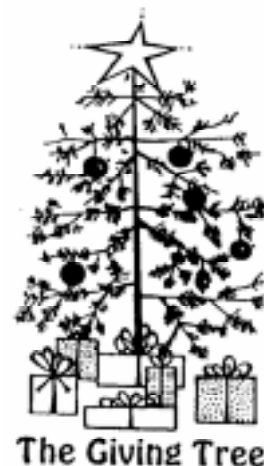
"The norm for reception of Holy Communion in the Diocese of the United States of America is standing." (160)

The Bishops, in determining this posture seek not only unity, but also safety and dignity in the communion procession.

- "When receiving Holy Communion standing, the communicant bows his or her head before the sacrament as a gesture of reverence...When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood." (160) It would seem best that the reverence should be made as the person just ahead is communicated.
- Extraordinary ministers may consume what remains of the Precious Blood in their chalices at the end of communion. Likewise, they may assist in the purification of the sacred vessels. The purification should be done at a side table immediately or in the sacristy after Mass.

Concluding Rites

- "When the prayer after communion is concluded, brief announcements to the people may be made, if they are needed." (166)



Youth Ministry

**NOVEMBER
CALENDAR**



30 NO CLASS – HOLIDAY

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 6** Fr. Leo's TREE TRIMMING by Spirit after 5:30
Mass/Xmas Dance Party 6th-12th grades
- 7** CLASS 6:30pm
Team teacher/Peer Leader mtng. 5pm
- 14** CLASS 6:30pm
- 21** NO CLASS – HOLIDAY
- 22** Toy Delivery to Memorial Day Care/Salvation
Army 9:30am/Lunch at CiCi's Pizza
- 25** Christmas
- 28** NO CLASS - HOLIDAY

Christmas Dance/Party for all Youth Ministry students is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th from 8pm-11pm. Bring a friend or two, a bag of chips/cookies and a 2 liter drink to share! The Spirit, 6th graders, are invited to trim Fr. Leo's Christmas tree immediately after the 5:30 Mass. Chaperones are always welcomed. Call Janice Rodrigue, 299-3509.

Woman to Woman Retreat

"From Roots to Fruits"

John 15:5

Note Date Correction

January 30 – February 1, 2004

Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson

CALL

Binnie Bauml

297-9239

Cost: Double (2 twin beds) \$105.00

Single Room \$175.00



WANTED: A Few Good Men
For Christ Renews His Parish Outreach to St. Jerome's. Contact George Hail, 233-6831.

DSF Update and \$1 Collections:

We have used all the \$1's collected since July and applied them to our DSF shortage as a second collection each week. The following is an update:

As of October 31, 2003 our DSF is:

Parish Goal	\$84,200
Amt. Pledged	-75,859
Balance (shortage)	\$8,341

Amt. pledged by families	\$75,859
Amt. paid by families	-68,442
Amt. owed by parishioners	\$7,417

Dollar Collections:

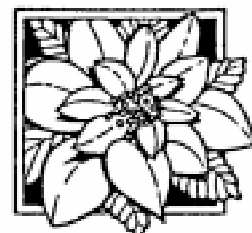
July (1week) & August	\$1,520
Sept.	1,145
Oct.	950
Amt. applied to shortage	\$3,615

DSF Shortage	\$8,341
Dollars (\$1's) Collected	-3,615
Balance of shortage	\$4,726

If you still owe on DSF, please try to pay your balance before Dec. 31. If not, we may have to start using the \$5's as a second collection. Thanks for all your dollars. Every dollar does count!



We are, again, offering the opportunity of donating toward the Christmas Poinsettias. If you would like to make this donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone, please make your \$15 check payable to St. Michael's and call the office with the details.



Poinsettias