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### **UPDATING YOUR PARISH LITURGICAL LIBRARY**

#### **The Eucharist**

*The Roman Missal and GIRM* – the third edition was published in 2011.

*Excerpts from the Roman Missal* – those texts used by the presider from the chair are also available in a separate volume; 2018

*The Lectionary* – 2<sup>nd</sup> edition; 4 volumes; updated in 1998/2002. A new version is currently in process.

*The Lectionary for Mass Supplement* – 2017

*Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass* – new translation 2024.

*Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest* – the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of this ritual text was released in 2007. An update reflecting the changes brought about by the Third Edition of the Roman Missal was published in 2012. The 2007 text is in both English and Spanish; the 2012 text is English only.

#### **Other Sacraments**

*The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* – 2024. Available in English, Spanish, and bilingual editions.

*The Order of Baptism of Children* – 2020 edition. Available in English and in bilingual editions (using the 2009 Spanish text).

*The Order of Confirmation* – Outside of the OCIA, a pastor may rarely be the one to celebrate the sacrament, and it would be good for the catechist preparing individuals for confirmation to have access to the ritual text. The most recent edition (a retranslation) was published in 2015 (bilingual edition).

*The Order of Penance* – 2023; a new translation. English only. Includes a change in the formula for absolution. Its use is now required.

*Pastoral Care of the Sick* – U.S. edition of all the texts needed for the sacramental care of the sick and the dying, including Anointing of the Sick and *Viaticum*, and rites used after death. There are two 1983 editions – one published before and the other after the promulgation of the new *Code of Canon Law*. It is the latter edition that you will want to have on hand, for now. (A quick check will reveal which edition you have: if #14 reads “may be conferred” it is the older edition; if it reads “is to be conferred” then you have the right one.) A new translation and re-ordering of the texts has been completed and is set for implementation in early 2026 (first use February 11; mandatory use April 5), this ritual book will replace the current *Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum*, and will be available in English and Spanish. This new ritual book will return to the ordering of the Latin typical edition and reduce the number of options available, and is intended for use only by priests and deacons. A separate ritual book for lay ministers will be produced by the USCCB.

*The Order of Celebrating Matrimony* – 2016. The second edition of this ritual book has been published in English. The Spanish edition was published in 2010. There is one bilingual edition of the ritual text available (though it cites but does not reproduce the readings).

### Other Rites

*The Order of Christian Funerals* – 1989 edition; Appendix for Cremation (1997).

*The Book of Blessings* – 1989 edition.

*The Ordination Rites* – a new translation was approved by the Holy See and published by the USCCB in 2021. Its use is now obligatory.

### Optional Ritual Texts

While not strictly necessary, the following really ought to be part of a parish's liturgical library:

*The Book of the Gospels* – revised in 2000.

*The Liturgy of the Hours* – 1986 edition. There is 1992 *Supplement* to the LOH.

The entire LOH is currently being retranslated and updated, with a 2025 estimated completion date. The hymnal for the breviary was approved in 2019. The Secretariat anticipates that it will be published in 2026-2027.

*Abbey Psalms and Canticles* – 2020. This is the translation of the psalms that will be used in all liturgical books, including the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

*Exorcisms and Related Supplications* – The revised rite has now been published (2017), though it is available only to bishops.

*Prayers Against the Powers of Darkness (Súplicas contra el poder de las tinieblas)* contains the complete text of "Supplications Which May Be Used by the Faithful Privately in Their Struggle Against the Powers of Darkness," which is Appendix II of *Exorcisms and Related Supplications*, the ritual book used by exorcists.

*The Lectionary for Masses with Children* – approved in 1993 for use in Masses where most participants are children, or for Children's Liturgy of the Word, these texts have also been revised and are awaiting approval in Rome. Therefore, a parish would do well postponing any purchase at this time. However, if a copy is needed, a combined Sunday and weekday edition is again available from Catholic Book Publishing.

*The Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* – not retranslated (that work is still pending), but with changes to reflect the Third Edition of the Roman Missal; published as a separate booklet by the USCCB in 2011.

*Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* – While these will eventually be retranslated, the 1990 edition may be used as long as the proper changes are made to match the wording of the new Missal. A new edition with changes to match the wording of the new Missal was published in 2012.

*Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist* – The Liturgical Press took the norms from *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass* and prepared a number of Eucharistic services; helpful if you don't want to do all the preparatory work. It will need to be revised in light of the new HCWEMOM.

*Blessing of a Child in the Womb / Bendición de una criatura en el vientre materno (bilingual)* – The English and Spanish versions were approved and are now available as stand-alone documents (2012). This text will be included in the *Book of Blessings* and *Bendicional* when they are revised.

#### Instituted Ministries: Catechist, Lector, Acolyte

The Latin texts for institution into these ministries will need to go through the usual process of translation and approval by the USCCB. No timeline is projected for the full implementation of this yet. Complementary norms for Canon 230.1 will have to be promulgated for the USA. Committees have been formed to develop the formation program for these ministries. Please bear in mind that this will be a leadership position; it is not meant for every volunteer catechist, server, and reader at the parish.

#### Other Resources

*The Code of Canon Law* – 1983; later additions by Pope John Paul II are included in the updated translation and commentary from the Canon Law Society of America – 2000. There have been subsequent additions since then.

*The Ceremonial of Bishops* – 1984 edition. A new *editio typica* was published in 2008, but there is no English translation available.

#### Liturgical Documents

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Liturgy Documents Volume I: Essential Documents for Parish Worship*. 5th edition. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2012.

This reference includes key documents, such as the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, the GIRM, the *Introduction to the Lectionary*, *Built of Living Stones*, and *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship* among others. The focus of this volume is on parish celebrations of the Sunday liturgy.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Liturgy Documents Volume II: Essential Documents for Parish Sacramental Rites and Other Liturgies*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2012.

Emphasis is on the *praenotanda* for the various sacraments and other rites. An updated edition is in the works.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Liturgy Documents Volume III: Foundational Documents on the Origins and Implementation of Sacrosanctum Concilium*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2013.

This volume will focus on the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the documents that led up to it, and the instructions that followed.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Liturgy Documents Volume IV*. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2013.

This volume will focus on contemporary liturgical issues.

#### Update on Spanish Language Resources

The USCCB has been working on Spanish language texts for use in the United States. If a specific edition for the United States is not yet available, an approved edition from another country (e.g. Mexico) may be used until the US edition is ready.

The following resources are available now:

*Roman Missal (Misal Romano, Tercera Edición)* – now in effect (2018).

*Rite of Baptism of Children / Ritual para el Bautismo de los niños* (2009; Spanish edition for the US – so this edition must be used) – from USCCB, Liturgical Press, and Liturgy Training Publications; bilingual versions (with the new English OBC) are available.

*Order of Christian Funerals / Ritual de exequias cristianas* (bilingual and Spanish editions; 2002) – The Liturgical Press

*Pastoral Care of the Sick* – Liturgy Training Publications; a bilingual pocket edition is available from Catholic Book Publishing Corp.

*Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest / Celebraciones dominicales en ausencia de presbítero* (2006; bilingual edition) – USCCB

*Bendición al cumplir quince años (Quinceañera)* – bilingual; also available on USCCB website (2008).

*OCIA / Rito de la Iniciación cristiana de adultos (RICA)* – 2024. See above.

*Rite of Confirmation* (bilingual edition) – USCCB, 2016.

*Rite of Marriage / Ritual de la Matrimonio* (2010; Spanish edition for the US – so this edition must be used) – from USCCB, Liturgical Press (a bilingual version is also available), and Liturgy Training Publications

*Administration of Communion and Viaticum by an Extraordinary Minister / La Sagrada Comunión y el Viático Administrados por un Ministro Extraordinario* – USCCB 2013

The following are still in the works:

The *Sunday Lectionary* (volume 1) and *Weekday and Ritual Lectionary* (volumes 2-4)

The U.S. edition of the *Leccionario de la Misa* is currently on hold. Once approved and promulgated, no other Spanish versions of the *Leccionario* will be permitted for liturgical use in the United States, including the Mexican edition currently in widespread use. USCCB Communications will be the sole publisher of the *Leccionario* for use in the United States. Like its English counterpart, the new *Leccionario* will be published in four volumes. A Spanish-language Book of the Gospels, the *Evangeluario*, will follow after the publication of the *Leccionario*.

*Book of Blessings (Bendicional)* – Various revisions to the USCCB Spanish translation of the Book of Blessings requested by the Holy See were submitted in 2021. In its content and arrangement, it should be consistent with the English edition. Approval of the Holy See is pending.

*Rite of Ordination* – not yet available for the US

*Rite of Penance* – translation for US in progress

Liturgical Press offers liturgical books from Mexico. For example, the Book of Blessings (*Bendicional*) and Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass (*Ritual de la Sagrada Comuni3n y del Culto Eucarístico fuera de la Misa*) can be obtained from here.

Other resources to consider include:

Brankin, Patrick, *Bilingual Ritual of Hispanic Popular Catholicism*. New Hope, KY: New Hope Publications, 2002 (third printing 2006). Available from WLP.

Francis, Mark R., CSV. *Liturgy in a Culturally Diverse Community: A Guide Towards Understanding / La liturgia en una Comunidad de Diversas Culturas: Una Guía para Entenderla*. Washington, DC: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, 2013.

Gomez, Raúl, Heliodoro Lucatero, and Sylvia Sánchez. *Gift and Promise/Don y Promesa: Customs and Traditions in Hispanic Rites of Marriage*, second edition. Washington, DC: Instituto de Liturgia Hispana, 2005. Available from OCP.