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MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

From: Fr. Zachary Boazman, Associate Director of the Secretariat for Divine Worship

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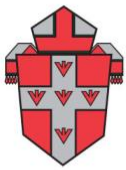
Re: Various Reminders in Preparation for Lent, Update on Liturgical Planning Form

My Brother Priests,

In anticipation of the upcoming Lenten season, I want to send out a few reminders and an update. Ash Wednesday, March 5, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, and beginning on this date, the newly translated *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* is required to be used. We will celebrate the Rite of Election at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine on March 9, 2025 at 3:30 pm. Remember that priests and deacons are invited to vest with a purple stole and alb or cassock and surplice and process in.

In anticipation of the Easter season, I wish to remind priests that, pursuant to the revised Priest faculties issued last fall, priests no longer have blanket permission to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to adult baptized Catholics who were previously uncatechized. This does not apply to baptized non-Catholics whom priests receive into full communion with the Catholic Church, nor does it apply to unbaptized catechumens who are fully initiated at the Easter Vigil. Priests still have the faculty to confirm these individuals. However, many OCIA programs often welcome Catholics baptized as infants but who were never catechized and/or confirmed. The Archbishop may confirm these at the parish confirmation Mass. If this is not possible, please get in touch with the Office of the Archbishop to secure his permission for the pastor to confirm these uncatechized adult baptized Catholics at the Easter Vigil or at another time.

Finally, as many of my brother priests have heard, the Office of the Archbishop and the Secretariat for Divine Worship now require the “Liturgical Planning Form” (<https://archokc.org/episcopal-liturgy>) to be completed for every Mass and Liturgical celebration which Archbishop Coakley celebrates at a parish, for a group, or even for an office of the Catholic Pastoral Center. This protocol is standard in many dioceses and ensures the preparedness and quality of the liturgies celebrated by the local ordinary. While some have taken note that the form is lengthy and quite detailed, many have found the exercise to be helpful for



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the proper planning of the liturgy when the Archbishop comes. The form is designed so that different members of the parish team can take different pages to fill out, encouraging collaboration within the parish. The level of detail helps pastors and liturgical coordinators make informed decisions to ensure the liturgy is well prepared. Know that the Secretariat for Divine Worship and the Office of the Archbishop are happy to assist you, if necessary, in completing the form. I encourage all those entrusted with liturgical preparation to see this form as a tool, not a burden, which you might be able to adapt and use at your own parish or organization.

Thank you for all your hard work. May God continue to bless your efforts and pour out His spirit of repentance upon all of us during this upcoming Lenten season.

In Christ,

Fr. Zachary Boazman

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