



After an absence of several years, *Liturgy Update* is being revived as a means of collating timely information to those connected with liturgical ministry in local parishes.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:



Any parishes or institutions in the diocese that have not submitted to the Office of Worship and Liturgical

Music the revised roster listing of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to do so at their earliest convenience. Please contact the Office of Worship (419-244-6711). Certificates will be prepared and sent once we receive the roster listing.

Please be sure that the names of deacons and instituted acolytes in your parishes are not listed among the names of extraordinary ministers since they are ordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

School communities that have students or faculty members distributing Holy Communion are reminded to submit their names at the start of each school year. A special certificate has been designed for school communities. Commissioning in these instances is yearly.

Eulogies at Funerals:

A challenge has arisen within the celebration of Funeral Masses and Funerals outside of Mass regarding eulogies. Those who prepare the funeral liturgy in the parish are reminded that the Order of Christian Funerals states that “a member of the family” may offer some brief words before the Rite of Commendation. Note that the directive indicates ‘a’ person. This implies one person. Any lengthy tributes or eulogies numbering more than one are best included before the Rite of Reception at the door or before the singing of the Opening Hymn in the case of a memorial Mass. Other tributes including visual remembrances are encouraged at the funeral home during visitation.

Scheduling Liturgical Ministers:

A new software company called Rotunda Software has designed a computer program to assist with the scheduling of liturgical ministers. Minister Scheduler Pro personalizes schedules and schedule cover sheets, emails including weekly service reminders, provides a web page space where each minister can view and change their serving preferences, correspondence based on attendance records. Seven parishes in the diocese are using this technology. Contact: David Beck, Rotunda Software, 888-622-0949 or visit www.MinisterSchedulerPro.com.

Summorum Pontificum:

On July 7, 2007 Pope Benedict XVI published an Apostolic Letter in the form of "Muto Proprio" allowing for a wider usage of the liturgical books in force in 1962 (Tridentine Mass approved by Pope John XXIII). In an effort to reconcile factions that have resulted from the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Pope expresses his hope that by allowing a freer use of the "extraordinary form" the Church might come to an "interior reconciliation." At the same time, requests for the extraordinary form of Mass include specific requisites. Securing priests who have been trained specifically in the rubrical postures and format of the Tridentine Mass, a facility with the Latin language are among some of the key requisites. **September 14, 2007**, the feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, has been chosen as the date of implementation.

Diocesan RCIA Workshop:

The Toledo Diocesan RCIA Committee is sponsoring a day-long workshop on the *Scrutinies and Preparatory Rites* at St. Michael Parish, Findlay on Saturday, October 13, 2007, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Anne Koester, Associate Director of the Georgetown Center for Liturgy in Washington, DC, will guide participants through an understanding of these rites, their underlying theology and meaning and the pastoral integrity they bring to the process of conversion. Cost is \$10 per person or \$50 per parish if multiple persons attend. Contact Dan Demski at the Office of Worship and Liturgical Music: 419-244-6711. Flyers have been forwarded to all parishes in the diocese.

From the BCL:

In 2008, the traditional date of Saint Patrick's day (March 17th) falls on Monday of Holy Week. In most of the Dioceses of the United States of America, therefore, the feast will not be commemorated liturgically.

In those places where Saint Patrick is the principal patron of a particular church (Table of Liturgical Days, no. 4c) it is, customarily, commemorated as a solemnity. Because number 60 of the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar allows that "a solemnity impeded by a liturgical day that takes precedence over it should be transferred to the closest day not listed in nos. 1-8 in the table of precedence..." this solemnity may be transferred to Friday, March 14th. It might be noted that, as previously announced in the BCL Newsletter (September, 2006), the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has established that in the year 2008, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph will be transferred from the Wednesday of Holy Week to March 15th, that is, the Saturday preceding Palm Sunday. This decision impedes the transfer of the solemnity of Saint Patrick to March 15th.

Here to serve you:

As an office within the Secretariat of Pastoral Leadership, the Office of Worship and Liturgical Music is staffed by three persons. Fr. Charles Singler serves as Director of the Office of Worship and Liturgical Music. In addition to his part-time responsibilities and oversight of the office, he also serves as rector of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Mr. Paul Monachino oversees direction on matters pertaining to liturgical music in the diocese and also serves as the Director of Liturgical Music at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Mr. Daniel Demski serves in an administrative role for the Secretariat for Pastoral Leadership and provides liturgical consultation to parishes and the preparation of liturgical celebrations involving the diocesan bishop.

Please route this communication to the appropriate staff person:

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