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## **Implementation of the third edition of the Roman Missal to begin soon**

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I hope now that summer has arrived that it is a blessed time for you. The diocese was blessed on July 1, the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with the ordination of two new priests, Father Neil Pfeifer and Father Christopher Markman. The celebration was truly joy-filled!

Let us also remember to keep in prayer those who continue to suffer throughout the state with flooding, most especially in the Minot and Devils Lake areas. Let us, too, keep our farmers in prayer throughout the summer, praying for good weather and bountiful crops.

At the United States Bishops' June meeting, the bishops decided to implement the sung ordinary parts of the Mass from the new translation of the Roman Missal beginning in September rather than all at once on the First Sunday in Advent. This gradual approach will allow the changes and music to be introduced over a three-month period.

As many of you are aware, a new translation of the Roman Missal for the celebration of the Mass was completed last summer. The translation conforms much more closely with the Latin original text, uses reverential language, and is the same for all English speaking countries throughout the world. Beginning in September, every parish in the diocese will have new music and cards in the pews to assist parishioners with the transition.

To prepare parish musicians for the transition, a well-attended and successful workshop was held in Fargo on June 21 and other workshops are being planned for mid-August. Please see the timeline for implementation at the bottom of this page.

Over several weeks this fall, there will be bulletin inserts explaining the new translation and the reasons for the changes made and, most importantly, the inserts will provide a full catechesis on the Mass. Very little of this was done when the changes were made in the late 1960s, so it will be a time of renewal and deepening our understanding of the Eucharistic liturgy.

During the three months from September to December, you will also be hearing homilies on the Mass covering the meaning and significance of its various aspects. I encourage you to read the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist and the liturgy.

There are two pertinent sections to read. Both are within the second part of the Catechism, "The Celebration of the Christian Mystery."

- The first is in section one, titled "The Sacramental Economy." Don't let the title scare you off as it provides the teaching of the Church on the celebration of the Liturgy. The paragraph numbers are 1076-1209.
- The second is titled, "The Sacrament of the Eucharist" and the paragraph numbers are 1322-1419. If you do not own a copy of the catechism, it may be found online at [www.vatican.va/archive/ccc/index.htm](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc/index.htm).

There will also be more articles in New Earth in September through December.

Let us pray that this will truly be a time of renewal of our reverent and interior participation in the Eucharistic mystery as we offer ourselves with Christ to the Father in his one sacrifice.

As your bishop, my hope and prayer is that during these three months of catechesis our knowledge and understanding of the truths and graces of the Eucharist will grow and deepen and we will recognize more profoundly the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the unity he brings to our diocese.

As we feed on his body and blood, we will be able to make ourselves a total self gift to the Father in love as Jesus did and it will lead us into deeper intimacy and unity with each Person of the Trinity.

### **Timeline of music implementation for the Diocese of Fargo - Roman Missal, 3rd edition**

- **Sept. 10 and 11** Introduction of new Penitential Rite.
- **Sept. 17 and 18** Introduction of new Glory to God.
- **Oct. 8 and 9** Introduction of new Holy, Holy, Holy.
- **Oct. 15 and 16** Introduction of new Creed.
- **Oct. 22 and 23** Introduction of new Memorial Acclamations.
- **Nov. 12 and 13** Introduction of new Lamb of God.
- **Nov. 26 and 27** Introduction of full third edition of the Roman Missal, dialogues, presidential prayers, prefaces and Eucharistic prayers.