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Welcome to the first issue of *Liturgical Notes*, the newsletter of the Office of Worship.

*Liturgical Notes* is designed to provide up-to-date information regarding the sacred liturgy in the Diocese of Lansing, and to inform readers of pertinent national and international developments in divine worship. This newsletter is intended for use by:

- ❖ Priests
- ❖ Deacons
- ❖ Religious
- ❖ RCIA directors
- ❖ Musicians
- ❖ Adult faith formation directors
- ❖ Principals
- ❖ Directors of Religious Education
- ❖ Confirmation coordinators
- ❖ Wedding coordinators
- ❖ Worship commissions
- ❖ Sacristans
- ❖ Members of the faithful with an interest in the sacred liturgy

*Liturgical Notes* will be published and archived on the Office of Worship web page for easy reference.

It is my hope that this publication will serve to advance and support the liturgical ministries in the Diocese of Lansing.

May the Advent and Christmas seasons be a time of blessing for you.

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*From the Vatican:*

## NEW PREFECT NAMED FOR THE CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS

On Sunday, 23 November 2014, the Holy Father named Cardinal Robert Sarah as Prefect for the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Cardinal Sarah has been serving as President of the Pontifical Council 'Cor Unum'.



Robert Sarah was born in Ourous in the archdiocese of Conakry in Guinea, on June 15, 1945. He was ordained priest on July 20, 1969 and was then sent to Rome, where he obtained a licentiate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He also studied at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and obtained a licentiate in Sacred Scriptures from the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum in Jerusalem. He returned to Guinea where he served as a parish priest and then rector of the junior seminary of Kindia. He was appointed archbishop of Conakry on August 13, 1979, where he served until October 2001 when he was appointed secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. On October 7, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him president of the 'Cor Unum' Pontifical Council and was created cardinal in the consistory of November 20, 2010 with the title of Cardinal Deacon of the church of San Giovanni Bosco in via Tuscolana. 'Cor Unum' is the agency of the Holy See responsible for coordinating the organizations and charitable activities promoted by the Catholic Church. On December 29, 2010, Cardinal Sarah was appointed a member of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, Pontifical Council for the Laity, and the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.



*USCCB Update:*

## SUMMARY OF USCCB FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTIONS ON LITURGICAL MATTERS

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) 2014 Fall General Assembly was held in Baltimore November 10-13. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship presented five liturgical items for vote, all of which were approved:

- A revision to the *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities*.

A document first published by the U.S. Bishops in 1995, the Committee sought permission to revise *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities* in light of medical developments and increased awareness of some of the challenges faced by Catholics today. One example of such a challenge is the greater awareness today of those with gluten intolerance (Celiac disease) and the need to continue to provide for their sacramental and spiritual needs. Upon the approval of the Bishops, the Committee on Divine Worship, working closely with the Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance as well as the Committee on Evangelization and

Catechesis, will begin the work of revision immediately for future approval by the bishops at a general meeting.

- A revised translation of *The Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar*.

Promulgated in Latin in 1977 and first translated in 1989, the Latin edition of this book was slightly modified in 1983 with the publication of the *Code of Canon Law*. This rite is used whenever a new church is built or when a new altar is made. The ritual mirrors the rite of baptism, washing and anointing the building and altar, rendering them fit for worship in the same way that the Christian is washed and anointed in baptism, thereby becoming fit for sacramental worship, too. The revised English translation incorporates the modifications from the *Code of Canon Law* as well as bringing the translation into conformity with the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*.

- The first ever official English translation of the ritual book *Exorcisms and Related Supplications*.

Revised after the Second Vatican Council, this ritual was promulgated in Latin in 1999 with an amended version in 2004. The main part of this book is the rite of major exorcism and includes an introduction outlining criteria for its use, which is always the decision of the bishop alone. While this text affirms the reality of evil in the world, it even more so affirms the sovereignty of Christ to overcome any and all evil.

- An updated *Supplement to the Liturgy of the Hours*.

An English translation of the prayers used for the feast days of saints who have been added to the General Calendar since 1984.

- Changes to the *Revised Grail Psalter*.

There have been several changes to the *Grail Psalter* even after it was approved for liturgical use by the USCCB and received the *recognitio* from the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments (2010). Most of these changes were made to improve the rhythm of the text and, therefore, make them easier to sing.

USCCB

## LITURGICAL TEXTS IN SPANISH

The release of the *Leccionario* has been postponed in order to make editorial corrections. The USCCB Secretariat for Divine Worship expects that the *recognitio* for the *Misal Romano* will be received any day now from Rome and anticipates that it will be available in print next year.



## DIOCESE OF LANSING CALENDAR ADVISORY 2015

The Office of Worship recently released the *Diocese of Lansing Calendar Advisory 2015*. This year's calendar advisory includes dates of special interest in the Diocese of Lansing, including the feast of the Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral (December 9), the dates of the Rite(s) of Election, as well as the Diaconate and Presbyteral Ordinations. Also, for the first time, the complete *Necrology of the Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Lansing* is integrated into the calendar as a daily reminder to keep the deceased clergy of our diocese in prayer. As a further aid to daily prayer, the monthly General and Evangelization intentions of the Holy Father are included as well.

The 2015 *Diocese of Lansing Calendar Advisory* is found here:

[http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/sites/default/files/files/DofL\\_Liturgical\\_Calendar\\_2015.pdf](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/sites/default/files/files/DofL_Liturgical_Calendar_2015.pdf)



### Advent & Christmas

#### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

A *Liturgy Preparation Guide for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas 2015*, including the Rite of Reconciliation of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution and the two revised proclamations of the *Roman Missal, third edition* (The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ to be sung at Midnight Mass; the Proclamation of the Date of Easter to be sung on the Solemnity of the Epiphany) has been issued by the Office of Worship. This resource may be found here:

[http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/sites/default/files/files/2014\\_advent\\_christmas.pdf](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/sites/default/files/files/2014_advent_christmas.pdf)



### Confirmation

#### 2015 WINTER/SPRING CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

The Winter/Spring Confirmation Schedule has been released. It is available here:

[http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/office\\_of\\_the\\_bishop](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/office_of_the_bishop)

RITE OF ELECTION  
AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

The dates, times and host parishes for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion are:

Saturday, February 21  
Ann Arbor: Saint Francis of Assisi, 9:30 AM  
Fenton: Saint John the Evangelist, 2:00 PM

Sunday, February 22  
Lansing: Saint Gerard, 3:00 PM

Forms for the Rite of Election are found on pages 7-8 of this issue of *Liturgical Notes*. Please return them to the Office of Worship **no later than January 30, 2015**. Parish assignments are found on page 9.



*Holy Week: Easter Vigil*

THE TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL

The first Mass of Easter, the Easter Vigil, is celebrated between nightfall of Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015 and daybreak of Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.

Civil twilight on Saturday, April 4, 2015 will end in the Diocese of Lansing at 8:38 PM. Thus, the earliest time for the beginning of the Easter Vigil is **8:45 PM**.

According to the Circular Letter *Paschale Solemnitatis* (On the Preparation and Celebration of the Paschal Feasts) from the Congregation for Divine Worship (no. 78):

"The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday." This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices which have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses.

Those reasons which have been advanced in some quarters for the anticipation of the Easter Vigil, such as lack of public order, are not put forward in connection with Christmas night, nor other gatherings of various kinds."

The careful reading of this document is imperative for all those who prepare, preside over, or participate in the great liturgical celebrations from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost. The document is available online from the website of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales: <http://catholic-ew.org.uk/Catholic-News-Media-Library/Archive-Media-Assets/Liturgy/Files/Calendar/Seasons/Paschale-Solemnitatis>



## Holy Orders

### ORDINATION DATES 2015

Diaconate Ordination: **Saturday, May 16.**

Presbyteral Ordination: **Saturday, June 20.**

## Marriage

### NEW RITE OF MARRIAGE POSTPONED

The *recognitio* for the *Rite of Marriage* will be postponed until at least after Christmas. The Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS) has informed Fr. Michael Flynn of the USCCB Secretariat for Divine Worship that they are waiting for still more English-speaking conferences to submit their translations.

## Marriage

### YEAR FOR MARRIAGE 2015

Resources for the Year for Marriage: <http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/content/marriage-and-family-resources>



### UPCOMING CONVENTIONS/ CONFERENCES:

#### GRAND RAPIDS TO HOST THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS (NPM) ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 38th Annual Convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 6-10, 2015. <http://www.npm.org/EducationEvents/convention/index.htm>

#### LITURGY AND VOCATION AT NOTRE DAME

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy presents its annual conference, June 8-11, 2015. This year's event focuses on the rites for Ordination and Matrimony and is entitled "Liturgy and Vocation." The symposium will feature Dr. Brent Pitre, Msgr. Michael Holtz, Dr. Holly Talor Coolman, and Dr. Chad Pecknold. For more information, call 574-631-5436 or visit [www.liturgy.nd.edu](http://www.liturgy.nd.edu).

#### FEDERATION OF DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSIONS (FDLC) NATIONAL MEETING

The National Meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions will be held October 7-9, 2015 in Dallas, Texas.







**RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION**

**FEBRUARY 21 AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, ANN ARBOR**

St Joseph, Adrian St. Mary of Good Counsel, Adrian Christ the King, Ann Arbor St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor Old St Patrick, Ann Arbor St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor Holy Spirit, Brighton St. Patrick, Brighton St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn St. Mary, Chelsea St. Rita, Clarklake Light of Christ, Deerfield and Blissfield	St. Joseph, Dexter St. Anthony of Padua, Hillsdale St. Augustine, Howell St. John the Baptist, Howell/Hartland St. Joseph, Howell Sacred Heart, Hudson St Mary, Manchester St Mary on the Lake, Manitou Beach Immaculate Conception, Milan St. Mary, Pinckney St. Andrew, Saline St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh St. John the Baptist, Ypsilanti St. Joseph, Ypsilanti
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**FEBRUARY 21 AT SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FENTON**

St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton Holy Redeemer, Burton Ss. Charles & Helena, Clio St. John the Evangelist/Blessed Sacrament, Davison St. Mary, Durand St. John the Evangelist, Fenton All Saints, Flint Christ the King, Flint Holy Rosary, Flint Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flint St. John Vianney, Flint St. Mary, Flint St. Matthew, Flint St. Michael, Flint	St. Pius X, Flint Mt Zion Pastoral Center, Flushing St. Robert Bellarmine, Flushing St. Agnes, Fowlerville St. Joseph, Gaines St. Mark the Evangelist, Goodrich Holy Family, Grand Blanc Good Shepherd, Montrose St. Mary, Mt. Morris St. Francis Xavier, Otisville St. Joseph, Owosso St. Paul, Owosso Holy Family, Ovid St. Mary, Queen of the Angels, Swartz Creek
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**FEBRUARY 22 AT SAINT GERARD, LANSING**

St. Mary, Charlotte & St Ann, Bellevue St. Catherine Labouré, Concord St. Jude, DeWitt St. Thomas Aquinas/St John, East Lansing St. Peter, Eaton Rapids Most Holy Trinity, Fowler St. Michael, Grand Ledge Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson St. John the Evangelist, Jackson St Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson St. Isidore, Laingsburg Cristo Rey, Lansing	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lansing Resurrection, Lansing St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Lansing St. Casimir, Lansing St. Gerard, Lansing St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing St. Therese, Lansing Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian, Leslie St. James, Mason Our Lady of Fatima, Michigan Center St. Mary, Morrice St. Martha, Okemos St. Joseph, St. Johns St. Mary, Westphalia St. Mary, Williamston
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There will be three celebrations this year. Your parish has been “assigned” to a particular celebration, but, as always, you may choose to participate in another. Simply call and/or indicate the change on your response form.