SELECTED DATES IN THE REVISION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

1546-1563  Council of Trent (Sessions 13, 21 & 22 deal with the Holy Eucharist)
1570  Missal of Pius V (Tridentine Mass)
1948-1960  Commission on Liturgical Reform – scholars report to Pope Pius XII
1951  Easter Vigil restored to Saturday Evening (Decree Dominicae Resurrectionis)
1955  Holy Week reforms (Decree Maxima redemptionis nostrae mysteria)
1960  Cardinal Gaetano Cicognani (Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura, former prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites) and Rev. Annibale Bugnini, C.M. (Professor of Sacred Liturgy at the Lateran University and a Consultant to the Sacred Congregation of Rites) head preparatory Committee on the Liturgy as President and Secretary respectively.
10-1963  Meeting of bishops representing 10 English-speaking bishops’ conferences, under the chairmanship of Archbishop Francis Grimshaw of England, form the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)
12-4-63  Sacrosanctum Concilium, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (CSL) approved, Second Vatican Council, issued by Pope Paul VI
1964  Consilium (Council) established by Pope Paul VI for the implementation of the Constitution on the Liturgy — Cardinal Giacomo Lercaro, president Rev. Annibale Bugnini, C.M., secretary.
9-26-64  Inter Oecumenici, Instruction on the orderly carrying out of the Constitution on the Liturgy, issued by the Concilium by mandate of Pope Paul VI
1-25-69  “Comme le Prévoit: On the Translation of Liturgical Texts for Celebrations with a Congregation” promulgated by the Consilium and the Congregation for Divine Worship
4-3-69  Apostolic Constitution, Missale Romanum, promulgating the reform Order of Mass and its general norms. Implementation, First Sunday of Advent 11-30-69.
3-26-70  (Holy Thursday) first typical edition (i.e., the text to be used for translation) of the Missale Romanum/Roman Missal (RM) and Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani (IGMR)/General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), published
1975  Second typical edition of the RM and GIRM promulgated
3-1-85  Revisions to the RM and GIRM to reflect revised Code of Canon Law
12-4-88  Vicesimus Quintus Annum, Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II (on the 25th anniversary of the CSL) urges Bishops’ Conferences to evaluate the translations of liturgical books and the commissions established to facilitate the translations of the texts.
1993-1996  ICEL submits to Bishops’ Conferences the translation of the second typical edition of the RM in eight segments for consultation and vote
1997  USA Catholic Bishops approve final segment of RM translation at its June Conference meeting. The entire approved text is sent to the Holy See for confirmation.
4-20-00  Pope John Paul promulgates a revised GIRM, becomes effective with publication of new Missal
11-14-01 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approves adaptations to the GIRM for the dioceses of USA (CDWDS confirms 4-17-02)
3-16-02 CDWDS letter to United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) formally rejecting the English translation of the 1975 RM (submitted to the Holy See for confirmation in 1997)
3-18-02 Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia published in Rome, contains slightly revised IGMR
4-25-02 USA Adaptations to GIRM become particular law for USA
11-13-02 Latin Rite members of USCCB approve English translation of GIRM
3-17-03 USA translation of GIRM confirmed by CDWDS
11-05 Panel discussion on proposed ICEL translation (Green Book)
5-31-06 Amendments to the ICEL translation submitted by bishops of the USA through the USCCB Committee on the Liturgy (BCL)
6-15-06 Latin Rite bishops of USCCB amend/approve ICEL translation of the Order of Mass and adaptations to the Order of Mass.
6-23-08 Recognitio for the Order of Mass received from the Holy See
11-11-08 Latin Rite bishops of USCCB amend/approve ICEL translation of the Proper of Seasons.
7-17-09 Latin Rite bishops of USCCB approve ICEL translation of the Order of Mass II, Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Intentions, Votive Masses, and Masses for the Dead
November 2009 Latin Rite bishops of the USCCB approve the Proper of Saints, the Commons, Propers for the Dioceses of the United States, and Roman Missal Supplements

Five Instructions for the Right Application of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council

9-26-64 Inter Oecumenici – a guide for the implementation of the reform; calls for gradual introduction of the vernacular beginning 11-30-69
5-4-67 Tres abhinc annos – on adaptations to the Order of Mass
9-5-70 Liturgicae instaurationes – the central role of the bishop in the renewal of the Liturgy
1-25-94 Veritatis legitemae – Inculturation and the Roman Liturgy
3-28-01 Liturgiam Authenticam: On the Use of Vernacular Languages in the Publication of the Books of the Roman Liturgy

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