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CARA Survey on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

In a joint project, the Secretariat of Divine Worship and Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis, along with the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, have commissioned Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate to conduct a major survey on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The goal of the survey is to gauge the actual use and implementation of the RCIA in real-life parish situations. The survey has been designed to determine which of the rites are actually used in parish and diocesan settings, when the rites are celebrated, and who presides at them. The survey will also give responders the opportunity to report the length and content of their various catechetical programs associated with the RCIA. This comprehensive survey is the first of its kind, and responses will inform the Bishops of the United States as they undertake a review of the National Statutes for the Catechumenate, which have been in place since 1986.

The survey has been distributed to 10,000 recipients via e-mail. The sampling includes parishes from all across the United States – urban and rural, large and small. The survey's format is multiple-choice, except for a few open-ended final questions. The findings will be reported at the National Meeting of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions in Lombard, Illinois in October 2014. Recipients are encouraged to complete their survey thoroughly and honestly, based on the actual practices in a typical year at their parish.

Liturgical Books Currently in Use

With the ongoing translation work of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy and the publication of new ritual books, it is helpful to our readers to provide the following list of current ritual books. These are all editions approved for liturgical use in the United States of America. The years in italics refer to the current Latin *editiones typicae* (or reprint). Years in parenthesis refer to past English editions, and the years in bold refer to the current English edition. An underlined year indicates a Spanish edition approved for use in the U.S.

For the Eucharist

- Roman Missal *2008* (1974; 1985) **2011**
- Roman Calendar (included in the Missal) *2008* (1970/74/85; 2003) **2011**
- General Instruction of the Roman Missal *1981* (1970) **1998/2002**
- Lectionary for Mass

- Rite of Concelebration 2009 (1974; 1985) **2011**
- Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1987 (1992) **2012**
- Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (1988; 2006) **2012; 2007**
- Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children 1974/2002 (1985) **2011**
- Lectionary for Masses with Children **1993**
- Ceremonial of Bishops 2008; **1989**

Music for the Eucharist

- *Graduale Romanum* (Gregorian chants for all parts of the Mass except the Eucharistic Prayers) 1979
- *Liber usualis* (companion book for the *Graduale Romanum*, containing rules for proper use) 1961/1997
- *Kyriale Simplex* (music for the ordinary parts of the Mass) 1997
- The Simple Gradual for Sundays and Holy Days (proper parts of the Mass in simpler melodies than found in the *Graduale Romanum*; includes commons for the seasons and responsorial psalms) 2007; **1969**
- *Ordo cantus Missae* (chants for the Mass) 1987
- *Liber Cantualis* (selection of Mass parts and hymns with simpler Gregorian melodies) 1983
- *Iubilare Deo/Psalms Ecclesia* (simpler Gregorian chants) 1999/2002
- *Ordo Missae in Cantu* (complete *Ordo Missae* in chant notation) 2012
- Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ (1971) **1998**

For the other Sacraments

Two ritual books (*Marriage* and *Confirmation*) are awaiting the *recognitio* from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments and will hopefully be published next year. Two additional ritual books (*Dedication of a Church and Altar* and *Exorcism*) are tentatively scheduled to be presented for vote by the U.S. Bishops in November 2014 and hopefully sent to Rome shortly thereafter for the *recognitio*. The *Dedication of a Church and Altar*, even though it belongs to the *Roman Pontifical*, has never been published as part of the Pontifical, but always in a separate volume.

- Roman Pontifical (1978) **2012**
 - Rites of Ordination of a Bishop, of Priests, and of Deacons 2011 (1978; 2003) **2012**
 - The Institution of Lectors and Acolytes 1972 (1978) **2012**
 - The Blessing of Abbots and Abbesses 2010 (1978) **2012**
 - The Consecration of Virgins 1970 (1978) **2012**
 - The Rite of Confirmation 2003 (1978) **2012**
 - The Rite for the Blessing of Oils and the Consecration of Chrism 1971 (1985) **2012**
 - Dedication of a Church and an Altar 1977; **1989**
- Roman Ritual
 - Rite of Baptism for Children 2003; **1970; 2009**
 - Rite of Marriage 2008; **1970; 2010**
 - Rite of Penance 1974 (1975) **2010**
 - Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass 1974; **1976**
 - Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum 1975; **1983**
 - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 1972; **1988; 1993**
 - Book of Blessings 1994; **1989**
 - Order of Christian Funerals 1969; **1989; 2002**
 - Rite of Religious Profession 1970; **1989**
 - *De Exorcismus et supplicationibus quibusdam* 2005

Other Liturgical Books

- Liturgy of the Hours 2000; **1975/1976**
- *Ordo cantus officii* (chants for the Liturgy of the Hours) 1983
- *Liber hymnarius* (hymns with invitatories and responsories for the LoH) 1983
- *Antiphonale Romanum II* (music for Vespers for Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts) 2009
- *Martyrologium Romanum* 2004
- Manual of Indulgences: Norms and Grants 1999; **2006**
- Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1981; **2005**

Excerpts of Ritual Books published in fascicle format

- Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist **1993**
- Pastoral Care of the Dying **2002**
- Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers (1988) **2007**
- *Bendición al Cumplir Quince Años* (Quinceañera) **2008**
- Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb **2012**
- Communion of the Sick **2012**
- Administration of Communion and Viaticum by an Extraordinary Minister **2013**

May 2014 Meeting of the *Vox Clara* Committee

The *Vox Clara* Committee met from May 19-20, 2014 in Rome. This Committee of senior Bishops from Episcopal Conferences throughout the English-speaking world was formed by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on July 19, 2001 in order to provide advice to the Holy See concerning English-language liturgical books and to strengthen effective cooperation with the Conferences of Bishops in this regard.

The *Vox Clara* Committee is chaired by Cardinal George Pell (Prefect of the Holy See's Secretariat for the Economy). Participants in the May 19-20, 2014 meeting included Bishop Thomas Olmsted, First Vice-Chairman (Phoenix), Cardinal Justin Rigali, Treasurer (Philadelphia, Emeritus), Archbishop Alfred Hughes (New Orleans, Emeritus) and Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J. (Ottawa). Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Second Vice-Chairman (Bombay), Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Secretary (Paterson), Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I. (Chicago), Cardinal John Tong Hon (Hong Kong), Archbishop Michael Neary (Tuam) and Bishop David McGough (Birmingham, Auxiliary) were unable to be present for this meeting.

Also assisting the meeting were Monsignor James P. Moroney (Executive Secretary), Reverend Dennis McManus (expert), Monsignor Gerard McKay (advisor), Reverend Joseph Briody (special assistant) and Reverend Gerard Byrne (special assistant). Reverend Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B. (expert) and Abbot Cuthbert Johnson, O.S.B. (advisor) were unable to be present.

The representatives of the Holy See included the Delegate to the *Vox Clara* Committee, Reverend Anthony Ward, S.M., Undersecretary of the Congregation, accompanied by officials of the Congregation.

The Committee heard reports on the reception of the Roman Missal in the English-speaking world and a variety of practical matters.

The Committee spent the greatest amount of time reviewing the ICEL Gray Book Translations of the *Ordo Celebrandi Matrimonium* and the *Ordo Confirmationis* as recently approved by several English-speaking Conferences of Bishops. The Committee was grateful for the quality of these translations and developed a limited list of recommendations concerning their refinement which it submitted to the Congregation.

The Committee also approved plans for the completion of a revision of the *Ratio Translationis for the Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia* in accordance with *Liturgiam authenticam*, no. 9.

Archbishop Arthur Roche, Secretary of the Congregation, joined the *Vox Clara* Committee for the first morning of its work. The Secretary thanked the members “for the painstaking process” which they followed in reviewing the ICEL translations and extended to the members the gratitude of the Congregation for their advice.

This was the twenty-third meeting of the *Vox Clara* Committee which will continue its work in October of 2014.

2016 Liturgical Calendar Available for Purchase

The 2016 edition of the *Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America* is now available for purchase from the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship. The calendar lists each day’s celebration, rank, liturgical color, Lectionary citations, and Psalter cycle.

Calendars are on sale for \$10.00 each, and are available either in 8½ × 11” paperback or e-mailed in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Checks are to be made out to the Committee on Divine Worship and mailed to the Secretariat at 3211 Fourth Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017, ATTN: 2016 Liturgical Calendar.



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