

## LITURGYNOTES – FOR JANUARY 2014

### INFORMATION FROM THE USCCB: RESOURCES FOR RECONCILIATION

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**New Webpage: Liturgical Formation**  
<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litformation.htm>

Check out the US Bishops' webpage on the Sacrament of Penance: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/index.cfm>.

Resources such as the Bishops' pastoral exhortation and bulletin inserts (in English and Spanish) are available for your use.

The USCCB has also posted numerous other resources at: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/sacrament-of-penance-diocesan-resources.cfm>.

Resources for individuals to help them "rediscover the Sacrament of Penance" can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance/sacrament-of-penance-resources-for-individuals.cfm>.

#### **EVANGELII GAUDIUM – POPE FRANCIS ON THE HOMILY**

In his post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Pope Francis chose to "dwell in particular, and even somewhat meticulously, on the homily and its preparation, since so many concerns have been expressed about this important ministry and we cannot simply ignore them" (#135). He acknowledges that the faithful and preachers alike often "suffer" because of homilies, and so calls for a renewal of preaching, "based on the conviction that it is God who seeks to reach out to others through the preacher, and that he displays his power through human words" (#136).

Over the next few issues we will continue to unpack what the Holy Father has to say about the homily. Let me just say at this point that much of what he writes echoes the U.S. Bishops' 1982 document, *Fulfilled in Your Hearing*.

The excerpts (paragraphs 135-159) are available on our Preaching Links webpage or directly from: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Resources/litTheHomily-fromEvangeliiGaudi.pdf>.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

See the Liturgy Events webpage at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

DIOCESAN LITURGIES

Rite of Election

Lent will be upon us soon... and with it the liturgies of the RCIA. The Rite of Election will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent (3/9) at Sacred Heart Cathedral (Davenport) and again on the Second Sunday of Lent (3/16) at St. Mary of the Visitation in Ottumwa. Both liturgies begin at 3pm.

We are sending registration information to the parish RCIA contacts after Epiphany. For those who direct RCIA programs: please make sure to get your registration form back to us by the end of the month!

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on April 7, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Liturgy Day: September 27, 2014

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Tim O'Malley of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy. He will also lead a breakout session for youth and youth ministers. Other breakout topics include multigenerational preaching, liturgy and justice, and parish music ministry. We will continue to update you on the day here and on the liturgy events webpage: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litevents.htm>.

Eleanor Kiel, MM, who serves as the Director of Liturgy and Music at St. John Vianney in Bettendorf, will present a breakout session entitled, *Engaging our communities in active, spirit-filled liturgy*. Here is the description of her session:

Music is integral to liturgy. By singing together, we are drawn closer as a community and deeper into the mystery we are celebrating. Yet, many Catholics (including our youth) do not sing at Mass. How can we help our assemblies to engage more fully in the liturgy by singing with full hearts and voices? How can we empower our youth to become active leaders of liturgy in our communities? Ms. Kiel draws on her experience of establishing a youth music ministry program at her parish to delve into these questions.

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

RCIA: THE TRIDUUM

Rites for Holy Saturday

The RCIA does contain specific Rites to be celebrated on Holy Saturday. A number of options are possible for the Elect, including the Recitation of the Creed, the Ephphetha Rite, and the Choosing of a Baptismal Name (RCIA #185-205). Candidates for Full Communion and Confirmation should celebrate

the Sacrament of Reconciliation (if not celebrated at some other point during Lent; see RCIA #408 and 482; *National Statutes* #27).

The Easter Vigil

The order of service varies slightly if the Vigil is celebrated with candidates, catechumens (elect), or both. It is preferable, however, that the reception and confirmation of candidates take place at a Mass different from the Vigil (see *National Statutes* #26). After the homily:

Elect only (RCIA #206-243)	Candidates only (RCIA #473-498)	Elect and Candidates (RCIA #566-594)
1. Baptism 2. Confirmation 3. Renewal of Baptismal Promises and sprinkling with baptismal water 4. Prayer of the Faithful	1. Renewal of Baptismal Promises and sprinkling with baptismal water (at the Vigil this replaces the Creed) 2. Celebration of Reception 3. Celebration of Confirmation 4. Prayer of the Faithful	1. Baptism of the Elect 2. Renewal of Baptismal Promises and sprinkling with baptismal water 3. Celebration of Reception 4. Confirmation of Elect and Candidates 5. Prayer of the Faithful

Among one of the changes that came with RM3 is the use of the Oil of Catechumens at the Vigil...

*At the Easter Vigil, paragraph 48 states: "If the anointing of the adults with the Oil of Catechumens (OC) has not taken place beforehand, as part of the immediately preparatory rites, it occurs at this moment" [after the blessing of the water].*

This is a confusing rubric. To begin with, note that the actual Rite of Baptism is not present in the Missal; as part of the *Rituale Romanum* it is published as a separate book (for us, the RCIA). However, that book does not contain the rite for anointing with OC as part of the Vigil! So what are we to do?

1. Anoint catechumens with OC during the catechumenate as called for in the RCIA. Such anointing can be repeated.
2. The anointing at the Vigil would then be the last of these anointings. This final anointing can be done as part of the rites at the start of the Baptismal Liturgy or, preferably, between the renunciations and the profession of faith.

**LITURGY PREPARATION**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

World Day for Consecrated Life: February 2, 2014

In 1997, Pope John Paul instituted World Day for Consecrated Life. Resources for observing this day are available from the USCCB:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/world-day-for-consecrated-life.cfm>

Resources from Serra:

[http://www.serraus.org/resources/vocations/vocation\\_events/wdcl\\_english\(2013c\).pdf](http://www.serraus.org/resources/vocations/vocation_events/wdcl_english(2013c).pdf)  
[http://www.serraus.org/resources/vocations/vocation\\_events/wdcl\\_spanish\(2013c\).pdf](http://www.serraus.org/resources/vocations/vocation_events/wdcl_spanish(2013c).pdf)

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Human Trafficking: February 8

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Migration designated February 8 as an annual day of prayer for survivors and victims of human trafficking. February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering.

More information on the work of USCCB's Anti-Trafficking Program is available at: [www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/](http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/).

The Sacred Triduum: April 17-19, 2014

As preparations for the Holy Week and the Triduum get under way, please keep in mind that the new Missal calls for a number of changes. These were covered in some detail in the January 2012 *LiturgyNotes* – which may be accessed at:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/LiturgyNotes/litJanuary2012LN.pdf>.

Please also see the information on our website:

<http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/litromanmissalQA.htm#LentEaster>

>Holy Thursday and the Footwashing

Information on the *mandatum* is available at the USCCB website at <http://new.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/triduum/holy-thursday-mandatum.cfm> and on our website at: <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/lit/liturgylibrary/Calendar/litTheFootwashingQA.pdf>.

>Good Friday

The Missal now makes explicit what was already the case before: "This liturgy by its very nature may not, however, be celebrated in the absence of a Priest." That is, it is NEVER to be led by a deacon or layperson. The Good Friday liturgy is *not* just a "word and communion" service. If a priest is not present, one cannot substitute a communion service. A devotion such as the Stations of the Cross, or the Liturgy of the Hours, could be celebrated instead.

>The Easter Vigil

The *Missale Romanum* states that the Easter Vigil is to take place in darkness, after nightfall. Traditionally in this diocese, and according to the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, that has been calculated as 45 minutes to an hour after sunset. Therefore, *for the Diocese of Davenport, the Vigil on April 19, 2014, may not begin before 8:30 PM.*

Please note that the Paschal Candle "should be made of wax, never be artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size that it may convey the truth that Christ is the light of the world."

INTERCESSIONS

- (1) “Intercessions for Life” (in English and Spanish) may be found on the USCCB website at:  
<http://www.usccb.org/prolife/liturgy/wolarchive.shtml>
- (2) Intercession for vocations (in English and Spanish) keyed to the lectionary cycle may be found at the Diocese of Arlington website:  
[http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc\\_intercessions.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/voc_intercessions.aspx)
- (3) Lectionary-based intercessions focused on social justice can be found at the Center of Concern website:  
<http://www.coc.org/ef>
- (4) The Center for Liturgy website offers general intercessions for each Sunday as well:  
<http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

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