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NORMS for the CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST according to the THIRD TYPICAL EDITION of the ROMAN MISSAL in the DIOCESE of ARLINGTON

On August 6, 2019, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Bishop Burbidge promulgated *Norms for the Celebration of the Eucharist according to the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal in the Diocese of Arlington*. The norms are the fruit of consultation with the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and the Diocesan Presbyteral Council. See the enclosure for an overview of the *Norms for the Celebration of the Eucharist*.

Norms for the Celebration of the Eucharist: www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanliturgicalcommission

NORMS for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION in the DIOCESE of ARLINGTON

On August 6, 2019, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Bishop Burbidge promulgated *Norms for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Diocese of Arlington*. The norms are the fruit of consultation with the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and the Diocesan Presbyteral Council.

The *Norms for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* updates existing diocesan norms for extraordinary ministers in accord with universal and particular laws and in response to the pastoral needs of the Diocese today. The document provides diocesan policies on the requirements for the ministry and the process of mandating extraordinary ministers, as well as important details on the preparation for and enactment of the ministry both within Mass and outside of Mass.

The document begins with an introduction outlining the pastoral reasons for the ministry, as well as the legislative background. Next, the requirements and responsibilities of the ministry are outlined. These include details on mandates, the basic requirements that an individual must meet in order to become a minister, and the responsibilities of Pastors and Chaplains. Then, policies

and guidelines are provided for the ministry within Mass, followed by policies and guidelines for Communion to the sick and homebound outside of Mass. The document also includes an appendix with selected resources for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Notable policies that have been maintained from previous diocesan norms include the requirement for Pastors and Chaplains to request mandates, the requirement for new ministers to attend diocesan training, the five-year term of the mandate, and the reiteration of universal law that only Priests, Deacons, and duly instituted Acolytes may purify sacred vessels used in Mass. Notable updates include the lowering of the minimum age from twenty-one to eighteen, the removal of the year off when mandates are renewed, the removal of a standardized maximum number of ministers per Parish or Chaplaincy, an updated process for exempting new ministers from diocese training, and a new process for obtaining special and exceptional permission for purification of sacred vessels in the context of Communion to the sick outside of Mass.

With these updated policies, Bishop Burbidge hopes that Pastors and Chaplains will be better able to serve the faithful in the communities that have been entrusted to them, especially in ensuring that the faithful may take part in the Eucharistic sacrifice, which is the source and summit of the whole Christian life.

Norms for Extraordinary Ministers: www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanliturgicalcommission

Forms for EMHC Mandates: www.arlingtondiocese.org/EMHC

NORMS for SERVERS in the DIOCESE of ARLINGTON

On August 6, 2019, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Bishop Burbidge promulgated *Norms for Servers in the Diocese of Arlington*. The norms are the fruit of consultation with the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and the Diocesan Presbyteral Council.

The *Norms for Servers* updates existing diocesan norms for altar servers in accord with universal and particular laws and in response to the pastoral needs of the Diocese today. The document begins with an introduction outlining the liturgical background of the ministry. Next, norms pertaining to the ministry are given. The *Norms for Servers* simplifies diocesan policies for servers, provides directives for the preparation of servers and for the enactment of the ministry within the liturgy, and applies the USCCB's *Guidelines for Altar Servers* (rev. 2010) to the pastoral needs of the Diocese of Arlington .

Norms for Altar Servers: www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanliturgicalcommission

IMPLEMENTATION of DIOCESAN LITURGICAL NORMS

In order to assist pastoral ministers with the implementation of the *Norms for the Celebration of the Eucharist*, *Norms for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*, and *Norms for Servers*, the Office of Divine Worship and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will offer the following : translations of the norms into Spanish, workshops for clergy, a workshop for musicians, panel discussions with members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission (*open to all*), FAQ sheets, and one-page catecheses on specific topics from the norms. Updates on these and other events and resources will be made available on the diocesan website and in the *ODW Bulletin*.

More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanliturgicalcommission

LITURGY WORKSHOPS: FOSTERING PARTICIPATION *in SACRED LITURGY*

The Liturgy Workshops, presented by the Office of Divine Worship of the Diocese of Arlington, provide formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (required for new ministers), Readers, and all the faithful. The workshops will be offered in Fall 2019 according to the schedule below. (*flier enclosed*)

- ✘ Sat, Sep 14 • 10a (EMHC) | 12p (Presentation) | 1:30p (Reader) • St Mary of the IC (Fredericksburg)
- ✘ Sat, Sep 21 • 10a (EMHC) | 12p (Presentation) | 1:30p (Reader) • St John the Evangelist (Warrenton)
- ✘ Sat, Oct 05 • 10a (EMHC) | 12p (Presentation) | 1:30p (Reader) • St James (Falls Church)
- ✘ Sat, Oct 19 • 10a (EMHC) | 12p (Presentation) | 1:30p (Reader) • St Veronica (Chantilly)

More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgyworkshops

CONFIRMATIONS *for PARISHES*

Liturgy Forms for Confirmation are due on the 1st of the month in the month prior to the scheduled Confirmation (e.g. August 1st for Confirmations scheduled in September). Drafts of the liturgical program are reviewed by the Office of Divine Worship and should be submitted no later than the 15th of the month (e.g. August 15th for Confirmations scheduled in September).

Forms & More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/parishconfirmation

CONFIRMATION *according to the EXTRAORDINARY FORM*

✘ **Tuesday, October 15, 2019 • 7:00pm** ✘
Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (Arlington)

Updated guidelines and reminders have been posted online. Pastors, Parish Staffs, and Candidates are reminded to fulfill all requirements in a timely fashion. The determination that the necessary catechetical formation for Confirmation has taken place is the responsibility of the Parish. Candidate Forms should be completed in full, and incomplete forms (including those lacking the necessary attachments) will be returned to the Parish.

Candidate Forms, which must be reviewed and signed by the Pastor, are due to the Office of Divine Worship no later than September 13, 2019.

Forms & More Information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/extraordinaryform

NOTES *on the LITURGICAL YEAR: AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2019*

August 15, 2019: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holyday of Obligation.

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September 1, 2019: For the fruitful celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and in accord with the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (no. 374), Bishop Burbidge has granted permission for priests in the Diocese of Arlington to choose the Mass prayers *For the Sanctification of Human Labor* for the celebration of Mass on Sunday, September 1, 2019. It is recommended that readings be taken from the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Additional resources—including sample intercessions, recommended hymns, etc.—will be provided by the Office of Divine Worship to all priests in the Diocese of Arlington.

September 11, 2019: On the anniversary of September 11, 2001, or on a suitable day during the week (chosen in accord with liturgical law), Mass may be celebrated in honor of firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians, as well as in remembrance of those who have died this past year. The prayers and readings may fittingly be *For Those in Public Office* or *For the Preservation of Peace and Justice*.

Full notes on the Liturgical Year for 2019 can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgicalyear.

DIVINE WORSHIP NEWS from the **VATICAN, USCCB, FDLC, & NPM**

On July 1, 2019, the Apostolic Penitentiary presented a note on the importance of the internal forum and the inviolability of the sacramental seal. At an audience for the presentation, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of the inviolability of the sacramental seal:

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal. Although it is not always understood by the modern mentality, it is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent, who must be certain, at any time, that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional, between one's conscience that opens to grace, and God, with the necessary mediation of the priest. The sacramental seal is indispensable and no human power has jurisdiction over it, nor can lay any claim to it.

On July 5, 2019, in an audience with Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, Pope Francis authorized the Congregation to promulgate a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Fulton Sheen.

On July 16, 2019, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops obtained the copyrights of the Revised Grail Psalter and the Old and New Testament Canticles translated by the Benedictine monks of Conception Abbey in Missouri. The translations, gathered under the title *Abbey Psalms and Canticles*, was approved by the US Bishops in 2016 and confirmed by the Holy See in 2018. The texts will gradually be incorporated into the Church's official liturgical books, especially when new editions of the *Lectionary for Mass* and the *Liturgy of the Hours* are completed.

July 16-19, 2019, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians met for the 42nd Annual Convention: *Healing, Reconciliation, and Anointing: A Journey through James 5, that you may be healed* (Raleigh, NC). At the convention, the leaders of NPM unveiled major changes to the chapters, programming, communications, governance, and membership of the association. Details on the "NPM 2.0" initiative can be found online at <https://npm.org/npm-2-0-shaping-the-future/>.

On July 23, 2019, Pope Francis appointed the Most Rev. Mark Brennan as Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Since his ordination as bishop in 2017, Bishop Brennan has served as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, which is the metropolitan see for both the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the Diocese of Arlington.