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## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS of the FEDERATION of DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSIONS

On December 4, 1963 the fathers of the Second Vatican Council approved the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (SC). Well known is the approval of the document by a vote of 2,147 to 4, but more important are the 2,268 signatures that establish SC as the teaching of an ecumenical council of the Catholic Church. In SC, the conciliar fathers express the desire that “the competent territorial ecclesiastical authority” (in the U.S., what we now call the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB]) set up a liturgical commission to regulate pastoral-liturgical action and to promote studies of the liturgy (no. 44). The fathers then determine,

*Every diocese is to have a commission on the sacred liturgy under the direction of the bishop, for promoting the liturgical apostolate. Sometimes it may be expedient that several dioceses should form between them one single commission which will be able to promote the liturgy by common consultation.*

*Besides the commission on the sacred liturgy, every diocese, as far as possible, should have commissions for sacred music and sacred art. These three commissions must work in closest collaboration; indeed it will often be best to fuse the three of them into one single commission. (nos. 45-46)*

In the U.S., the requirement to establish regional and national liturgical commissions was enthusiastically followed. In fact, several decades before the Council, a national body known as the “Liturgical Conference” formed between 1940-43 with the aim of promoting the liturgical apostolate in the U.S. In 1958 the Bishops of the United States established the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgical Apostolate (the forerunner to the current Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship of the USCCB), and a poll of the same year reflected that fifty-four dioceses in the U.S. had already established liturgical commissions. In October 1963, just a few months prior to the approval of SC, Bishops representing ten English-speaking territories formed the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL), which was and still is responsible for translating liturgical texts into English.

In the years following SC’s promulgation, leaders of diocesan liturgical commissions across the U.S. were brought together by the Liturgical Conference and the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgical Apostolate (BCL) to discuss the needs of the liturgical apostolate, especially in light of

Vatican II. Gathering in Chicago in 1968, the leaders of diocesan liturgical commissions proposed the formation of a national federation of diocesan commissions to work in close collaboration with the BCL. The BCL accepted the proposal. With representatives convened by the BCL itself, the federation held its first meeting in Pittsburg on October 6, 1969. Thus, the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) was born.

The FDLC remains a national organization whose primary members are chairs of diocesan liturgical commissions and directors of diocesan offices of worship. The mission of the FDLC is to promote the liturgical renewal envisioned by SC for the Church in the United States by...

- † assisting bishops and other liturgical leaders in facilitating the public prayer of the Church;
- † establishing and supporting a network of diocesan liturgy personnel and liturgical commissions;
- † collaborating and dialoging with the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship (formerly known as the BCL), especially through co-sponsoring an annual national meeting of diocesan liturgical commissions; and
- † creating and promoting workshops and material resources that foster the ongoing implementation of the liturgical rites of the Catholic Church, that aid diocesan and parish liturgy personnel, and that enrich the liturgical apostolate and the local Church.

The Diocese of Arlington, which has an active diocesan office of divine worship and an active diocesan liturgical commission, is a member of the FDLC. The Diocese is part of the FDLC's "Region IV," which includes the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Virginia, and West Virginia. To learn more about the work and resources of the FDLC, as well as for information on associate membership for individuals, please see the enclosed flier.

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***Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions:*** <https://fdlc.org/>

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## **CONFSSIONALS: LITURGICAL GUIDELINES for the DIOCESE of ARLINGTON**

On October 24, 2019, Bishop Burbidge promulgated *Confessionals: Liturgical Guidelines for the Diocese of Arlington* to direct the construction and renovation of confessionals. The document is the fruit of the work of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and was reviewed by the Presbyteral Council.

***Diocesan Liturgical Norms:*** <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgynorms/>

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## **The ORDER of BAPTISM of CHILDREN, SECOND EDITION**

On April 11, 2019, the Holy See confirmed the new English translation of *The Order of Baptism of Children*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. It may be used beginning on the Presentation of the Lord 2020 (Feb 2, 2020) and **must be used beginning on Easter Sunday 2020 (April 12, 2020).**

The updated *Order of Baptism of Children* includes English texts consistent with the 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. of *The Roman Missal*, texts revised according to *Liturgiam Authenticam*, additional options for ritual texts, and an expanded Litany of the Saints. It now also includes a helpful appendix laying out the text and rites for celebrating Baptism within Mass.

Ritual editions are available for pre-order and will ship in early January 2020. Bilingual ritual editions are available from Catholic Book Publishing, Liturgical Press, and Liturgical Training Publications. English-only ritual editions are available from Catholic Book Publishing, Magnificat, Liturgical Press, Liturgical Training Publications, and the USCCB. "People's Edition" booklets are available from Liturgical Press in both bilingual and English-only versions.

*Nb.* Ritual para el Bautismo de los niños published in 2010 remains valid for the celebration of Baptism in Spanish.

**MASS for ALL SOULS' DAY** (*flier enclosed*)

✠ **Saturday, November 2, 2019 | 11:00am** ✠  
*Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery (Fairfax)*  
*[Inclement Weather: Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Annandale)]*

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**NPM FALL LITURGY DAY** (*flier enclosed*)

✠ **Saturday, November 9, 2019 | 9:00am-12:00pm** ✠  
*Saint Bernadette Catholic Church (Springfield)*

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**NOTES on the LITURGICAL YEAR**

**November 1-3, 2019:** Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation in the U.S. Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity is prayed on the evening of Thurs, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, and Evening Prayer II of the Solemnity is prayed on the evening of Fri, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Sat, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Souls' Day. On Sat evening, Evening Prayer I of the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time is prayed; however, if Evening Prayer is celebrated with the people, then Evening Prayer II of the Office of the Dead may be used. In the Diocese of Arlington, Masses celebrated after 4:00pm on Sat, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> are for the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**November 17, 2019:** Since 2016, the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time has been observed by the Catholic Church as the "World Day of the Poor."

**November 24, 2019:** Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Bulletin inserts, lectionary notes, and other resources are available from the USCCB's Committee on Religious Liberty: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/christ-the-king/>.

**November 28, 2019:** The United States of America observes Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of November. On this same day, the Diocese of Arlington observes a diocesan "Day of Prayer for the Harvest and Fruits of the Earth." For Masses, the proper of the day is used. The Order for the Blessing of Food on Thanksgiving Day may be celebrated (*Book of Blessings, nos. 1755-1780; Catholic Household Book of Blessings and Prayers, nos. 177-179 and 312-314*).

**December 1, 2019:** THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF GRACE, 2020. With Evening Prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent, the new Year of the Church begins. The lectionary cycles are Year A (Sundays) and Cycle II (weekdays).

**December 8-9, 2019:** On December 8<sup>th</sup> the Second Sunday of Advent is observed. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>; the obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer. Therefore, in the Diocese of Arlington, Masses after 4:00pm on Sat, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and Masses during the day of Sun, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> are for the Second Sunday of Advent. Evening Prayer I of the Sunday of Advent is prayed on the evening of Sat, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, and Evening Prayer II of the Sunday of Advent is prayed on the evening of Sun, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Evening Prayer II of the Immaculate Conception is prayed on the evening of Mon, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. The optional memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin is omitted in 2019.

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**December 25, 2019:** Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) and is a holyday of obligation.

Full notes on the Liturgical Year for 2019 can be found at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgicalyear](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/liturgicalyear).

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

On October 4, 2019, a prayer service in the Vatican Gardens in the presence of the Holy Father marked the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi and the conclusion of the Season of Creation. During the ceremony, a tree from Assisi was planted as a symbol of integral ecology. At the end of the celebration the Holy Father led the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

On October 5, 2019, Pope Francis held an Ordinary Public Consistory for the creation of thirteen new cardinals. The Holy Father's homily called the cardinals to exercise compassion in their ministry.

On October 6, 2019, Holy Father Francis celebrated Mass in St Peter's Basilica on the occasion of the opening of the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region, which took place Oct 6-27, on the theme *Amazonia: New Paths for the Church and for Integral Ecology*. In his homily for the opening Mass, the Pope urged,

*Dear brothers and sisters, together let us look to the crucified Jesus, to his heart pierced for our salvation. Let us begin there, the source of the gift that has given us birth. From that heart, the Spirit who renews has been poured forth. Let each and every one of us, then, feel called to give life.*

October 9-11, 2019 the Federation of Diocese Liturgical Commission held its annual meeting. The meeting in Chicago marked the FDLC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Key addresses were given by Rev. Edward Foley OFM Cap (Catholic Theological Union), Mrs. Rita Thiron (FDLC), Rev. Thomas Gaunt SJ (Center for Applied Research of the Apostolate at Georgetown University), and Rev. Ricky Manalo CSP. Masses were celebrated with Bishop Mark Seitz (Bishop of El Paso & member of the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship [BCDW]) and Cardinal Blase Cupich (Archbishop of Chicago). Awards for excellence in pastoral-liturgical work were given to Dom Gregory Polan OSB (Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Confederation) and Sr. Janet Baxendale SC (chair of the liturgical commission of the Archdiocese of New York & BCDW consultant).

On October 13, 2019, Pope Francis celebrated Holy Mass in front of St Peter's Basilica with the rite of canonization of John Henry Newman, Giuseppina Vannini, Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan, Dulce Lopes Pontes, and Marguerite Bays.

On October 20, 2019, the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Holy Father celebrated Mass marking World Missionary Day.

On October 27, 2019, the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region concluded with Mass celebrated by the Supreme Pontiff. In his homily, Pope Francis reflected,

*In this Synod we have had the grace of listening to the voices of the poor and reflecting on the precariousness of their lives, threatened by predatory models of development. Yet precisely in this situation, many have testified to us that it is possible to look at reality in a different way, accepting it with open arms as a gift, treating the created world not as a resource to be exploited but as a home to be preserved, with trust in God. ... Let us pray for the grace to be able to listen to the cry of the poor: this is the cry of hope of the Church. The cry of the poor is the Church's cry of hope. When we make their cry our own, we can be certain, our prayer too will reach to the clouds.*