

DECREE PROMULGATING THE USE OF THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL, THIRD TYPICAL EDITION

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has established the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011, as the date on which the ENGLISH TRANSLATION ACCORDING TO THE THIRD TYPICAL EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL, is to be introduced in all the dioceses of the United States of America. This is to take place at all of the Masses, including anticipated Masses, for Advent 1. Consequently, from that date forward no other translation of the Roman Missal may be used lawfully in the United States.

Recognizing that it may take time for the worshipping assemblies in our parishes and institutions to become familiar and comfortable with the new language and their responses, I, nevertheless, want to thank the priests, deacons, music ministers, and catechetical personnel for their continuing efforts to this end, and urge all work patiently towards that “fully conscious, and active participation (of all of the faithful) in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy.” (CSL, 14). Only in this way will the goals of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council be realized and will the liturgy become that “summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed...(and) the font from which all her power flows.” (CSL, 10).

I urge that presiders, through study and reflection, make the heroic effort necessary to insure the intelligible proclamation of the new texts, and reviews-perhaps even rethink- their style of celebration, so as to conform more closely to the revised rubrics in the new missal.

We have been given a holy challenge. It is our sacred duty to so celebrate the sacred rites that our words and actions lead the faithful to a fuller and more fruitful participation in the sacred mysteries of our redemption. (cf. letter of Archbishop Boland, August. 25, 1964). May the Holy Spirit guide us; may Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us. May we all work with holy zeal to impart ‘an ever-increasing vigor to the Christian life of the faithful.’ (CSL, 1).

Issued at my Chancery, on the twenty-eight day of October, the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, in the Year of Our Lord, two-thousand-eleven.

Given by
The Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark