



FROM THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP...

NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 2013

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Reminder—Holy Oils & Chrism Mass

- ✘ The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at Saint Benedict Cathedral on **Tuesday, March 26**, beginning at **5:30 PM CDT**.
- ✘ Please bring your oil stocks to the “parish center” on the east side of the cathedral prior to Mass so they can be filled with the new oils.
- ✘ Oil stocks should be appropriate for their purpose, and should be empty and clean when brought to the Chrism Mass.
- ✘ In order to ensure that each parish receives the amounts of oil they need, please mark the outside of your stocks to show approximately how full they need to be. This will help to remove some of the guesswork from the process.
- ✘ Holy oils from the previous year should be burned or buried. The new oil should not be added to it to “top it off.”
- ✘ The former practice of adding unblessed oil to the holy oils to increase the amount should not be done.
- ✘ The reception of the holy oils by the parish may take place before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or on another day after the celebration of the Chrism Mass. The USCCB has provided a rite for this, which is available on page 4 of this newsletter or online at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/triduum/reception-of-holy-oils.cfm>.
- ✘ The remaining holy oils are kept at the cathedral. If you are in need of more oils during the course of the year (especially the Sacred Chrism), you can obtain more at the cathedral during normal business hours.

Calendar Reminder: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

This year, the celebration of the solemnity is transferred to Monday, April 8, because March 25 lands on the Monday of Holy Week, and the first “open” day after that takes us through the Triduum and the Octave of Easter.

As Sundays of Easter rank higher in the Table of Liturgical Days, Masses celebrated on Sunday evening, April 7, should be that of the Second Sunday of Easter, and Evening Prayer II of the Second Sunday is celebrated instead of Evening Prayer I of the Annunciation.

Also, the solemnity of the Annunciation is one of the two days (the other being Christmas) that call for a genuflection at the words “and was incarnate...” during the Creed.

Upcoming Conferences

Participation: Liturgy, Life, Mission
National Association of Pastoral Musicians
Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention
July 29-August 2, 2013
Washington, D.C.

December 4, 2013, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the promulgation of *Sacrosanctum concilium*, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. This landmark document was the first Council document to be approved. December 4, 2013, marks the fiftieth anniversary of its promulgation. After fifty years . . .

- ✘ Where have we come?
- ✘ What still remains to be done?
- ✘ What have we learned?

Come to our nation's capital for practical hands-on learning, stimulating ideas, vibrant sung prayer, spiritual reflection, exhibits of music and ministry resources, and much more. Come to gather with colleagues and friends, new and old. Musicians, clergy, and liturgists won't want to miss this exciting event!

Convention Eucharist on Wednesday morning will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with Donald Cardinal Wuerl as celebrant.

In addition, the NPM convention also offers various master classes, clinics, and institutes to help develop skills.

The "early bird" registration rate through March 15 is \$275 for NPM members (\$353 for non-members). Advanced registration rate through June 28 is \$315 for NPM members and \$393 for non-members.

For more information on other costs, schedule, speakers, breakouts, and housing, please visit www.npm.org, or call the NPM office at (240) 247-3000.

Upcoming Conferences (cont.)



Beloved Children, Imitators of God:
Deification and the Sacraments of Initiation
June 17 - 20, 2013
Notre Dame Center for Liturgy
Notre Dame, IN

The 2013 Symposium, focusing on the sacraments of initiation, explores how baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist transform us into beloved children, imitators of God (cf. Ephesians 5:1). The central theological theme of the 2013 Symposium is deification, the process of sanctification in which human beings enter into the divine life.

Topics to be treated include the Trinitarian context of initiation; images of deification in baptismal and Eucharistic prayers; initiation and art; confirmation and deification; initiation and the sanctification of culture; and, the communion of saints.

Early registration fee of \$260 per person. Early registration must be completed by Friday, May 10, 2013. Price will increase on Friday, May 10, 2013 to \$280. Registration fee includes all meeting materials, refreshment breaks, and meals (breakfast Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; lunch Tuesday and Wednesday; dinner Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.) Fee includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

For more information, please visit the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy website at <http://liturgy.nd.edu/>, email ndcl@nd.edu or call (574) 631-5436.

Believing is nothing other than, in the darkness of the world, touching the hand of God and thus, in silence, listening to the Word, seeing Love.

—Pope Benedict XVI, Remarks after Lenten Retreat, 23 February 2013

Lent, Holy Week, and the *Book of Blessings*

Looking ahead through Lent and into Holy Week, there are two celebrations addressed in the *Book of Blessings*:

- ✘ Chapter 53, "Order for the Blessing of Saint Joseph's Table." - "On the solemnity of Saint Joseph (March 19), it is the custom in some places to bless bread, pastries, and other food and give a large portion of it to the poor" (*Book of Blessings*, 1679). According to legend, there was a famine in Sicily many centuries ago. The villagers prayed to Saint Joseph and asked his intercession. Their prayers were answered, and a special feast of thanksgiving was held to celebrate the end of the famine and to honor the saint. This blessing, celebrated outside of Mass, seems very appropriate especially in this Lenten season when many parishes and schools may be holding their own special collections and food drives to assist the needy in their own communities.
- ✘ Chapter 54, "Order for the Blessing of Food for the First Meal of Easter." - "The custom of blessing food for Easter arose from the discipline of fasting throughout Lent and the special Easter fast during the Easter Triduum" (*Book of Blessings*, 1701). This blessing, celebrated outside of Mass, may be used on Holy Saturday before or after the celebration of the Easter Vigil, or even on Easter morning, to bless the first meal of the Easter season. Families could be encouraged to bring foods for their home Easter meals to church to be blessed, or the order of service could also be used by the family in their own homes.

Local Workshop Led by Anna Bittner

With One Voice: The Paschal Mystery and its Implications on Community and Music Ministry

March 9, 2013, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
Holy Cross Church, Fort Branch IN

Please join Anna Bittner, Pastoral Leadership and Pastoral Music Ministry double major from Marian University in Indianapolis, in a workshop focused on the Paschal Mystery and the use of music in the liturgy.

The workshop will highlight some of the theological, ministerial, and practical aspects of preparing the liturgy and celebrating as community. The workshop also offers a chance to look more closely at the liturgy and the way it is carried out, in the context of both the season of Lent and the *Year of Faith*.

Throughout the workshop, there will be open-ended discussions and opportunities for questions, as well as a look at real-world ways to apply these values and ideas.

Most importantly, the workshop is free, and open to people of all ages, ministries and walks of life.

For more information, contact Anna at abitner189@marian.edu.

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unflinching care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for you Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
- *Roman Missal, Masses and Prayers for
Various Needs and Occasions, 1. For Holy
Church, 2. For the Election of a Pope*



Reception of the Holy Oils

INTRODUCTION

1. It is appropriate that the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the holy Chrism, which are blessed by the Bishop during the Chrism Mass, be presented to and received by the local parish community.
2. The reception of the holy oils may take place before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or on another day after the celebration of the Chrism Mass.
3. The oils should be reserved in a suitable repository in the sanctuary or near the baptismal font.
4. The oils, in suitable vessels, are carried in procession by members of the assembly.
5. The oils are received by the Priest and are then placed on a suitably prepared table in the sanctuary or in the repository where they will be reserved.
6. As each of the oils is presented, the following or other words may be used to explain the significance of the particular oil.
7. The people's response may be sung.

RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS

Presenter of the Oil of the Sick:

The Oil of the Sick.

Priest:

**May the sick who are anointed with this oil
experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love,
in body and soul.**

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

Presenter of the Oil of Catechumens:

The Oil of Catechumens.

Priest:

**Through anointing with this oil, may our catechumens
who are preparing to receive the saving waters of Baptism
be strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan
and reject evil in all its forms.**

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

Presenter of the Holy Chrism:

The holy Chrism.

Priest:

**Through anointing with this perfumed Chrism
may children and adults, who are baptized and confirmed,
and Priests, who are ordained,
experience the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit.**

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.