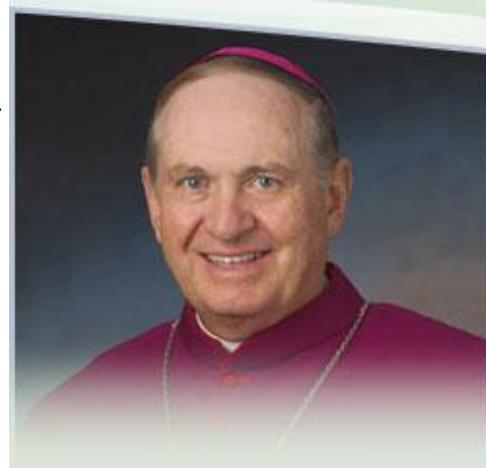


# OFFICE FOR WORSHIP

December 2016

## A Word from Bishop Pates...

Greetings to you in these first days of the season of Advent! Many thanks for the good work you do in the service of our Lord and the People of God. I hope this letter finds you looking forward to these weeks of Advent as we prepare for the Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. I am especially anticipating celebrating with you on December 18, 2016, 4:00 p.m. at the Presbyteral Ordination of Deacon Carlos Gomez at the Cathedral of St. Ambrose.



By now, it is my hope that you have in hand the revised edition of the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony (OCM)* and are preparing for its mandated use on **December 30, 2016, the Feast of the Holy Family.**

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments confirmed the English translation of the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Second Edition (OCM)*, with a *recognitio* decree dated June 29, 2015. On February 2, 2016, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the USCCB, issued a Decree of Publication for the English translation of the Order of Celebrating Matrimony. In that Decree, he wrote that the ritual text "*may be published and used in the Liturgy as of September 8, 2016, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and its use is mandatory as of December 30, 2016, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. From that day forward, no other English edition of the Order of Celebrating Matrimony may be used in the dioceses of the United States.*" The Spanish language edition of this rite, Ritual de Matrimonio, had already been published by the USCCB in 2010.

Our preparation for the implementation of the revised rite began with three workshops conducted by Kim Mandelkow, Director for the Office of Worship. Many of you attended these workshops, along with a number of deacons and lay ministers who work with engaged couples. The Office of Worship has also compiled a booklet of liturgical

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guidelines and “best practices” for the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Second Edition*. This booklet and other resources to assist with the implementation of this revised rite are available on the Worship Resources page of the diocesan website at:  
<http://www.dmdiocese.org/worship-resources.cfm>.

Included in this newsletter is a list of Frequently Asked Questions. If you have additional questions, I encourage you to be in touch with Kim Mandelkow at [kmandelkow@dmdiocese.org](mailto:kmandelkow@dmdiocese.org) or (515) 237-5043.

It is my hope that the process of implementation of this revised rite be an opportunity to renew and refresh the celebrations of matrimony in your parishes. This is a new moment of catechesis and formation for the Faithful, especially engaged couples. Be assured of my prayers of you and those preparing to celebrate this great Sacrament.

Again, heartfelt thanks for the many ways you serve the People of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**The Most Reverend Richard E. Pates**  
Bishop of Des Moines

## ***The Order of Celebrating Matrimony, Second Edition***

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

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Federation for Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC).\*\*\*

#### **Is it permissible to use readings other than those in *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*?**

Whether celebrated within or outside Mass, the Readings must always be taken from Scripture. On those days when the Ritual Mass is celebrated, the Scripture readings are to be selected from the OCM. Likewise, when Marriage is celebrated without Mass, the readings are to be selected from the OCM.

**The instruction for the readings notes that at least one reading that “explicitly speaks of marriage” must be selected. What does that mean?**

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## **Important Dates**

**Thursday, December 8:**  
Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception,  
Holy Day of Obligation

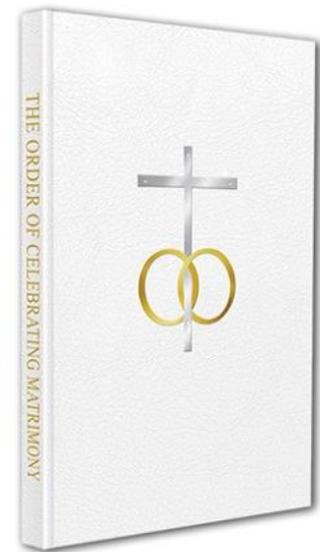
**Monday, December 12:**  
Feast of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe

**Saturday, December 17:**  
O Antiphons begin

**Sunday, December 18:**  
Ordination to the  
Priesthood, Deacon Carlos  
Gomez; St. Ambrose  
Cathedral

**Sunday, December 25**  
Christmas Day

In the rite itself (no. 56), one set of readings is given. In Chapter 4 of OCM, all assigned readings are listed and those which explicitly speak of marriage are indicated with an asterisk.



### **What prayers and readings are to be used for a wedding on a Solemnity?**

On solemnities, the Scripture readings and prayers are those of the solemnity, not of the Ritual Mass. These are days of special and universal celebration in the life of the whole Church. “Nevertheless... when the Ritual Mass “For the Celebration of Marriage” is not said, one of the readings may be taken from the texts provided for the celebration of Marriage [nos. 144-187]” (OCM 34).

### **May a non-Catholic proclaim the Readings?**

Normally, “during a Eucharistic celebration in the Catholic Church” the readings are to be proclaimed by a Catholic (*Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism*, June 8, 1993, para. 133). There is an allowance in this document that says that “on exceptional occasions and for a just cause, the Bishop of the diocese may permit a member of another church or ecclesial community to take on the task of reader.” But note that only the diocesan Bishop may allow this exception. If the Marriage takes place without Mass (Rite II or III), a non-Catholic is permitted to serve as reader.

### **May couples write their own vows?**

The OCM offers two forms of Consent (vows) and two methods for saying them. No other forms for the Consent are permitted.

### **Does a wedding on a Saturday night fulfill a Catholic’s Sunday obligation?**

Canon 1248.1 of the *Code of Canon Law* states: “The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day.” Therefore, if a wedding Mass is celebrated after the time allowed in a diocese for anticipated Masses of Sunday, one’s Sunday obligation is fulfilled.

### **Must the Celebration of Matrimony take place in the church building?**

Canon 1118.1: “A marriage between Catholics or between a Catholic party and a non-Catholic baptized party is to be celebrated in a parish church. It can be celebrated in another church or oratory with the permission of the local Ordinary or pastor.” The permission of the local Bishop is required for the wedding liturgy to take place in a suitable place outside of a Catholic church.

### **May the father of the bride accompany her down the aisle?**

The OCM says, “The procession to the altar then takes place in the customary manner” (46). Among the rich variety of customary forms experienced at wedding in this country, the option of a procession with a cross, servers, presider, bridesmaids and groomsmen, and groom and bride [perhaps accompanied by their parents] , would be commendable and should be encouraged.

When the bride and groom are accompanied by their parents, it provides a visual presentation of the Biblical view of both the bride and the groom “leaving father and mother and clinging to one another” (Gen 2:24; Mt 19:5; Eph 5:31) as the two become one in the covenantal relationship of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Although there may be pastoral circumstances that prevent one or both parents from accompanying their son or daughter down the aisle, this model offers a new perspective from the father accompanying his daughter as the one who “gives the bride away to her intended spouse.” But yes, a father of the bride may accompany his daughter down the aisle.

### **Can a Deacon officiate (serve as the official Church witness) at the celebration of Matrimony when the Marriage is celebrated within Mass?**

The role of the Deacon at Mass is to *assist* the Priest, who is the presider at the liturgy. The Deacon, at Mass, does have specific responsibilities: to announce the invocations of the Penitential Act (though this is omitted at a Nuptial Mass), to proclaim the Gospel and the intentions of the Universal Prayer, to invite all to share the Sign of Peace and to send forth the assembly in the dismissal. Therefore, it is not appropriate that a Deacon would act as the official witness for the Church at the celebration of Matrimony within Mass.

If his Bishop has given him faculties to preside at weddings, a Deacon may preside at the entire “Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass” and at the “Order for Celebrating Matrimony between a Catholic and a Catechumen or Non-Christian,” acting as the official witness for the Church.

### **May recorded music be used at the wedding liturgy?**

The role of liturgical musicians is ministerial in nature and cannot be replaced by electronic music. Likewise, “recorded music lacks the authenticity provided by a living liturgical assembly gathered for the Sacred Liturgy” (*Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, 93).



### **Is a cantor required for the wedding liturgy?**

The cantor serves an extremely important role in enabling all in the assembly to unite mind and heart in sung prayer and praise on this most special day. Many musical elements in the Wedding liturgy are dialogical, between the cantor and the rest of the assembly. *Sing to the Lord* states that if a singer is not trained to be a psalmist or cantor, “another singer should be secured for this liturgically important role” (SL, 221).



## The Year of Grace 2017: Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines

### *Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy*

#### **Lectionary: Sunday Year A (Matthew) / Weekday Year I**

An asterisk (\*) denotes a weekday holy day of obligation

#### Advent

November 27, 2016: First Sunday of Advent

**\*December 8 (Thursday): Immaculate Conception, Sol.; Jubilee Year of Mercy begins**

Friday, December 9: Optional Memorial of St. Juan Diego

Monday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### Christmas Time

**\*December 24-25: Christmas Vigil/Day** (Saturday-Sunday)

December 30: Feast of the Holy Family (Friday)

**\*December 31, 2016-January 1, 2017: Mary, Mother of God, Vigil/Day** (Saturday-Sunday)

January 7-8: The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil/Day (Saturday-Sunday)

January 9: The Baptism of the Lord (Monday)

#### Ordinary Time

January 15: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**January 15: Mass for Life with Iowa Bishops, 5 p.m. Sts. John and Paul Parish, Altoona**

January 18-24: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 23: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Monday, opt. violet vestments)

January 25: Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (Wednesday)

January 25: Anniversary of Ordination of Bishop Joseph Charron, C.P.P.S. (1990)

February 2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas; Thursday; white)

February 3: Optional Memorial, St. Blaise, Blessing of Throats (Friday)

#### Lent

March 1: Ash Wednesday

**March 4: Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion, 7:00 pm, Saturday (Corpus Christi, CB)**

March 5: First Sunday of Lent

**March 5: Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion, 1:30 & 4:30 p.m. (Cathedral)**

March 12: Second Sunday of Lent (Penitential Rite)

March 13: Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis (2013)

March 19: Third Sunday of Lent (First Scrutiny)

**March 20: Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity, Monday**

**March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity, Saturday**

March 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Second Scrutiny)

April 2: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Third Scrutiny)

**April 7: Chrism Mass, Friday, 7 pm, Cathedral of St. Ambrose**

April 9: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

#### The Sacred Paschal Triduum

**Holy Thursday: April 13**

**Good Friday: April 14**

**Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: April 15 (Earliest Easter Vigil start time: 8:30 PM)**

**Easter Sunday: April 16**

## Easter Time

April 23: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday,

May 27-28: Solemnity of the Ascension Vigil/Day, tr. from May 25; replaces 7th Sun. of Easter

May 29: Anniversary of Installation of Bishop Richard Pates (2008)

June 3-4: Pentecost Vigil/Day

## Ordinary Time

**June 11: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Sunday**

**June 18: Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday**

June 23: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, (Friday)

June 23: World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

**June 23: Priesthood Ordination, 7 pm, Cathedral of St. Ambrose (Friday)**

June 24: Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist (Saturday)

June 25: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 29: Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles (Thursday)

**August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (Sunday)**

**\*August 14-15: Solemnity of the Assumption BVM Vigil/Day (Mon.-Tues.)**

August 22: Queenship of Mary, Principal Patroness of the Diocese of Des Moines, Feast (Tuesday)

September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Friday)

September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Thursday)

Oct. 11: Anniversary of Dedication of Cathedral, Feast in Diocesan Churches; Solemnity in Cathedral

**\*November 1: Solemnity of All Saints (Wednesday)**

November 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (Thursday)

November 9: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Thursday)

**November 26: Solemnity of Christ the King (Sunday)**





## The Year of Grace 2015: Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines

### Calendar Notes

#### 1. Holy Days of Obligation (Weekday)

December 8, 2016 (Thursday): Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 25, 2016 (Sunday): Christmas

January 1, 2017 (Sunday): Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

August 15, 2017 (Tuesday): Solemnity of the Assumption

November 1, 2017 (Wednesday): Solemnity of All Saints'

#### 2. Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Solemnity Ascension of the Lord: Transferred to Sunday, May 28, 2017. This solemnity replaces the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Thursday, May 25, 2017, becomes Thursday of the 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter.

#### 3. Chrism Mass

Friday, April 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Please extend a special invitation and word of encouragement to the following groups at your parish:

- RCIA catechumens, candidates, sponsors, team
- Children who are to be or were recently baptized, their parents and sponsors
- Youth preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.

**Please note:** All the blessed oils will be poured and distributed in during Mass. Watch for directions regarding this year's process for picking up the oils.

#### 4. The Easter Vigil: *In the Diocese of Des Moines, the Easter Vigil is to begin no earlier than 8:30 p.m. on April 15, 2017.*

**From the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar (#21):** "The Easter Vigil, during the holy night when Christ rose from the dead, ranks as the "mother of all vigils." Keeping watch, the Church awaits Christ's resurrection and celebrates it in the sacraments. Accordingly, the entire celebration of this vigil should take place at night, that is, it should either begin after nightfall or end before dawn of Sunday."

**From the Ordo:** "This rule is to be taken in its *strictest* sense. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses."

#### 5. Priesthood Ordination:

Sunday, December 18, 2016 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Ambrose, Deacon Carlos Gomez

Friday, 23 June 2017, 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Ambrose. Deacon Trevor Chicoine

Please pray for these men and all of our seminarians!

# One Bread, One Cup

## Conception Abbey, July 17-21, 2017

**“One Bread, One Cup”** – a five-day liturgical leadership conference for high school youth and the adults who minister to them – is coming to Conception, MO, in 2017.

For more than 20 years, the summer conferences (usually shortened to OBOC) have been held three times a year at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana. Next summer, a fourth conference will be added at Conception Abbey July 17-21, 2017.

At each conference, high school teens learn about their Catholic faith and delve deeper into the hallmarks of Word, Sacrament and Mission. They return to their parishes and high schools with leadership experience in some aspect of the liturgy.

Youth learn by experience and engage in daily celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours and Mass. Evening theological reflection offers a chance to process and integrate the “One Bread, One Cup” experience into the teens’ daily lives.

Conferences include catechesis, liturgical and spiritual formation, and theological reflection. There are opportunities for personal prayer, liturgical prayer, charity and action in a community of peers. Time is also set aside for recreation and community.

During the conference, the high school youth choose an area of liturgical formation to focus on, such as liturgical music, liturgical arts, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, prayer in the life of the Body of Christ, preaching for the Liturgy of the Hours, proclamation of the Word, master of ceremonies/server/sacristan, and hospitality and stewardship.

Bishop Pates encourages newly confirmed youth to consider participating in this conference. More information will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, visit [www.saintmeinrad.edu/oboc](http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/oboc) for further details.