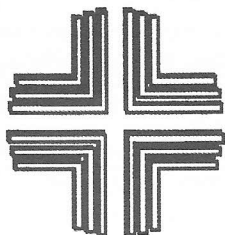


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TEXT OF THE ROMAN MISSAL, THIRD EDITION RELEASED TO PUBLISHERS

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The Secretariat of Divine Worship, in collaboration with the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, has completed an exhaustive review of the final text of the *Roman Missal*, Third Edition to prepare the texts for publication. This final review and copy-editing assured the accuracy and proper formatting of the text files before turning them over to publishers of ritual editions of the *Missal* as well as participation aids and catechetical resources. In addition, during this time the final arranging of the chants for various texts of the *Missal* was completed.

On January 3, 2011, the text and music files were transmitted to the seven liturgical publishers who will be releasing ritual editions of the *Roman Missal*:

Catholic Book Publishing Corporation
Liturgical Press
Liturgy Training Publications
Magnificat
Midwest Theological Forum
USCCB Communications
World Library Publications

Publishers can begin marketing, promotion, and pre-orders for the *Roman Missal* on February 1. Shipment and delivery of the ritual editions will begin on October 1.

The Committee on Divine Worship presented extensive guidelines for publishers to follow in bringing the ritual text to print. Because of the number of publishers participating, the Committee is striving to assure consistency among the various editions. Each publisher must follow the ordering and arrangement of the content of the book as presented by the Conference of Bishops. In particular, the arrangement of the Order of Mass, especially the Eucharistic Prayers, must be followed as presented, in order to maintain sense-line format page breaks as they have been designed.

At its November 2010 meeting, the Committee on Divine Worship reviewed preliminary plans for artwork for the various editions of the *Missal*. Among the seven publishers, there will be a great variety of styles of artwork for the *Missal*. Some editions will be 2-color and others will be 4-color. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments indicated at the time of the transmittal of the final text of the *Missal* that illustrative art in the *Missal* has a liturgical function, and that it ought to be representative of the subject matter rather than abstract. It is left to the discretion of the Conference of Bishops to determine the appropriateness of particular plans.

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