

# VOX CLARA COMMITTEE

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE NEW *ROMAN MISSAL*

### **When will the new translation of the *Missale Romanum* take effect?**

The President of each National Conference of Catholic Bishops will issue a decree establishing the “first use” date of the new Missal. The President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has established the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011, as the first date on which the new texts may be used in the Sacred Liturgy in the dioceses of the United States of America.

### **When will the new *Roman Missal* be available?**

The complete ritual book will, in all likelihood, be available some months before the implementation date. The work required for the publication of a liturgical text of more than twelve hundred pages is significant. The publication in the United States is overseen by the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship through its Secretariat in Washington D.C.

### **What should be happening in the meantime?**

As Pope Benedict XVI noted upon approval of the final text, programs of catechesis are a necessary preparation for an effective reception of the new *Roman Missal*, in order that the new translations might “be introduced with due sensitivity” (Pope Benedict XVI to the Vox Clara Committee, April 28, 2010). The USCCB has developed a *Parish Guide to Implementing the Roman Missal* as well as a website devoted exclusively to catechesis in preparation for the new Roman Missal (<http://www.nccbuscc.org/romanmissal/>).

### **What other resources exist for preparation for the new *Roman Missal*?**

Many publishers in many countries have produced useful resources for this important catechetical endeavor. Among the international resources are two DVDs: *A New Translation for a New Roman Missal* (<http://www.romanmissal.us/dvd.htm>) and *Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ* (<http://www.usccbpublishing.org/productdetails.cfm?sku=88907>).

### **Are the new translations available for study purposes?**

Excerpts from the new translation are available from two sources. The Order of Mass is available on the USCCB website (<http://www.nccbuscc.org/romanmissal/>). A one hundred and sixty page study text with excerpts from the new *Roman Missal* has just been published by the Vox Clara Committee under the title: *The Roman Missal: A Study Text with Excerpts from the New English Translation*. The study text is available at [www.theologicalforum.org](http://www.theologicalforum.org).

### **What is contained in the Vox Clara Study Text?**

The study text includes the complete Order of Mass with the four major Eucharistic Prayers as well as the presidential prayers for the Sundays of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. The prayers from the sanctoral cycle for November, as well as excerpts from Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions and the Votive Mass for Saint Joseph are also included.

### **How can the Vox Clara Study Text be purchased?**

Copies may be ordered from Amazon.com or from Midwest Theological Forum (<http://www.theologicalforum.org/>). *The Roman Missal: A Study Text with Excerpts from the New English Translation* (ISBN 978-1-936045-40-2) is available for fifteen dollars per copy, plus shipping and handling. Orders of one hundred or more copies are available for nine dollars each, plus shipping and handling during the initial promotion period.