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For the past several months, I have received requests for resources regarding the revised musical settings of the Order of the Mass. The most up-to-date website I have found thus far is published by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL). This website is updated on a regular basis. I think you will find the information available at this site very valuable in your preparation for the implementation of the revised *Roman Missal*.

Following is information regarding ICEL and its website:

ICEL – A Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops Conferences

The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) is a mixed commission of Catholic Bishops' Conferences in countries where English is used in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy according to the Roman Rite. The purpose of the Commission is to prepare English translations of each of the Latin liturgical books and any individual liturgical texts in accord with the directives of the Holy See.

Music for the Roman Missal

The Commission, while working on a translation of the Roman Missal, assembled a small group of expert musicians to prepare musical settings of the English texts of the chants.

The Commission approved settings for those parts of the Order of Mass that received *recognitio* from the Holy See in June 2008, and made these settings available at <http://www.icelweb.org/musicfolder/openmusic.php>. The music has been recently (October) updated to reflect minor changes in the 2008 text. It is important to note that the texts and music available on this site are for study rather than immediate liturgical use as authorization for use is the responsibility of the Bishops' Conferences.

An Introduction to the music is available at www.icelweb.org/ICELMusicIntroductionRev809.pdf and explains the approach adopted in the chants.