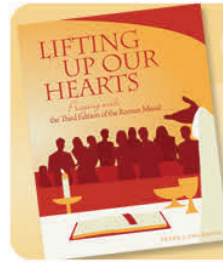




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“We are now given a special opportunity to deepen our appreciation of the gift of the liturgy itself. This is what *Lifting Up Our Hearts: Praying with the Third Edition of the Roman Missal* does.”

—From the Foreword by Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Divine Worship

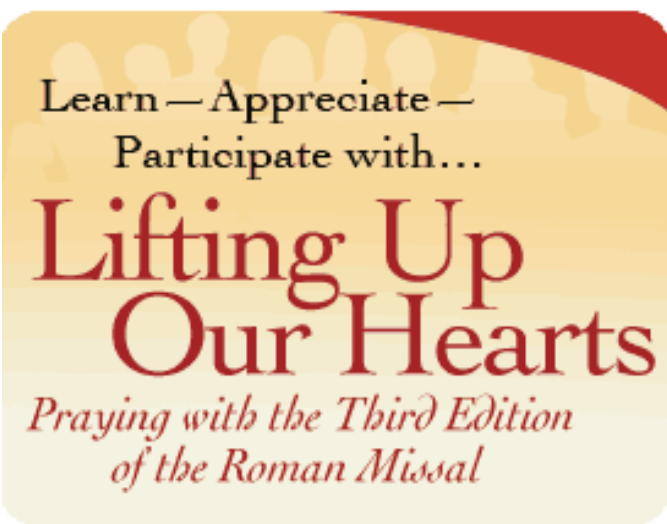
Date: August, 2011
To: All Monthly Mailing Recipients and Small Christian Community Leaders
RE: Small Christian Community Offering - Fall 2011

With the changes to the *Roman Missal* approaching Advent 2011, the Office of Worship and the Diocesan Core Team for Small Christian Communities is pleased to recommend a resource that can be used with Small Christian Communities to help them prayerfully prepare for the changes. This resource is recommended for use in the parishes of the Diocese of Belleville during Fall 2011. The booklet is entitled: “Lifting Up Our Hearts” by Renew International.

Lifting Up Our Hearts is a six-session small group faith-sharing process which will renew parishioners' spiritual life and their appreciation of the liturgy. Through prayerful reflection on the changes to the people's parts of the Mass, this resource emphasizes the role of the assembly and leads Catholics into a deeper understanding of the meaning of the Mass and its significance in their lives.

In preparing parishioners for the new edition, *Lifting Up Our Hearts* takes advantage of this "teaching moment." Each session enhances participants' understanding of the liturgy with the result that they will experience more full, conscious, and active participation.

This resource was written by Dr. Peter J. Zografos, noted liturgical theologian and presenter for the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.



- **Faith-Sharing Book:** Each session focuses on specific texts in the *Third Edition of the Roman Missal* and includes relevant Scripture passages for faith sharing, theological reflection and faith-sharing questions to connect the Sunday liturgy to daily life. A tear-out pew card lists revised prayers and responses. **Also available in a large print edition.**
- **Music CD:** Twelve selections chosen to illuminate and inspire participants to lift up their hearts and voices in song and prayer.
- **Small Group Set:** The essential elements to facilitate the faith-sharing process within a small group.
- **Free Webinar and web resources:** An optional online workshop for leaders is available.

For more information, to view a sample session or to download free resources for parishes (i.e. customizable posters, flyers, sign up cards and sample talks) please visit www.renewintl.org/Missal or call 888-433-3221.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012: Beginning January 15, 2012, join us week to week as we examine together as a diocesan family the richness of our Catholic faith and encourage each other along our lifelong journey toward holiness and eternal life. Parish and small Christian community leaders will be asked to consider a different format for their small Christian communities during the 125th Anniversary Year of the Diocese of Belleville. We will pray for a year of renewed faith and for the well-being of all the Christian Faithful. We anticipate a year of serving together in the mission of making disciples who make disciples! Visit the website "[Fanning the Flame](http://www.renewintl.org/Fanning)" to prepare your parish for our year long study of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults.