

**Catechetical Tools for the New English Translation of the Roman Missal  
Circular 2012-07**

**To: All Parish Priests and Local Women Religious Superiors**

Our Diocesan Commission on Liturgy has prepared an Audio-Visual Presentation on The New English Translation of The Roman Missal, along with the Order of the Mass. It was presented to the Clergy of Novaliches during our last meeting. We agreed that the AVP would be one of our catechetical tools for the understanding the new translation, which will be implemented soon on 2 December 2012. The Commission will provide copies, for free, of the AVP upon request of the parish priests. In helping parishioners adapt to some of the changes, the Commission printed copies of the Order of the Mass to be distributed throughout the Diocese. The latter costs Php 1,100 per ream, containing 500 sheets. These are available in the Chancery Office.

With this in mind, may I ask the parish priests to begin instructing the faithful about the new translation, to present this AVP during the Mass for a considerable period of time without undue delay, and to distribute the Order of the Mass. Also, I wish to encourage parishes to conduct teach-in seminars on this by inviting experts on liturgy. The changes should not remain superficial, but should lead our people to love the unchanging sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood.

Hopefully, the less expensive Sacramentary containing the New English Translation would be finished in no time by the Commission on Worship of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). I ask that we purchase this, instead of the United States' Sacramentary, since the former contains Proper of Saints' celebrations applicable in the Philippines.

We hope that we can better prepare the faithful to welcome changes in the English translation and appreciate with much devotion the timeless Eucharistic celebration.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 2 May 2012.

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