



From the Office of Worship...

Notes for May 2008

Request for Funeral Materials

Many of the questions that come into the Office of Worship are regarding the funeral rites and funeral practices. It has been about 15 years since something has been done at the diocesan level in terms of diocesan guidelines or funeral catechesis. As part of the ongoing efforts in reviewing, updating and educating about our liturgical practices, the Office of Worship would like to focus this fall on the Order of Christian Funerals.

To that end, I know that many parishes have put together some great resources to help families and staff in preparing to celebrate the funeral rites. **If you would be willing to share any funeral resources you have developed (planning guides, worship aids, etc.), please send them into the Office of Worship.** You can send them in via regular mail to the Catholic Center, or email any electronic resources you may have to mmiller@evansville-diocese.org. A small committee is being assembled to review and update any diocesan guidelines and resources, with the hope of presenting the results in the fall of 2008. In addition, if you have specific or general questions that you would like to see addressed, please let me know so they may be included in the discussion. Please try to have any resources or questions into the Office no later than June 13.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and willingness to share your work with the rest of the diocese.

Memorable Quote

"I am definitely loved and whatever happens to me – I am awaited by this Love. And so my life is good."

- *Saint Josephine Bakhita*

Calendar Notes for the Liturgical Year

Important Dates during Ordinary Time and Advent

- **Sunday, June 29**, is the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and the start of the Jubilee Year for Paul. Parishes under the patronage of Paul may want to commemorate this in some way, either this day or at other times throughout the year.
- **Friday, August 15**, is the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and **is** a holy day of obligation.
- **Friday, October 3**, is the optional memorial for Saint Theodora Guerin.
- **Saturday, November 1**, is the solemnity of All Saints, but it **is not** a holy day of obligation this year.
- **Sunday, November 2**, is the commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, or All Souls.
- **Sunday, November 23**, is the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year.
- **Saturday, December 6**, is the ordination to the diaconate for Ryan Hilderbrand at 11 A.M. (C.S.T.) at Saint Benedict Cathedral.
- **Monday, December 8**, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Since it is the patronal feast of the United States, it **is** a holy day of obligation.

All Saints Details for 2008

In 2008, the solemnity of All Saints will be on a Saturday. This means it **will not** be a holy day of obligation. Funeral Masses may be celebrated this day, but other ritual Masses (such as weddings) are not permitted. For a wedding Mass, the Mass of the day is used with the nuptial blessing, and one of the readings may be changed. The Rite of Marriage outside of Mass may also be celebrated.

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

*National Association of Pastoral Musicians
Regional Convention: "Do Not Let Your
Hearts be Troubled or Afraid!"*
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel,
Cleveland, OH
July 8 - 11, 2008

For more information and to download the registration brochure, please visit <http://www.npm.org/EducationEvents/convention/central/index.htm>.

*National Association for Pastoral Musicians
Summer Institutes 2008*

23rd Annual Choir Director Institute

St. Louis, Missouri - August 11-15

Guitar and Ensemble Institute

Erlanger, Kentucky - July 14-18

For more information on these and other institutes offered by the NPM, or to download the registration brochure, please visit <http://www.npm.org/EducationEvents/institutes/index.html>.



*The Liturgical Institute: The Bible and the
Liturgy: Written Text Becomes Spoken
Word*

University of Saint Mary of the
Lake/Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL
September 19-20, 2008

Join America's leading biblical and liturgical scholars for a 2-day event addressing the Biblical roots of salvation and its manifestation in the sacred Liturgy of the Church. With Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Brant Pitre, Fr. Robert Barron, Lynne Boughton, David Fagerberg, John Cavadini, Fr. Douglas Martis, Bill Portier and Denis McNamara.

Sponsored by the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology and the Liturgical Institute.

For more information, call 847-837-4542 or visit <http://www.usml.edu/liturgicalinstitute/liturgicalinstitute.htm>.

Plenary Indulgence Offered for Pauline Year

Catholics who participate in events connected with the 2008-2009 jubilee year of Saint Paul can receive a special indulgence, according to a May 10 Vatican decree.

The plenary indulgence is being offered to pilgrims who come to Rome, to Catholics who participate in local events connected to the jubilee year, and to those who may be too ill or otherwise prevented from physical participation. It can be granted on behalf of the individual petitioner or on behalf of departed souls.

The conditions for the special Pauline year indulgence include the normal requirements set by the Church for all plenary indulgences: that the person goes to confession, receives the Eucharist and prays for the intentions of the pope.

Some specific requirements for the plenary indulgence:

- Those visiting the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome in the form of a pilgrimage must offer personal prayers before the Altar of the Most Blessed Sacrament; they must also recite the Our Father and the Creed in front of the Altar of the Confession, adding invocations to honor Mary and Saint Paul.
- The Catholic faithful in any local church can obtain the indulgence by participating with devotion in a liturgy or other public event dedicated to Saint Paul – in any sacred place on the opening and closing days of the jubilee year, and on other days in places designated by the local bishop.
- Catholics impeded by sickness or other serious cause, as long as they have the intention of fulfilling the other conditions as soon as possible, can obtain a plenary indulgence by joining spiritually in a jubilee celebration in honor of Saint Paul and offering their prayers and suffering for Christian unity.

The decree said individuals can obtain more than one plenary indulgence during the jubilee year, but not more than one per day. The Pauline year begins on June 28, 2008, and concludes on June 29, 2009, commemorating the birth of Saint Paul 2000 years ago.