



Committee on Divine Worship

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Your Eminence / Your Excellency:

I write to inform you of the response Archbishop Dolan received from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments regarding the use of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* and the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* once the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, is introduced this Advent. This question was originally proposed by Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., during his visit to the Congregation last year in his capacity as then-USCCB President. In his letter (Prot. N 692/11/L), Most Rev. J. Augustine Di Noia, OP, Archbishop Secretary, states:

Having now attentively studied the matter, this Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has concluded that nothing stands in the way of the continued use of these texts and, for that purpose, to be reprinted, in accord with the norm of liturgical law, until such time as revised translations of these texts have been approved by the Bishops and have received the *recognitio* of this Dicastery.

In communicating this decision, the Congregation noted that the updated words of institution should be used in the Eucharistic Prayers, and that the people's responses and acclamations should be updated to reflect the text of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. In the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the new text of the Order of Mass should be inserted, and the concluding formulae of the orations should be updated to reflect the newer text.

The Secretariat of Divine Worship will begin work immediately to prepare the necessary adjustments to the texts and see to their publication as soon as possible. The text of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* will be published by USCCB Communications as a supplement to the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, (similar to the current supplemental text of the Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), and it should be available in time for the implementation of the Missal this Advent. We hope to include the text of the *Directory for Masses with Children* as an introductory text for this supplement. The Congregation suggests that it would be helpful to remind pastors of the regulations regarding the use of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children*, and we will address this in the upcoming issue of the *Committee on Divine Worship Newsletter*.

The *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary* was originally published by both Catholic Book Publishing Company and Liturgical Press. The staff of the Secretariat will contact both publishers to work toward the release of updated editions from these same publishers.

On behalf of the Committee on Divine Worship, I express my thanks for your continued support and efforts as this significant moment in the liturgical life of our Church draws near. May the Lord bless our efforts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
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Chairman