



Memo

Date: August 17, 2020
To: All priests and deacons
From: Patricia DeJarnett, Associate Director, Office for Divine Worship
Re: Ritual Books revised since 2015

Over the past five years, several new ritual books have been approved and published. To ensure that all clergy are aware of and using the proper ritual books, you will find a list below of the newest ritual books, the date after which they must be used and the publishers from whom they can be purchased.

The most important ritual books for priests and deacons are the rituals for baptism, matrimony and the Misal Romano (Spanish language Missal). Please note that only Ritual Books published in the United States may be used.

Order of Confirmation

Decree of Publication: May 24, 2015
First Use: On publication
Required Use: May 15, 2016
Publishers: USCCB

Order of Celebrating Matrimony

Decree of Publication: February 2, 2016
First Use: September 9, 2016
Required Use: December 30, 2016
Publishers: CBP, Lit Press (English or Bilingual), Magnificat, USCCB, Ave Maria Press. The supplemental books such as "Together for Life" which complement the Order of Celebrating Matrimony have also been updated.

Misal Romano (Spanish Language Missal)

Decree of Publication: September 14, 2017
First use: May 20, 2018
Required Use: Advent, 2018
Publishers: CBP, LitPress, Magnificat

Order of Dedication of a Church and an Altar

Decree of Publication: May 21, 2018

First Use: On publication

Required Use: November 9, 2018

Publishers: USCCB

Exorcisms and Related Supplications

Decree of Publication: June 29, 2017

Publishers: USCCB, requests must come from the Bishop.

Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism

Decree of Publication: December 12, 2018

First Use: On publication

Required Use: March 6, 2019

Publishers: USCCB

Order of Baptism of Children

Decree of Publication: June 10, 2019

First Use: February 2, 2020

Required Use: April 12, 2020

Publishers: English and Bilingual: CPB, LitPress, LTP; English Only: USCCB, Magnificat

Other new texts are:

- Lectionary for Mass Supplement
- Excerpts from the Roman Missal (aka “Book of the Chair”)
- Collection of Masses for the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Rite for Blessing of a Child in the Womb
- Administration of Communion and Viaticum by an Extraordinary Minister

Texts for new feasts and memorials recently added to the liturgical calendar can be found [HERE](#).