

Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest – Annotated Bibliography –

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RITUAL BOOK and DIOCESAN POLICY for SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, *Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest*, revised edition. Washington: USCCB, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-57455-711-4.

- Offered “not as particular law, but as an approved resource of the USCCB Committee on the Liturgy, and may be used in the dioceses of the United States under the direction of the diocesan bishop” [Foreword].
- Contents: Foreword, Introduction to the ritual book, and chapters on Morning and Evening Prayer and Celebration on the Liturgy of the Word with optional Holy Communion.
- Appendices provide resources for the prayer of the faithful, the act of thanksgiving, prayers of the day when SCAP may be used, and the complete texts of *Directory for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest* and *Gathered in Steadfast Faith*.

MSGR. CARL KEMME, Diocesan Administrator, **Memorandum** on implementing and training for two emergency plans using the diocesan policy, September 2009.

- September 2009 Monthly Mailing archives: http://mm.dio.org/sept_09/item01a.pdf.

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS, **Policy**, Using *Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest* in Situations When Sunday Mass Cannot Be Celebrated, May 2009.

- September 2009 Monthly Mailing archives: http://mm.dio.org/sept_09/item01b.pdf.

UNIVERSAL AND PARTICULAR DOCUMENTS

CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP, *Directory for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest*, 02 June 1988.

BISHOPS’ COMMITTEE ON THE LITURGY, *Gathered in Steadfast Faith: Statement of the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy on Sunday Worship in the Absence of a Priest*, 1991.

INTERDIOCESEAN **Instruction**, *Ecclesiae de Mysterio*, on certain questions regarding the collaboration of the non-ordained faithful in the sacred ministry of priest, 15 August 1997.

JOHN PAUL II, **Apostolic Letter**, *Dies Domini*, on keeping the Lord's Day holy, 31 May 1998.

- The entire text is helpful; no. 53 refers to Sunday assemblies without a priest.

CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS, **Instruction**, *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, on certain matters to be observed or to be avoided regarding the Most Holy Eucharist, 25 March 2004.

- In Chapter 7, on the extraordinary functions of the lay faithful, nos. 162-167 addresses the particular celebrations carried out in the absence of a priest.

BENEDICT XVI, **Apostolic Exhortation**, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, on the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Church's life and mission, 22 February 2007.

- Only a small section, no. 75, addresses Sunday assemblies in the absence of a priest.

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship* 14 November 2007. Washington: USCCB Publishing, 2008. ISBN-13: 978-1-60137-022-8.

- No. 241 briefly addresses SCAP and concludes with: "While the individual elements of these ritual patterns are described in nos. 137-199 in this document, it is important that singing normally be included in these celebrations." The earlier numbers address the individual parts of Mass, many of which are included in SCAP.

BOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES

Michael J. Begolly. *Leading the Assembly in Prayer: A Practical Guide for Lay and Ordained Presiders*, Revised Edition. San Jose: Resource Publications, 2008. ISBN: 0-89390-674-3.

- Part One covers four aspects for leading prayer: the assembly, the minister, preparing to preside, and spirituality. Part Two covers specific celebrations: Sunday Mass, SCAP, Liturgy of the Word with children, and the Order of Christian Funerals. A formation process is in the appendix.

Brown, Kathleen H. *Lay Leaders of Worship: A Practical and Spiritual Guide*. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 2004. ISBN-13: 978-0-8146-2954-3.

- Chapters under Part One, The Identity of the Lay Leader of Prayer, are "Authority," "Spirituality," "Relationships," and "Skills for Lay Presiding." Chapters under Part Two, The Formation of Lay Leaders of Prayer, are "Approaches to Adult Spiritual Formation," "A Model Formation Program," and "A Renewed Vision of Spiritual Leadership."

Michael Henchal, revised by Michael Prendergast. *Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, A Pastoral Liturgical Commentary*, revised edition. Washington: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, 2007.

- Publisher addresses: www.fdlc.org; publications@fdlc.org, fax (202) 529-2452, voice (202) 635-6990.
- Chapters on: interpreting liturgical documents, Sunday, implementing SCAP, forms of the Sunday celebrations, preparing the celebration, the assembly, ministry of the laity, the Word, Eucharist and the Church, Communion, reflection. Also a bibliography and the complete text of both the directory and statement.

Kathleen Hughes. *Lay Presiding: The Art of Leading Prayer*. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press.

- Valuable small book. Out of print.