

Media Release from the Bishops' Committee for the Liturgy regarding the third edition of the General Instruction on the Roman Missal

The Bishops Committee on Liturgy welcomes the release of the official Latin version of the third edition of the General Instruction on the Roman Missal. It has been a full twenty five years since the last edition was published. This latest update is testament to the ongoing nature of the liturgical reforms of Vatican II.

The current General Instruction remains the authoritative text, until the translation of this third edition for the English speaking world has been approved by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and then confirmed by the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

This proper process, standard for revised editions and new rituals, will take some time. Hopefully it will be connected with the release of the much anticipated revision of our English language Sacramentary, currently awaiting the necessary confirmation from Rome. Some minor amendments will be required in light of the new General Instruction.

The United States Bishops' Committee for Liturgy has released a provisional (unofficial) translation and a study document related to the united States pastoral situation. While this presents a preview of the content of the original Latin Third Edition of the General Instruction on the Roman Missal, the United States translation is in no way definitive.

The National Liturgical Commission in Australia will make a comprehensive study of the official text, especially of those sections that require a response from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference.