EDITORIAL

The 50th Anniversary of Vatican II’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy “Sacrosanctum Concilium” (1963) on 4 December 2013 provides liturgical ministers with a golden opportunity to reflect on all the positive developments that followed SC’s promulgation, and to take stock of the challenges that await those concerned for the Council’s vision for liturgical reform and renewal of the Christian life in the world today. The 50th Birthday of the so-called “magna carta” of the Church’s recent liturgical reform is a time for celebration, reflection and renewed commitment.

SC was clearly a fruit of the 19th and 20th century liturgical movement. The document emphasised the active participation of the faithful promoted by liturgical pioneers such as Dom Prosper Guéranger OSB (1805-1875) and Pope St Pius X (1835-1914), and this ideal was described as the aim to be considered above all else. Identifying the liturgy as the source and summit of the Christian life, SC clearly implied that the Council Fathers wanted liturgical prayer to be at the forefront of Catholic spirituality, worship and proclamation, and the driving force for community service and charitable outreach in the lives and work of families, individuals and communities.

When one re-reads SC - the first major statement of the Second Vatican Council – it is striking to note some of the positive ramifications. For example, hearing the Scriptures and praying to God in the vernacular gives liturgical prayer an immediacy that perhaps contrasts with the more transcendent character of the Latin language in which the readings and prayers were formerly cast. The broader diversity of ministerial roles shows that more of the faithful are living out their baptism into the priesthood of Christ, who came into the world not to be served, but to serve.

At their best, liturgical celebrations draw upon the gifts of the ordained and baptised members of the community and show that Christ’s mystical body is dependent upon a diversity of gifts and ministries in order to function fruitfully. Bishops, priests and deacons need the collaboration of the praying assembly, sacristans, musicians (including organists, cantors, choirs, instrumentalists and singers), servers, readers and lay ministers of Communion in order to serve the needs of the praying Church and local community. Church ministry is a team effort.

St Paul tells us, however, that when one part of Christ’s body suffers, all suffer! In many countries today, it is noticeable that some of the Church’s liturgical ministries are undergoing a decline. The phenomenon is noticeable in some local parishes. Renewed liturgical formation is therefore imperative at parish, school, seminary, CEO, diocesan and tertiary levels. Recruitment of existing parishioners and new faces, and strategic training of liturgical ministers is necessary in order to enrich the liturgical rites, including the aesthetic dimension, so that liturgy will be attractive and culturally engaging for God’s people in order to strengthen them for their baptismal mission.

In Australia, those working in the liturgical apostolate are indeed blessed to have access to numerous resources with which to deepen the formation of liturgical ministers. Websites of liturgical offices offer links to trained liturgical personnel, guidelines and information about resources, eg ICEL’s Become One Body One Spirit in Christ (Carlton: Fraynework, 2010), www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au,

Powerful Points for Liturgical Ministers (Brisbane: The Liturgical Commission 2007), liturgical ministry publications from local and overseas liturgical publishers, such as Liturgy Brisbane, St Pauls Publications, Creative Ministry Resources, Willow Connection, The Liturgical Press (USA) and Liturgy Training Publications (USA) and Australian journals such as Pastoral Liturgy, Liturgy News and The Summit.

In this 50th anniversary year, the decrees of Sacrosanctum concilium are indeed worthy of renewed reading and serious attention. A resolution to implement the Constitution’s liturgical vision sounds utopian. However, so do the marketing and training strategies of many corporations that want to bring out the best in people. The ideals of SC can be achieved with renewed sacrifice, vision and commitment. The noble ideas of the Council Fathers remain a goldmine worthy of further exploration – a task that will keep many in service during the next fifty years!

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Summary of Meeting
Wednesday 6 March 2013
Francis Rush Centre,
St Stephen’s Cathedral Precinct, Brisbane

1.0 Opening Prayer

2.0 Present: Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Chair), Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Rev Dr Barry Craig PP, Bishop Max Davis, Bishop Peter Elliott, Rev Dr Stephen Hackett MSC PP, Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett, Dr Clare Johnson (participated in the meeting from 2pm via Skype), Mrs Sophy Morley, Rev Brian Nichols Adm, Mgr Patrick O’Regan EV Adm, Dr Paul Taylor (Executive Secretary), Rev Dr Christopher Willcock SJ, Very Rev Peter Williams VG, Mrs Elizabeth Harrington (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies: Mrs Jenny O’Brien

The Chair welcomed back Bishop Paul Bird CSsR to the NLC as a member of the BCL and Mrs Elizabeth Harrington as a Diocesan Liturgical Consultant in attendance at the NLC meeting. Elizabeth also took the minutes for the meeting.

3.0 BCL Report to November 2012 Plenary

With regard to the assessment of the implementation of the Roman Missal (2010), it was suggested that collaboration between the NLC and ACBC Pastoral Research Office would be helpful to develop appropriate survey tools, but that the NLC needs to wait for 2-3 years before undertaking any research (ie not before Advent 2014). Research strategies and existing findings from other countries and dioceses should provide useful reference.

4.0 Minutes of NLC Meeting (5 September 2012)

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Lectionary for Mass Revision
In early February 2013, Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB met with Archbishop Arthur Roche (Secretary of CDWDS) in Rome. A frank discussion took place. Archbishop Roche made it clear that any hope of an NRSV lectionary should be abandoned – the translation is not acceptable to the Holy See. This raises the question regarding the use of the NRSV translation in the Canadian NRSV lectionary. The situation is messy and complicated. Given there are various issues associated with using other possible translations apart from the NRSV (eg RSV, ESV, NJB), such as achieving episcopal consensus, arranging approved revisions to copyright translations, relevant costs, style of translation in relation to RM (2010) etc. One possible alternative scenario is that the current JB translation in the Lectionary for Mass (Sydney/London: Collins, 1981) might be lightly revised. Issue is becoming pressing as this Lectionary is out of print and existing copies are aging in many places.

5.2 Roman Missal (2010) Implementation
The discussion suggested that people have become familiar with their responses, but still require worship aids for longer Order of Mass prayers (eg Nicene Creed). It was suggested that some women in particular appreciate the poetic quality in the revised text. In general, it was noted that many priests are unhappy with the revised translation due to issues associated with vocabulary of translation, complex sentence structure, and the question of meaning/interpretation of presidential prayers. This is also an issue particularly for priests for whom English is a second language. The revised arrangement of contents in RM (2010) also influences liturgical practice (eg Sprinkling Rite is perhaps used less now owing to its location in the Appendix). The altar edition is beginning to show signs of wear, particularly, ribbons and tabs.

5.3 General Instruction of the Roman Missal (2010)
The final text for Australia (Strathfield, NSW: St Pauls, 2012) is to be launched in Melbourne on 15 March 2013. It was suggested that priests are looking for what is different in the text. Local dioceses (eg Brisbane) are beginning to offer systematic form and an article about GIRM and the Communion Rite will be published in Liturgy News (Mar 2013) with accompanying video clips on the Liturgy Brisbane website. The question of how clergy learn was raised and emphasis placed upon the importance of a spirituality grounded in the liturgy. Many pastoral ministers have a diminished sense of ritual. The baton was dropped when ‘priest craft’ was dropped at seminaries. Ongoing liturgical formation of priests and other liturgical ministers is therefore critical.

5.4 Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children
A letter was tabled from Br Christian Moe FSC (a Melbourne-based Latinist and religious educator) who was commissioned to make recommendations about the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children. The discussion that followed highlighted the pastoral benefits of the EPs for Masses with Children and the importance of their use in accordance with the CDW’s Directory for Masses with Children (1973). Following a suggestion in Br Moe’s letter, it was agreed that the EPs for Masses with Children approved by the CDWDS for use in the USA in 2011 be distributed to the Australian Bishops for reference prior to a canonical vote for possible approval at the ACBC May 2013 meeting.

5.5 Prayers of the Roman Missal (“Book of the Chair”)
Drafts of the “Book of the Chair” from St Pauls Publications were tabled for comment. After some discussion about current design and possible alternative content, it was agreed that St Pauls be asked to adopt the same structure and content as the Roman Missal for Masses with Children. The discussion that followed highlighted the pastoral benefits of the EPs for Masses with Children and the importance of their use in accordance with the CDW’s Directory for Masses with Children (1973). Following a suggestion in Br Moe’s letter, it was agreed that the EPs for Masses with Children approved by the CDWDS for use in the USA in 2011 be distributed to the Australian Bishops for reference prior to a canonical vote for possible approval at the ACBC May 2013 meeting.

5.6 ICEL Meeting with NLC Secretaries
A summary of the 4-7 February 2013 meeting in Washington DC was tabled for reference. Apart from discussion of the Roman Missal (2010) implementation (comprising critical and appreciative feedback from different countries), the meeting focussed upon current ICEL revision projects and processes. A key issue for discussion was development of a copyright policy for publication of digital texts. ICEL is keen to receive feedback on implementation and any errors in printed text of Roman Missal (2010). A table summarising the proposed USA revision of the Liturgy of the Hours was distributed for reference.
7.0 Tertiary Education in Liturgy and Music
The discussion of this issue centred around increasing need for local tertiary formation in liturgy and music that is ecumenical in scope and connected to existing tertiary institutions (e.g. ACU, Notre Dame, other theological colleges). Liturgical training of qualified musicians and utilisation of skilled musicians in secondary schools are two examples of under-utilised opportunities. Dr Clare Johnson suggested that initial research to study the status quo in Australia is required in order to map existing offerings, investigate potential sources of funding and collaboration, and development of recommendations to the ACBC and other bodies as appropriate. It was agreed that Clare be deputised to investigate possible support from ACU regarding some initial research funding opportunities and to report back.

8.0 Study Resource for Homiletics
It was noted that both the National Council of Priests and the Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy have been contacted regarding development of resources to assist with homiletics. They were asked for advice on what clergy would find useful. It was suggested some market research would be useful. It was suggested the issue could be raised in the NCP journal The Swag inviting responses. Discussion noted that YouTube and other internet sources could provide potential benefits. The recent USCCB document Preaching the Mystery of Faith (2012) is worth looking at. It was agreed that it is important to generate a culture of preaching. A deep engagement with the word of God is the issue for all preachers. What is needed is not so much a new resource but a collation of resources that already exist – a preaching portal.

9.0 National Liturgical Music Board
NLMB Chair, Fr Peter Williams VG, noted that the ACBC & NLMB have engaged a Melbourne publisher, Mosaic Resources, and that a contract for publishing the CWBII is currently being negotiated. The NLMB has decided on a repertoire of 526 items (including Order of Mass Chants, Mass Settings, Service Music, Liturgical Hymns and Songs for Morning/Evening Prayer, Rites, Sacraments and Seasons). The NLMB is now at a stage of proofing the drafts. Copyright on the compilation of CWBII will be held by the ACBC. It is envisaged that the resource title will be Catholic Worship Book II. Within two years of publication, it is anticipated that an electronic version of CWBII will be made available.

10.0 National Liturgical Architecture and Art Board
NLAAB Chair, Rev Dr Stephen Hackett MSC PP, provided an update on the proposed Symposium and National Guidelines projects. For a number of reasons to do with confirmation of venue, speaker availability and administration issues, it was decided to postpone the national symposium until after the national guidelines have been produced. A separate subcommittee is to be formed to develop guidelines on the use of information technology during the liturgy. Members to comprise Fr Peter Williams VG, Dr Paul Taylor, Mr Andrew Kirkbride and Rev Dr Tom Eich PP as consultant.

In relation to local Church architects, discussion focused on the possibility of preparing a list of competent church architects to give to parishes that are building/renovating – especially an indication of architects/artists who can arrange space in a theologically appropriate way. Greg Burgess in Melbourne is one example. It is important to look around the country for good church architects. Architects also need to be very well briefed. This has often not been done.

11.0 Australian Pastoral Musicians Network
It was noted that liturgist and composer, Mr Paul Mason, has replaced Mr Paul Ankus as Chair of the APMN. Currently there is a drive to promote membership of the association and the APMN executive is preparing its inaugural conference to be hosted by the Diocese of Wollongong during January 2014.

12.0 Liturgy Meetings in Wollongong 2014
It was suggested that the Biennial Meeting of the National Liturgical Council, NLC Consultants and Diocesan Liturgy Representatives be held prior to Wollongong Liturgy Conference in January 2014. The host planning committee and NLC executive secretary normally devise the program and it is anticipated that the conference will include celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (1963), promotion of CWBII and consultation regarding implementation of the Roman Missal (2010), in addition to providing a range of liturgical celebrations, keynote presentations, workshops and other conference activities.

13.0 Other Business
New editions of Masses of the BVM are available from The Liturgical Press (USA) and approved by the USCCB. This new publication is a blend of the old and new translations – similar to the recent revision of The Roman Pontifical. There is a need to develop a clear statement on the use of iPads instead of Missals and Lectionaries. New Zealand has recently put out directives. It was noted that army chaplains find the iPad form of liturgical books most convenient, however, this situation is regarded as an exception.

14.0 Thanks to Frs Peter Williams VG and Christopher Willcock SJ
Archbishop Coleridge thanked Fr Peter Williams (BCL and NLC Executive Secretary, 2001-2011) and Fr Christopher Willcock SJ (NLC Member, 1995-2013) for their wonderful contribution to the NLC as they conclude their term of membership of the Council. Bishop Peter Elliott expressed gratitude to Pope Benedict XVI for his contribution to liturgical reform and renewal during his pontificate (2005-2013).

15.0 Next Meeting
Wednesday 11 September, 9.30am - 4.00pm, Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen’s Cathedral Precinct, Brisbane.

16.0 The meeting closed at 3.30pm with prayer.
1.0 Prayer

2.0 Present: Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Chair), Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Bishop Max Davis, Bishop Peter Elliott, Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett, Dr Paul Taylor (Executive Secretary).

3.0 Previous Minutes: The minutes from the November 2012 meeting were accepted as an accurate record

4.0 Roman Missal (2010) Implementation

Archbishop Coleridge noted that feedback from clergy is often critical. Comprehension of prayers is an issue and therefore preparation is key. On the other hand, critics of the revised translation sometimes don’t appreciate the distinctive characteristics of prayers of the Roman Rite. Bishop Bird noted that the Missal implementation involves two dimensions: pastoral use now and formalised review after Advent 2014.

It was noted that the Roman Missal (London: CTS, 2010) altar edition is beginning to show signs of wear and tear. The following points were noted for future reference by CTS in London:

- strength of paper could be reviewed;
- location and design of tabs needs review (current tabs are curling down; pages with tabs are tearing);
- ribbons have become detached;
- some typos have been identified, eg, Mass in Time of Draught (Contents, p 1368) (should be “drought”)

5.0 Lectionary for Mass Revision

Efforts to achieve a workable solution continue. It was suggested that a revised Jerusalem Bible translation might be considered for the revised Lectionary for Mass, possibly in conjunction with the Grail Psalter (with light revisions) as there is a degree of dissatisfaction amongst the Bishops and others with the Revised Grail Psalter translation. Archbishop Coleridge is to write to Presidents of Episcopal Conferences to ask what they want to do. Archbishop Coleridge also hopes to speak with Archbishop Arthur Roche (Secretary of the CDWDS) during The Great Grace Conference in Sydney during May 2013.

5.1 Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children

The Australian Catholic Bishops voted in May 2013 to approve the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, recently approved for use in the USA (2011), and subsequently in England and Wales (2013). The texts have been submitted to the CDWDS for recognitio.

5.2 ICEL Green Books

The ICEL Green Books for the Order of the Dedication of a Church and Altar, the Rite of Exorcisms and Certain Supplications and the Supplement to the Liturgy of the Hours have been distributed via email to the Australian Bishops, NLC members and Consultants for reference. Comments are due at the National Liturgical Office by 1 October 2013

6.0 ICEL Green Books

The question of distribution mode for the latest round of ICEL Green Books was raised. It was suggested that hard copies be provided, but for NLO to liaise with ACBC Secretariat. Archbishop Coleridge is to request that more local Bishops submit feedback.

7.0 GIRM (2010): Final Text with Application for Australia

It was noted that this publication [which concords with the English translation of the GIRM in the Roman Missal (2010)] was launched by Archbishop Hart in Melbourne on 15 March 2013.

8.0 Electronic Applications for Liturgical Texts

After some discussion, the BCL decided to approve the request from Mr. Jim McLoughlin to develop an electronic Application (or App) providing access to texts from the Roman Missal to assist congregations as a worship aid during Mass.

It was stipulated that the Application should carry the caveat that the texts were not to be used on iPads etc to replace the liturgical books used by the priest celebrant, in keeping with official policies.

9.0 OCF Terminology re Eulogy/Words of Remembrance

It was noted that an email had been sent from the NLO to the Australian Funeral Directors’ Association with a request that members be notified that the term “Eulogy” should not be included in service booklets prepared for use in Catholic funeral rites, in keeping with the Church’s Order of Christian Funerals (1989) par 27. It was pointed out in the email that the phrase customarily used is “Words of Remembrance”.

10.0 Prayers of the Roman Missal (“Book of the Chair”) (1989) par 27. It was pointed out in the email that the phrase customarily used is “Words of Remembrance”.

11.0 NLMB - CWBII: Contract with Publisher

It was noted that a Melbourne publisher has been engaged to publish the NLMB Resource entitled Catholic Worship Book II. If all administrative, editorial, publishing and printing deadlines are met, the new resource should become available around the beginning of Lent 2014.

12.0 NLC Consultants/Diocesan Liturgy Reps Meeting (January 2014)

An update was provided about scheduling this meeting prior to the Liturgy Conference “Life Up Your Hearts” hosted by the Diocese of Wollongong.
National Liturgical Council

Recent Appointment of Dr Bill Griffiths

Following the ACBC meeting in May 2013, the Bishops Commission for Liturgy appointed Dr Bill Griffiths to the National Liturgical Council in place of Rev Dr Christopher Willcock SJ who stepped down in March 2013 after 17 years of dedicated service.

Bill Griffiths’ professional work is in Catholic education. He has served as a school principal in Adelaide followed by a term as Director of Catholic Education in the Northern Territory. Most recently, he has been the CEO of the National Catholic Education Commission based in Canberra. Bill has a lifelong interest and practical involvement in ritual music and the role it can play in enabling effective pastoral liturgy. He completed a Masters degree in Liturgy at St John’s University, Collegeville, MN (USA), and also holds a Doctorate in Education.

Bill has been involved in a variety of liturgical ministries: cantor/keyboard player in various suburban parishes; Assistant Organist and choir member at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide; organist at St Mary’s Cathedral Darwin; member of diocesan liturgy councils in the Dioceses of Darwin and Canberra & Goulburn; Consultant to the National Liturgical Music Board; production coordinator of liturgy e-learning resources for schools; occasional seminar/workshop leader for liturgy leaders in city, suburban and country parishes. Following completion of his term at the NCEC in Canberra in June 2013, Bill and his wife Mary-Ellen are returning to live to Adelaide. We very much look forward to drawing upon Bill’s broad liturgical and musical experience in the years ahead.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (May 2013)

During the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference meeting in May 2013, the Australian Bishops approved the ICEL Grey Book for the Rite of Marriage and also the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children that were approved for use in the USA in 2011.

Further work is continuing on the ICEL Grey Book Rite of Confirmation.

Thank you!

During the National Liturgical Council Meeting in Brisbane during March 2013, Archbishop Mark Coleridge thanked Father Christopher Willcock SJ [NLC Member, 1995-2013] and Father Peter Williams VG [NLC Executive Secretary, 2001-2011] for their outstanding work of service to the Bishops Commission for Liturgy and National Liturgical Council during the past seventeen years and wished them every blessing on their valued ministries in Australia and beyond in the years ahead.
New Office for Liturgical Art and Music

A letter from the CDW to Bishops (24 April 2013) and passed on to the National Liturgical Office indicates that in September 2012, the CDW established an office to address issues pertaining to Liturgical Art and Music, particularly in relation to liturgical principles in Chapters 6 and 7 of Sacrosanctum concilium (1963). According to the letter, the Congregation intends to offer criteria and orientations concerning liturgical art and music by "taking care of musical elements in the editions typicae of liturgical books, issuing Liturgical and Pastoral Directory (guidelines) on construction and adaptation of churches, on art and sacred music or examining national Directory (guidelines) prepared by Bishops’ Conferences and, finally, by promoting both Institutes and Conferences to study these areas, on one side, and, on the other – in agreement with other competent Congregations – the musical and artistic formation of priests and candidates to priesthood."

More details of the work of this Office will be passed on as they come to hand.

Eucharistic Prayers: Addition of St Joseph

A decree was issued recently by the CDW (1 May 2013) confirming a request made initially by Pope John XXIII during the Second Vatican Council that the name of St Joseph be added to the Roman Canon. This request was confirmed by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. The Congregation has decreed that the change takes effect immediately in the following way:

In Eucharistic Prayer II:
that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with the blessed Apostles

In Eucharistic Prayer III:
with the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs

In Eucharistic Prayer IV:
with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
and with your Apostles

The decree makes no reference to the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation, Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children nor Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions.

NATSICC Consultation

A press release (5 July 2013) from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission has indicated that a national consultation into indigenous inculturation of the Catholic Church in Australia is to be undertaken. In collaboration with Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Ministries, councils and communities, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the National Liturgical Council, the consultation aims to discover what can be done by Indigenous Catholics to bring to life the immortal words of Pope John Paul II in Alice Springs 1986: “The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.”

The consultation will focus on three key areas: liturgy, symbols and involvement of the laity. As stated by the Second Vatican Council in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy “Sacrosanctum Concilium” (1963), art. 2 “Liturgy is the centre of Christian life for the Church and the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ.”

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are a deeply spiritual people, and through the consultation, NATSICC hopes to make whole the indigenous contribution to the life of the Catholic Church in Australia. "It is about what we can do, instead of what we can't," said NATSICC Chairperson Thelma Parker. "The cultural systems, life experiences and history of our people is diverse and varies dramatically as you cross this country. The consultation will respect and embrace those differences."

In Living the Gospel of Hope, Chairman of the Bishops’ Committee for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Bishop Christopher Saunders states: “To establish an authentic unity among peoples, a just relationship must be forged with humility and driven by prayerful love. Any gulf between cultures that gives rise to exclusions, suffering, despair and injustice cannot be tolerated. The consultation will take place over the next two years and culminate with the final report and recommendations being presented to the 2015 NATSICC National Assembly in Darwin. Interim updates and information will be made available over the course of the project.
Biennial Meeting of the National Liturgical Council, 
NLC Consultants 
and Diocesan Liturgy Representatives, 
Wollongong (January 2014)

Venues:  
Wollongong Diocesan Centre/Xavier Centre 
38 Harbour St, Wollongong  

Accommodation:  
Local Hotels & Apartments  
(participants to make own arrangements) 

Tuesday 14 January 2014  
9.00 am Morning Prayer  
9.30 am-12 noon Meeting of NLC with NLC Consultants  
12 noon-1.00 pm Lunch  
1.00 pm-3:30 pm Meeting of NLC with Consultants and Diocesan Liturgy Representatives  
Proposed Topic: Full, Conscious and Active Participation: An Appreciation and Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (1963) and Opportunity for Local Diocesan Responses  
3:45 pm Opening Mass for “Lift Up Your Hearts” Liturgy Conference  

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We remember …

Rev R Kevin Seasoltz OSB (1930-2013), Emeritus Professor of Theology and Liturgy at St John’s University, Collegeville, MN, USA and monk of St John’s Abbey who died on 27 April 2013 after a short illness. Fr Kevin is remembered with gratitude and esteem by numerous Australian students and teachers of liturgy at Catholic University of America (1962-1988) and St John’s University, Collegeville (1988-2013). He was the editor of Worship magazine from 1988 until his death and authored several important books, including New Liturgy, New Laws (1980), A Sense of the Sacred: Theological Foundations of Christian Architecture and Art (2005), God’s Gift Giving: In Christ and Through the Spirit (2007) and A Virtuous Church: Catholic Theology, Ethics, and Liturgy for the 21st Century (2012). One of his many gifts was the ability to synthesise ideas from a broad range of scholarly disciplines, and his writing and teaching bore witness to his love for the Church and its liturgical prayer and art. May he rest in peace. (An obituary is included on the website of St John’s Abbey.)