

# Mass for the Election of a Bishop □

## □ Misa Para la Elección del Obispo for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

### BACKGROUND.

The *Ceremonial of Bishops* provides this at no. 1166: “When a see becomes vacant, the diocesan administrator should ask the clergy and people to offer their prayers that the pastor chosen will be one who can meet the needs of the local Church. In all churches of the diocese the Mass for the election of the pope or bishop (RM, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, I. For The Church, 4. For the Election of a Pope or Bishop) should be celebrated at least once, except on the days listed in nos. 1-4 of the table of liturgical days” found in the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 59.

The “Table of Rubrics Governing Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, and Masses for the Dead” is an appendix of the *Ceremonial of Bishops*. It states that “Masses for various needs and occasions and votive Masses, in cases of serious need or pastoral advantage, at the direction of the local ordinary or with his permission [GIRM, no. 374]” may be celebrated. It may not take place on certain specified days. It may take place, however, on Sundays of Christmas and in Ordinary Time, on feasts, and on lesser days of the liturgical calendar.

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### MASS TEXTS: For the Election of a Bishop.

*Lectionary for Mass*, Volume IV – Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, I. For the Holy Church, 3.

For the Election of a Pope or a Bishop – nos. 833-837.

OT: Isaiah 61:1-3a – The Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly.

PS: Psalm 89:4-5, 21-22, 25 and 27 – (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

NT: (1) Ephesians 4:11-16 – Bringing about the body’s growth, building it up in love.

(2) Hebrews 5:1-10 – Christ was acclaimed by God as high priest, in the line of Melchizedek.

ACCLAM: John 10:11

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

GOS: (1) John 15:9-17 – I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.

(2) John 17:11b, 17-23 – As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

*Sacramentary* – RM, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, I. For The Church, 4. For the Election of a Pope or Bishop – page 876 in the Catholic Book edition commonly used.

The *Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions* may be used with this Mass.

Although any of the four options are permitted, I – “The Church on the Way to Unity” or II – “God Guides the Church on the Way of Salvation” are especially suited to the celebration.

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### SOME GUIDANCE AND RITUAL TEXTS.

**Readings.** Many places provide the texts of the lectionary readings if not for all the faithful then for some. Since these readings are not provided in any of the annual worship aids, they are provided below. A simple worship folder can be made by <copy> and <paste> of the chosen texts.

**Prayer of the Faithful.** A complete text is provided for your convenience.

**Prayers.** The usual presidential prayers do not need to be reprinted and thus are not provided.

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□ **INTRODUCTORY RITES** □ **RITOS INICIALES** □

□ **LITURGY OF THE WORD** □ **LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA** □

*Lectionary for Mass – Volume IV, nos. 833-837*

**FIRST READING** □ **PRIMERA LECTURA** – **Isaiah 61:1-3a**

- ◆ The Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly.
- ◆ El Señor me ha ungido y me ha enviado a anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
To announce a year of favor from the LORD  
and a day of vindication by our God,  
to comfort all who mourn;  
To place on those who mourn in Zion  
a diadem instead of ashes.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** □ **SALMO RESPONSORIAL** – **Psalm 89:4-5, 21-22, 25 and 27**

- ◆ (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
- ◆ Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations.”

“I have found David, my servant;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him.  
That my hand may be always with him,  
and that my arm will make him strong.”

“My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him,  
and through my name his horn will be exalted.  
He shall say to me, ‘You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior.’”

**SECOND READING □ SEGUNDA LECTURA – Ephesians 4:11-16**

- ◆ Bringing about the body's growth, building it up in love.
- ◆ El cuerpo va creciendo y construyéndose por medio del amor.

Brothers and sisters:

Christ gave some as Apostles, others as prophets,  
others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,  
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,  
for building up the Body of Christ,  
until we all attain to the unity of faith  
and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,  
to the extent of the full stature of Christ,  
so that we may no longer be infants,  
tossed by waves and swept along by every wind of teaching  
arising from human trickery,  
from their cunning in the interests of deceitful scheming.

Rather, living the truth in love,  
we should grow in every way into him who is the head,  
Christ, from whom the whole Body,  
joined and held together by every supporting ligament,  
with the proper functioning of each part,  
brings about the Body's growth and builds itself up in love.

**or**

**SECOND READING □ SEGUNDA LECTURA – Hebrews 5:1-10**

- ◆ Christ was acclaimed by God as high priest, in the line of Melchizedek.
- ◆ Cristo fue proclamado por Dios sumo sacerdote, como Melquisedec.

Every high priest is taken from among men  
and made their representative before God,  
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring,  
for he himself is beset by weakness  
and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself  
as well as for the people.

No one takes this honor upon himself  
but only when called by God,  
just as Aaron was.

In the same way,  
it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest,  
but rather the one who said to him:

*You are my Son:  
this day I have begotten you;*

just as he says in another place:

*You are a priest forever  
according to the order of Melchizedek.*

In the days when he was in the flesh,  
he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears  
to the one who was able to save him from death,  
and he was heard because of his reverence.  
Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered;  
and when he was made perfect,  
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,  
declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

□ **ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO – John 10:11**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**GOSPEL □ EVANGELIO – John 15:9-17**

- ◆ I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.
- ◆ Yo los he elegido a ustedes y los he destinado para ue vayan y den fruto.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you  
and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves,  
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.

I have called you friends,  
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,  
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another.”

**or**

**GOSPEL □ EVANGELIO – John 17:11b, 17-23**

- ◆ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
- ◆ Así como tú me enviaste al mundo, así los envió yo también al mundo.

Jesus raised his eyes toward heaven and prayed, saying:  
“Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,  
so that they may be one just as we are one.  
Consecrate them in the truth.  
Your word is truth.  
As you sent me into the world,  
so I sent them into the world.  
And I consecrate myself for them,  
so that they also may be consecrated in truth.

“I pray not only for them,  
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,  
so that they may all be one,  
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,  
that they also may be in us,  
that the world may believe that you sent me.  
And I have given them the glory you gave me,  
so that they may be one, as we are one,  
I in them and you in me,  
that they may be brought to perfection as one,  
that the world may know that you sent me,  
and that you loved them even as you loved me.”

## **HOMILY □ HOMILÍA**

### **DISMISSAL OF CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES**

#### **□ DESPEDIDA DE LOS CATECUMENOS Y LOS CANDIDATOS**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH □ PROFESIÓN DE FE**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL □ ORACIÓN UNIVERSAL**

**INVITATION:**

My sisters and brothers,  
even while this episcopal see is vacant  
let us make these prayers with confidence and great hope.

**INTERCESSIONS:**

That this local Church of Springfield in Illinois  
will cherish the pastoring of our administrator, **Carl Kemme**, we pray:

That our diocesan and parish staffs  
faithfully do the Lord's work, we pray:

That we pray each day for a new bishop, we pray:

That our new bishop  
will faithfully do the Lord's work, we pray:

That farmers and merchants  
care for the earth and the goods that sustain us, we pray:

That the poor and unemployed  
will find charity and justice from the Church and society, we pray:

That the sick and the dying  
are cared for by the baptized, we pray:

That the blessed dead [ especially, **NN** ]  
witness the blessedness of heaven, we pray:

And that all of us continue to love as God loves us, we pray:

**CONCLUDING PRAYER:**

Loving God,  
hear our prayers  
made by a people  
longing for a bishop who is faithful to you  
and will be for us a worthy shepherd.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

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## Prayer for the Election of a Bishop for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

Let us pray.

Lord God,  
you are our eternal shepherd and guide.  
In your mercy grant your Church of Springfield in Illinois a shepherd  
who will walk in your ways  
and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Roman Missal*, For the Election of a Pope or Bishop, adapted.

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