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

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**RITUAL BOOK and DIOCESAN POLICY**

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- 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].
- 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](http://mm.dio.org/sept_09/item01a.pdf).


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

**UNIVERSAL AND PARTICULAR DOCUMENTS**


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


- 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.

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


- 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**


- 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.


- 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.
