



MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Leaders and Religious Houses

FROM: Rev. Msgr. Charles E. Singler
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RE: Varia Regarding Liturgical Observance of Lent and Holy Week in
the Diocese of Toledo

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Each year as we approach the Lenten season and Holy Week, a number of calls are received at the Office for Divine Worship related to the observance of Lent and the liturgies of Holy Week. Anticipating that planning has or will be underway in our local parishes and religious houses imminently, we have created a resource packet of materials that will provide the most current and up to date information relative to liturgical planning. These include:

- **Discipline of Fast and Abstinence**
- **Questions and Answers about Lent and Lenten Practices**
- **Holy Water: Lent and Triduum**
N.B. Holy water fonts are not to be emptied during Lent, nor should anything other than holy water be placed in them, i.e. sand or other materials.
- **Navigating the Roman Missal for Holy Week Liturgies**
- **The Roman Missal and Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**
 - **Holy Thursday Mandatum: 2016 Decree of Pope Francis**
 - **Reception of the Holy Oils on Holy Thursday**
- **The Roman Missal and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday**
N.B. We are reminded in the rubrical notations on Good Friday that the celebrant for the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is to be a Priest. Deacons or lay ministers are not authorized to preside at the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

- **The Roman Missal and the Easter Vigil**

N.B. Bishop Daniel Thomas has indicated that the celebration of the Solemn Easter Vigil in the Diocese of Toledo may not begin before 8:30 pm on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

- **Eighteen Questions on the Paschal Triduum**

Kindly note that the Lenten Penance Service will be included in a resource packet to be made available by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC). The packet is currently awaiting final approval by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Once approval has been granted we will make this resource available to you via *Nuntius*.

Additionally, we have provided with these resources the diocesan liturgical calendar supplement for Lent and Easter for your review and consideration. If you have any questions regarding these materials or need further information relative to the celebration of the Lenten and Easter liturgies, please feel free to contact either of us at the Office for Divine Worship.