



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA
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**To the Chaplains, Catholic Coordinators, and Music Directors
in the Archdiocese for the Military Services**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During the recent General Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Seattle, the Commission on the Liturgy announced the following possibility to prepare more adequately for the introduction of the translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal.

Beginning on September 1st when the Gloria, Preface dialogue, Sanctus, and Memorial Acclamations are sung, you may use the new translations. This will allow the faithful to be more accustomed to those texts and reduce the number of changes to be introduced on the First Sunday of Advent (27 November 2011). The permission of a certain gradual introduction is particularly useful in the case of the Gloria, which would be first heard on December 8th and then not again until the Masses of Christmas.

At the same time, it would be wise to begin to discontinue the first acclamation (Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again) and learn musical settings for the three (two of which are altered) which will remain. That procedure would also facilitate a smoother transition. It would be regrettable if the richness of the missal were allowed to be reduced to one option—never examined and always repeated.

In the coming weeks I will be sending a message on the introduction of the translation along with an invitation to be vigilant regarding certain abuses, which easily creep into our liturgical celebrations. This opportunity is indeed a moment of great blessing for us.

With gratitude for all of the good you do, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

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