

New Mass Changes OK for Palm Sunday

Washington — (NC) — The next set of changes in the Mass ritual and sacraments may begin in some dioceses on Palm Sunday, March 22, 1970, according to details released by the U.S. Bishop's Conference after their semi-annual meeting here.

The renewals do not have to be imposed on all parishes until the first Sunday of Advent, 1971.

Among the liturgical decisions are these:

- All six holy days of obligation in the United States were retained by vote of the bishops following the wish of the majority of the faithful as indicated by a national survey.
- A new English translation for the Mass will not follow the international version which changed the traditional Lord's Prayer and Nicene Creed.
- A new Baptism rite for infants.
- A new ritual for marriage.

Most significant among the sections of the new Order of the Mass which the NCCD decided not to approve were the English version of the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, as prepared by the international, ecumenical committee.

The traditional form of the Lord's Prayer — ("Our Father, Who art in heaven, etc.") — is to be retained, together with the inclusion of the doxology as worded in the text:

"For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever."

This addition is a revised form of the ancient doxology, in disuse for centuries in the Catholic Church.

The "sign of peace" — a greeting exchanged between celebrant and other ministers of the Mass, as well as the entire congregation — is to be performed according to local custom and usage. (In most instances, the sign of peace would be expressed in this country by a handshake.)

A question of major concern to the bishops in their discussions on the proposed translations was the need for extensive education and preparation of all Catholics throughout the country for the changes long before they begin.

Already, diocesan liturgical commissions are preparing educational materials related to the liturgical changes, including printed booklets, leaflets, slides, tapes and broadcasts.

A significant decision of the bishops was the insistence upon the full use of the new lectionary of readings, so that on Sundays there will be an Old Testament passage, a New Testament passage and a selection from one of the four Gospels.

The lectionary of readings is expected to be ready for distribution by Feb. 1, 1970.

The bishops decided not to introduce a suggested simplification of the vestments now worn by the priest at Mass.

Baptism is also called Christian Initiation. The term applies to infant Baptism, but also to the Baptism, Confirmation and first Communion of adults. Only the rite for infants has been issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship. The other sections are expected in the near future.

The new rite for infant Baptism — the first ever developed, since the former service was an adaptation of the adult baptismal liturgy — places emphasis on the Paschal Mystery, the role of the parents (not just the sponsors and godparents) in the rite, and a liturgy of the Word before the actual action of baptism.

A variety of readings — 21 — are supplied for this service of the Word, and many other optional prayers or blessings are given. The water for Baptism is to be blessed at each service. Several formulas are offered in the ritual and provision is made for baptism within Mass.

Fordham Quiets Down — Criminal Charges Filed

New York — (RNS) — Fordham University, site of a violent battle between students and security guards on Nov. 12, has settled down to a "paper war" between radical and conservative student groups. University officials remain quiet observers, commenting only when asked.

The confrontation came at the end of a sit-in demonstration in the university's Administration Building. About 35 students occupied the president's office for seven hours, protesting Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) classes at the school.

Dissident students battled their way out of the building, using metal pipes and other makeshift weapons. In their wake they left six guards injured, two seriously, and "several thousand dollars" worth of damage to the office and its contents.

University officials called for police assistance when the mob attacked unarmed guards. As a result of this action, six students were arrested and charged with assault. In addition, they, along with 12 others identified as "at the scene," were charged with criminal mischief and criminal trespass.

'Somebody Bad Stole De Wedding Bell'

Chicago — (NC) — There's a double mystery at the pile of rubble on Jackson Boulevard here that once was St. Jarlath's Catholic church.

A wrecking firm moved in a crane Nov. 1 to lower a 2,000-pound bronze bell from the 90-foot high tower of the old church building. But the job already had been done — sometime during the night, by persons and methods unknown.

Ray Nardi, head of the firm, was unable to explain how the heavy bell was lowered from the belfry. There were marks on the ground indicating where the bell had been lowered and then dragged toward the street. Nardi said even as scrap the bell was worth more than \$1,000.

Equally mysterious was the disappearance of a heavy marble Madonna statue taken from the church a few weeks before the bell disappeared.

VOCATIONS CENTER

Chicago — (NC) — Father John J. O'Neill, M.S., vocations director of the LaSalette Fathers since 1966, has been named executive director of the National Center for Church Vocations in Chicago.

The center, jointly funded and controlled by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Conferences of Major Superiors of Men and Women, was established to coordinate church vocations work and research in the United States.

Conviction on these charges could bring jail sentences of up to eight years and fines up to \$10,000.

Father Michael P. Walsh, S.J., Fordham president, told newsmen that he would not expose the guards again to such a fight. If protestors refuse to leave when asked, he said, "the next time we'll call the police."

In discussing Fordham's step-by-step process for handling student demonstrations, Father Walsh maintained that the violence occurred because "these youngsters broke their word — they had promised to be non-violent."

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As a result of shortsighted fiscal policies of the Bureau of the Budget, discriminatory pay scales and scandalous working conditions have reached the point where employment in the postal service imposes a sacrifice on postal workers that no citizen should be forced to bear in the ordinary course of events.

Wages of postal workers average thousands of dollars a year less than the amount determined by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics as necessary for a "modest but adequate" standard of living.

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To remedy these conditions and to achieve the kind of postal service Americans want and deserve, Congress has passed a bill. That bill is HR 13000 and is now before President Nixon for approval.

Here's what HR 13000 would do:

- Provide step increases equivalent to a 5.4% pay increase.
- Establish a Federal Wage Commission to determine future postal and federal pay scales.
- As of July 1970, provide for top pay scales after eight years of service instead of 25, thus increasing the incentive for postal workers to stay in the postal service.

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