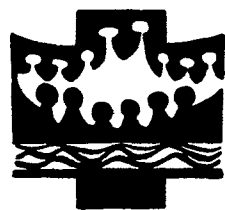


### Insights In Liturgy

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## Liturgy And New Law

### Part II

Book IV of the Code of Canon Law ("The Sanctifying Office of the Church") deals specifically with the sacraments and some of the liturgical norms which involve the celebration of the sacraments. It is the belief of the Church that through the sacraments, the Risen Lord becomes present to the individual members of the community as well as the community itself. The sacraments have, then, two dimensions: personal and ecclesial. The directives for the sacramental celebrations are consistent with the General Instructions and point to the Church's celebration of the Lord's presence.

The Code calls for preparation for all the sacraments. This becomes a primary focus for baptism, confirmation, marriage and orders because they involve a life-long commitment toward the Church. The Code indicates that it is the bishop's care to see to it that proper preparation is completed before the sacraments are celebrated.

For the sacrament of Baptism, new legislation points to the catechumenate as the process for the baptism of an adult (851). Canon 857 re-enforces the need to be a part of a worshipping community prior to Baptism. The sacrament is to be celebrated in the focus of parish worship - baptisms should not be celebrated in private homes but in a community's church (860). In the absence of the ordinary minister, a catechist or some other deputed person may baptize.

The sacrament of Confirmation is not to be seen separate from the initiation process. In law, it is the continuity of baptism. The Code is not specific as

to the age for the celebration of Confirmation. It does seem to indicate that it is not a sacrament of Christian adulthood. The ordinary minister of Confirmation is the bishop (882). Priests can validly administer the sacrament when they baptize an adult or admit a baptized adult into full communion with the Church (883). The bishop may grant the faculty to priests to confirm if necessity requires it (884). The Code recommends that the sponsor of Baptism be the sponsor for Confirmation.

The Eucharist is dealt with as a sacrament and a celebration. There is extensive legislation regarding the theological understanding of the Eucharist because it is the heart of our Christian experience. Some interesting canons in regards to the Eucharist include the role of extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist who may distribute Eucharist at Mass, lead special communion services, and take the Eucharist to the sick and shut-in. (This is being done now, it is a recognized procedure by law with this new Code.) Canon 917 indicates the opportunity to receive Communion more than once a day is extended to those who are attending different celebrations on the same day. The new Code further re-enforces the liturgical guidelines provided by the General Instruction in the Roman Missal. It concludes by encouraging eucharistic devotions.

The sacrament of Penance is not viewed solely as an individual experience of forgiveness. The emphasis of the law is on the communal nature of reconciliation. It points to the effect sin has, not only on the person, but also on the community. Canon 916 indicates the forgiving nature of the

sacrament of Eucharist. Allowance has been made so that the sacrament might be celebrated in reconciliation rooms as well as the traditional confessional. An interesting addition is the universal faculty for priests to celebrate Penance anywhere (967). Previously, a priest was required to receive permission to celebrate the sacrament anywhere outside his diocese. Now, if a priest has permission from his bishop to celebrate Penance, he may celebrate anywhere.

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is in title such and no longer is it legally Extreme Unction. This indicates its celebration for the living not the last blessing of the Church. Canon 1002 encourages the communal celebration of this sacrament with some regularity. It confirms that only bishops and priests should properly anoint. The unanswered question regarding children being anointed is clarified with the indication of a person "having reached the use of reason" (1004) as the one to be anointed.

The sacraments of Orders has been changed to reflect papal pronouncements made since Vatican II. The official orders of the Church are named: bishop, priest, and deacon (1009). The minor orders no longer exist. Acolyte and Reader are now lay ministries rather than stepping stones to ordination. These permanent orders are restricted to males. However, individual parishes may install temporary lectors and eucharistic ministers as needed. These temporary ministries are open to both male and female. An age change is also indicated. One must be 25 to be ordained a priest or unmarried permanent deacon. Thirty-five is the age for a married deacon and a man to be ordained a bishop. Some impediments for ordination have also been deleted.

The sacrament of Marriage has more canons than any other topic. This seems to point to the importance of the sacrament. Its focal point is indicated as marriage being a partnership of whole lives. It supports "the

well-being of the spouses and the procreation and upbringing of children..." (1055). Great emphasis is placed on the preparation for marriage - bishops, priests and all people should see it as part of their responsibility. In cases of interfaith marriages, a promise (of personal commitment to faith and bringing children up in the Church) is still required of the Catholic party. Other changes have been effected in regards to marriage annulments.

The Code also points to the use of sacramentals, celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, the celebration of funerals (including the fact that normally funerals are to be celebrated in Church buildings, and baptized, non-Catholics may receive a Christian funeral under certain circumstances). The legislation gives the

community the opportunity to see celebration as part of the whole Church experience. The liturgical celebrations are not

isolated activities taking place in certain churches at certain times, but the church universal raising its collective voice to God.

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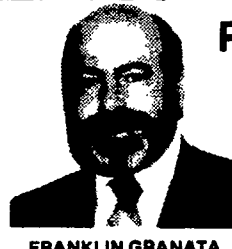
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## St. Joseph's Hospital Offers Evening Hours

Elmira -- The Radiology Department of St. Joseph's Hospital will initiate evening appointments for certain outpatient diagnostic procedures, according to William Wallace, administrative manager of the department.

According to Wallace, there have been various requests for this evening scheduling by parents with children, patients without transportation and patients who work outside the area... "all unable to make daytime schedules."

"We will initiate the nighttime schedule on a trial basis and then evaluate its effect on those served by the department," Wallace said.

All concerned with the scheduling are being advised of the additional hours and patients are directed to call the offices they desire for the evening appointment, not the prescribing physician. Wallace said that the addi-

tional hours will be offered on Mondays and Thursdays.

Radiology will schedule routine exams between 4:30 and 8 p.m. Other specialized procedures will be scheduled only between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

## Pilgrimage Scheduled

Geneva -- The public is invited to participate in a Holy Year Pilgrimage, walking from St. Francis deSales Church to St. Stephen's Church, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20, the Feast of Christ the King.

Following a brief prayer service at St. Francis, those participating will walk approximately 1.3 miles, praying and singing along the way. Those unable to walk may drive to St. Stephen's and pray there while awaiting the walkers.

A prayer service at St. Stephen's will conclude the pilgrimage.

## Auburn AOH Schedules Annual Fete

Auburn -- Joseph A. Roche, the national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, will be the principal speaker when the John F. Kennedy Division 1 of the AOH of Auburn has its annual Communion Supper Saturday, Nov. 19.

The Mass will be 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church with the Tom Dooley Chorale of Syracuse participating. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. at the AOH clubrooms, 73 Van Anden St. Following dinner, the Hutherfords of Rochester will play for dancing.

Among those attending will be Edward J. Wallace of Clayton, national director; Michael P. Hession of Albany, state president; Brother Kevin Leyden of Albany, state chaplain, and Robert J. Young of Syracuse, state director.

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