

# WORLD & NATION

## Revision encourages bread and wine

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Catholic bishops are preparing to vote this month on a revised version of "This Holy and Living Sacrifice," a directory on the reception of Communion under both kinds in the U.S. church.

The revised directory encourages Catholics to receive Communion under both forms, bread and wine.

It quotes the Vatican's new General Instruction of the Roman Missal: "Holy Communion has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both kinds."

The original "This Holy and Living Sacrifice" was issued in 1984 in conjunction with a Vatican indult — or exception to general church law — allowing U.S. bishops to make broader use of the practice of Communion under both kinds in their dioceses.

A directory revision was occasioned by the new general instruction, which expanded the possibilities of distributing Communion under both kinds — basically putting into general church law what had already been U.S. practice since 1984.

The new instruction says a bishop can allow Communion under both kinds whenever it seems appropriate to a community's pastor, "provided that the faithful have been well instructed and there is no danger of the profanation of the sacrament or that the rite would be difficult to carry out on account of the number of participants or for some other reason."

Father James P. Moroney, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Liturgy, said the new directory, following the general instruction, envisions wide

latitude for Communion under both kinds, if the people have been catechized and there are no practical obstacles.

"I'd say the U.S. bishops have done more substantive catechesis on Eucharist under both kinds than any other (bishops) conference in the world," he said.

Their 1984 directory was the first of its kind in the world, and diocesan liturgy offices and pastors followed up with extensive work to prepare the people, he said.

He added, however, that such catechesis needs to be renewed every few years. If approved by the U.S. bishops and the

Vatican, the proposed revision of "This Holy and Living Sacrifice" would in effect establish an indult to continue three current U.S. practices not permitted by the norms of the new general instruction: extraordinary ministers of holy Communion may assist with the pouring of the Precious Blood (into additional chalices) and the distribution of the consecrated hosts into ancillary vessels during the Agnus Dei; extraordinary ministers may consume what remains of the Precious Blood; and extraordinary ministers may purify the vessels.

## Vatican studies cathedral plans

By Cindy Wooden  
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VATICAN CITY — The Vatican's request to suspend renovation of the Milwaukee cathedral while the plans are studied is meant to ensure respect for church norms and to help defuse local controversy over the project, an official said.

Archbishop Francesco Tamburrino, secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, said, "The Holy See is interested in resolving problems, not complicating them."

Archbishop Tamburrino spoke to Catholic News Service June 5 following reports that the congregation had asked Archbishop Remberi G. Weakland of Milwaukee to stop the renovation pending a discussion about complaints that changes planned for the cathedral would violate church liturgical norms.

The Vatican official would not discuss whether or not any particular part of the renovation of St. John the Evangelist

Cathedral appeared problematic to the congregation.

Archbishop Tamburrino said it was the congregation's job to promote "communion in the church and the observance of those norms dictated by wisdom and respectful of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council."

He described the situation as one of dialogue with Archbishop Weakland aimed at clarifying concerns and offering suggestions to the archbishop on how the situation might be resolved.

The congregation became involved after a Rome-based canon lawyer for opponents of the cathedral renovation wrote to the Vatican asking for intervention.

The planned changes to the cathedral's interior include moving the altar forward, having seating on three sides of it and constructing a separate chapel for the Blessed Sacrament. The \$4.5 million work on the church is part of a \$10 million project to renovate church property and to expand facilities for social services.



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## SOA sentence

Jack Gilroy, a retired high school teacher from Endwell, N.Y., stands on the courthouse steps in Columbus, Ga., before receiving a six-month sentence May 22 for his part in protests against the School of the Americas last November.

Archbishop Tamburrino said it was not unusual for the congregation to look into the concerns of lay people regarding the actions of their priests or bishops in matters related to liturgy and the celebration of the sacraments.

"Anyone who is baptized has a right to turn to the Holy See, and we make no distinction between left and right, big or small," he said.

In a telephone interview, Archbishop Weakland said he was "absolutely convinced" he followed liturgical norms.

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