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Implementation of the New English Translation of the Roman Missal.

The second phase of the implementation of the new English translation of the liturgy in the SACBC Dioceses will be on the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27th November 2011. This phase will see the new translations of the collects, prefaces and Eucharistic prayers come into use.

Phase Three - The new lectionary using the Revised Standard Version of the Bible - will follow early next year and the Bishops' Conference has agreed to implement the new lectionary from Ash Wednesday, 22nd February 2012. The corresponding Book of the Gospels will also be available at this time.

The Liturgy Department of the SACBC recently met with the Bishops of each of the Metropolitans and worked through both the background formation material to the new English translation and also a structured approach to managing implementation of the changes.

1. The new Altar Missals for Africa arrived in South Africa two weeks ago and have now been sorted and despatched to all dioceses for onward transmission to parishes and communities. They should have reached the chanceries of all dioceses. This means that all parishes will have two full months in which to familiarise themselves with the Missal and to prepare for implementation. A special pre-publication price has made them significantly less expensive than those available through on-line or retail offerings.

2. The seven-part series of articles for use with The Link has been printed and will be distributed to parishes who use The Link towards the end of October. These are the articles that were worked through with the Bishops who attended the Metropolitan meetings referred to above and to which those Bishops provided very valuable input.

3. In addition, the Southern Cross will publish a seven-part weekly series of articles starting with the 5th October edition. These articles provide amplified comment derived from the articles prepared for The Link (see above).

4. Radio Veritas has conducted a one-hour programme covering the changes. More programmes are planned.



5. The 80-page book containing the full Order of the Mass (but without the readings) will be distributed to Dioceses in the next week. The recommended retail price of these will be a very reasonable R15.00 each. If you have not ordered, please contact Sr Jordana as soon as possible to order and organise shipping. See order form below. A discount of 20% will apply to orders of 100 or more.

6. The 16 page booklet containing the updated congregational parts will also be distributed in the next week. The recommended retail price of these will be R2.00 each. If you have not ordered, please contact Sr Jordana as soon as possible to order and organise shipping. See order form below. A discount of 20% will apply to orders of 100 or more.

7. The publishers have confirmed that Sunday and Daily Missals will be available before Lent 2012, which will enable its introduction at the same time as the new lectionary. We do not have a definite price for these yet, but will advise you as soon as possible. These will NOT be available from the Liturgy Office, but will only be available through retailers such as Paulines Books and Media.

8. We ask all parishes requiring Altar Missals, the Order of Mass booklets and other material to first contact diocesan offices to ensure that orders are not duplicated.

9. Copies of the 'Becoming One Body, One Spirit in Christ' DVD Rom are still available from Sr Jordana. This interactive DVD is an excellent teaching resource. The recommended retail price is R130 inc. VAT.

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