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## **Cardinal George Announces Vatican Approval of New Roman Missal** Implementation set for first Sunday of Advent 2011

August 20, 2010 (OMAHA, NE) – Cardinal Francis George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has announced that the full text of the English-language translation of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, has been issued for the dioceses of the United States of America.

The text was approved by the Vatican, and the approval was accompanied by a June 23 letter from Cardinal Llovera Antonio Cañizares, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The Congregation also provided guidelines for publication.

Cardinal George announced receipt of the documents in an August 20 letter to the U.S. Bishops and issued a decree of proclamation that states that “The use of the third edition of the *Roman Missal* enters into use in the dioceses of the United States of America as of the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. From that date forward, no other edition of the *Roman Missal* may be used in the dioceses of the United States of America.”

The date of implementation was chosen to allow publishers time to prepare texts and parishes and dioceses to educate parishioners.

In the coming weeks, Archbishop George J. Lucas will lead Archdiocese of Omaha priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful on a full-scale catechesis for *Roman Missal* implementation and toward the renewal of the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy in archdiocesan parishes.

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