

Removing the Sacramentary from Liturgical Use

- 1. After the Prayer after Communion, the Priest pauses for a moment of silence and then reminds the faithful of the many events this book has been a part of in these or similar words:**

Dear Friends in Christ, today is the last (Sun)day in which this Sacramentary will be used. It has served our community well for many years. It has been present at baptisms, funerals, marriages, and above all at the countless Masses that have been prayed in this church. We pause to give thanks for all that God has done by means of the words contained in this book, and trust that God will continue to bless us in the years ahead.

All pray silently for a time. Then the Priest, with hands outstretched says:

Father of light and wisdom,
We praise you for your gifts:
for giving us the power to see
and the ability to write and read
and to use the arts of printing.

Bless + this book as it is taken out of service
and grant that all who have used it or heard its words
may grow in wisdom and grace
before you and all people.

Father, we praise you through Jesus Christ your Son
the love of the Holy Spirit
now and always and for ever.

All:Amen.

- 2. The Mass continues in the usual way with the Final Blessing. After the Dismissal, the Deacon, or in his absence, the Priest closes the book (dramatically) for the final time, saying:**

For everything there is a season.
At the closing of this book,
we look to the opening of a new season of grace.

- 3. The Sacramentary is carried out in the procession by a server or other appropriate minister.**
- 4. The Sacramentary is then reserved in the sacristy, a parish library or museum, or disposed of in a dignified manner.** (*Information on the proper disposal of the Sacramentary can be found on the Diocese of Belleville Office of Worship website at www.officeofworship.catholicweb.com.)*