

HEAVEN AND EARTH JOIN IN WORSHIP

The First Sunday of Advent, 2011, will mark the beginning of the use of the New Translation of the Roman Missal. Hopefully you have become aware of this important Liturgical Moment through Parish and Diocesan notices, workshops, Reading materials and Prayer. Preparation is important because it will allow you to enter more profoundly into the Sacred Liturgy and help you understand the beauty of this Sacred Act which should be the Central Act of our lives!

We are being asked to move out of our routine and comfort zone and enter into the depths of meaning and beauty of Holy Mass so that at each Mass our union with Jesus grows deeper. With greater attention to responses we will rise above the mundane and ascend to the transcendent language and meaning of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Please feel free to take copies of the information sheets we have available in Chapel. You will also find numerous resources indicated on the Internet plus the following publications - THE ST. LOUIS REVIEW, OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER, MAGNIFICAT.

A few beautiful quotations relevant to Liturgy are given here just to whet our appetite for deeper study and prayer.

"...the Liturgy is our teacher. It condenses into prayer the entire body of religious truth. For it is the great fundamental truths which above all fill the Liturgy." Romano Guardini

"...In the earthly Liturgy, by way of foretaste, we share in that Heavenly Liturgy, which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims." Sacrosanctum Concilium, Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy