



SUMMARY OF BISHOP'S NEW 'IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTIVES' FOR MASS:

Bishop Henry has distributed "directives" for Advent's General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Many of his directives are already part of how we celebrate the mass. There are several POSTURE changes:

1. We sit through the Preparation Rite (Offertory), **STANDING** to respond to the invitation: "Pray sisters and brothers...."and remain standing as the priest prays the prayer over the gifts.

2. The Canadian Bishops are asking us to **KNEEL** for the consecration, from the conclusion of the "Holy, Holy, Holy" and **STAND** when the priest announces "the Mystery of Faith".

***SEE OUR BISHOP'S EXCEPTION BELOW. Those not able to kneel are invited to make a profound bow when the priest genuflects at the consecration of both the bread and wine.

***This directive applies only to churches of the Calgary Diocese with kneelers and our HALL (like gymnasiums, outdoor mass sites etc.) ...with no kneelers...is an exception until **NEXT ADVENT 2012** when a plan is to be submitted for Bishop's approval. **NO PRESENT POSTURE CHANGE DURING CONSECRATION FOR WEEKEND MASSES...only for WEEKDAY masses in Day Chapel, with kneelers.**

3. We **STAND** during the **COMMUNION** procession and singing of the Communion Song, as an expression of our communion together in the Risen Lord. Those not able to stand are invited to sit. Personal prayer occurs during the communal silence after the communion procession is finished.

4. As a sign of reverence, all are invited to **BOW THE HEAD** while standing before both the Body and Blood (if applicable) of Christ, not while the person ahead is receiving Communion. The minister waits for the communicant to make the bow, then raise their face toward the minister in order to respond with "Amen", as they receive the sacred elements.

Submitted by Father Bill. Bishop Henry's full text is on the Diocesan website:
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