

The Rt Revd Bishop Arthur Roche
Chairman of ICEL
2003-2012

Clearly the greatest accomplishment of ICEL during Bishop Roche's term as chairman of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy is the English translation of the third edition of the *Missale Romanum*. This monumental task included 28 separate publications over the course of five years, which are listed below. In addition to these texts issued to the Conferences, ICEL also provided a translation of the following texts for the consideration of the Conferences of the Bishops:

- Rites of Ordination of a Bishop, of Priests, and of Deacons, 2000, 2003
- Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar (provisional text), 2003
- Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism (provisional text), 2009

During the years in which Bishop Roche was chairman of ICEL the following individuals were members of the Congregation for which he was responsible to:

Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments:

Jorge Arturo Augustin Medina Estévez (Feb 1998 to Oct 2002)

Francis Arinze (Oct 2002 to Dec 2008)

Antonio Cañizares Llovera (since Dec 2008)

Secretaries of the Congregation:

Domenico Sorrentino (Aug 2003 to Nov 2005)

Albert Malcolm Ranjith Patabendige Don (Dec 2005 to Jun 2009)

Joseph Augustine Di Noia, O.P. (Jun 2009 to present)

The Chairman of ICEL is assisted in his responsibilities by three other members of the Commission who form the Executive Committee. They, at his direction, carry on the program of ICEL and are supported by the Executive Director and his staff.

Executive Directors of the ICEL Secretariat:

Mgr Bruce E. Harbert, 2002-2009

Mgr Andrew R. Wadsworth, 2009-present

As Chairman, Bishop Roche has presided at the meetings of the Commission since 2003. During the years (2003-2009) when the Commission was working on the Roman Missal translation, meetings were held twice a year—the requirement is for annual meetings. In addition to meetings of the Commission, the Executive Committee meets once a month by teleconference to carry forward the work between meetings. The Chairman has also presided at two meetings with Secretaries of National Liturgical Commissions in the various English-speaking Conferences to coordinate the work of the Missal.

Roman Missal

Since the issuance of the *Missale Romanum* in 2002, ICEL has provided an English translation for the consideration of the Conferences of Bishops. The process calls for each section to be sent to the Conferences for study and comment (Green Book) and after the comments are incorporated into the texts re-issued for Canonical vote (Gray Book). The following have been issued:

Order of Mass, Green Book issued in February 2004
Order of Mass, second Green Book issued in February 2005
Order of Mass, Gray Book issued in February 2006
Order of Mass, text with *recognitio* issued in June 2008

Order of Mass II (Prefaces, etc), Green Book issued in January 2006
Order of Mass II, Gray Book issued in October 2007

Proper of Seasons, Green Book issued in January 2006
Proper of Seasons, Gray Book issued in January 2007

Proper of Saints (January-June), Green Book issued in July 2006
Proper of Saints (July-December), Green Book issued in August 2007
Proper of Saints (January- December), Gray Book issued in October 2008

Commons, Green Book issued in July 2006
Commons, Gray Book issued in October 2008

Ritual Masses, Green Book issued in March 2007
Ritual Masses, Gray Book issued in February 2008

Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, Green Book issued in March 2007
Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, Gray Book issued in February 2008

Votive Masses, Green Book issued in August 2007
Votive Masses, Gray Book issued in October 2008

Masses for the Dead, Green Book issued in August 2007
Masses for the Dead, Gray Book issued in October 2008

Antiphons, Green Book issued in May 2007
Antiphons, Gray Book issued in October 2008

Introductory Documents, Green Book issued in September 2007
Introductory Documents, Gray Book issued in October 2008

Appendices to the Roman Missal, Green Book issued in September 2007
Appendices to the Roman Missal, Gray Book issued in October 2008

Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, Green Book issued in March 2007
Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, Gray Book issued in February 2008

Supplement, Green Book issued in March 2009

Supplement, Gray Book issued in September 2009

In addition to the texts of the Roman Missal, Bishop Roche initiated a catechetical project to aid the Conferences in the reception the Missal. This group, initially known as the Leeds Group, brought together Liturgy Secretaries from several of the Conferences, to plan and commission scholars to write papers and give interviews on various aspects of the new translations, as well as the liturgy itself, its history and development over the centuries. The product, entitled *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ*, is an interactive DVD that explores the depth and riches of the Mass and has been widely used in all of the Conferences of Bishops.