

## *Department for Christian Life and Worship*

### Department Annual Report 2005

#### Introduction

The Department has met three times in the last year, in Leeds.

#### Membership

Rt Revd Arthur Roche	<i>Chairman</i>
Rt Revd Kevin Dunn	
Rt Revd Alan Hopes	
Rt Revd Thomas McMahan	
Rt Revd Brian Noble	

Bishop Roche was appointed as Chairman of the Department following the November 2004 meeting of the Bishops' Conference. Bishop Hopes took over as Chairman of the Liturgy Committee with Bishop Dunn as Vice-Chair.

Department meetings were attended in the last year by:

Mgr Kevin McGinnell	<i>Secretary, Spirituality Committee</i>
Revd Dr Peter McGrail	<i>Chair, Formation Subcommittee</i>

#### 1. Ritual Books and Rites

##### **Roman Missal – Order of the Mass**

The Bishops' Conference has reviewed the 'Grey Book' translation of the Order of Mass; a revised draft following the first "Green Book".

The Department is beginning to consider what adaptations may be sought for the Order of Mass as well as the implications for music and liturgical formation.

##### **General Instruction of the Roman Missal**

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal together with the bishops' teaching document, *Celebrating the Mass*, were published by Catholic Truth Society in April.

##### **Rites of Ordination**

A translation of the *editio typica altera* of the Rites of Ordination was submitted to the Holy See in 2004 for recognitio.

##### **Lectionary for Mass**

The statutes of a mixed commission to manage the project for a new edition of the Lectionary has been approved by the Conference as well as other English-speaking Conferences and has been submitted to the Holy See

##### **Order of Christian Funerals**

Redemptorist's People's Book: a new, fuller edition of the people's book has been prepared with the cooperation of the Department with particular attention given to the needs of the assembly at funerals..

Committal Book: Following a successful trial in a number of dioceses a 'pocket-sized' edition of the Committal Rites together with excerpts from the Lectionary has been published by Continuum.

## 2. Norms and Guidelines

### **Norms for the Distribution of Holy Communion**

The Department has produced draft norms as suggested by the Holy See (GIRM 283). These await approval by the Bishops' Conference.

### **Concelebration**

Guidelines for diocesan norms for concelebration have been prepared.

### **Fees**

After considering some of the issues arising from the payment of ministers and for tasks, such as searching records the Department recommended that the issue be passed to the General Secretary for consideration of how best to forward it.

### **Consecrated for Worship**

Further work has been done on the Bishops' Conference directory on Church Buildings which will be published in 2006.

## 3. Other Matters

### **Synod on the Eucharist**

Bishop Brian Noble attended the Synod of Bishops in October 2005 as a representative of the Bishops' Conference. Bishop Roche attended at the invitation of the Holy Father.

### **Marriage**

The Department has responded to the Registrar General's consultation on religious components in civil ceremonies. A working party has been set up to look at what is available to respond to some of the liturgical needs around weddings.

### **Celebrations of the Word and Communion**

A working group has been set up to prepare a ritual book for liturgies in the absence of a priest which will include model forms of the Celebration of the Word, and of the Hours.

### **Holydays**

The Bishops' Conference has asked the Department to consider the provision of Holydays of Obligation.

### **The pastoral care of 'Traditionalist' groups**

The Department has given attention to this matter and invited its further discussion at a Plenary meeting of the Bishops' Conference.

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