

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

Changes in 3rd edition with examples

1. Editorial Changes
 - Preamble included in general paragraph numbering
 - Changes of wording for clarity
 - Readings proclaimed *from* the Ambo
 - 'Sings or says' rather than 'says' more consistently
2. Insertions to Correct Inconsistencies
 - Inclusion of Deacon, when appropriate in Chapter 2
 - Reference to Blessing and Sprinkling of Water (51)
 - Inclusion of Holy Spirit to make text more explicitly Trinitarian (16, 78, 79c)
 - Inclusion, as appropriate, of people's responses (134, 148)
3. Insertions & Emendations based on Liturgical documents issued since 1975
 - Documents include:
 - Rite of Dedication of a church and an altar (1977)
 - *Graduale Romanum* (1979)
 - Lectionary, 2nd edition (1981)
 - Code of Canon Law (1983)
 - Ceremonial of Bishops (1984)
 - 4th Instruction *Inculturation and the Liturgy* (1994)
 - Altar is a symbol of Christ (298)
 - Silence in Liturgy of the Word (56)
 - Dignity of Lectionary and Book of the Gospels (349)
 - Instructions on how to incense (277)
 - Use of flowers in Advent & Lent (305)
4. Omissions and Emendations due to 25 years' experience
 - Omissions
 - Removal of hesitation/qualification about ministry of lay women (107)
 - Communion from the chalice via a tube or spoon
 - Emendations
 - Communion under both kinds (283)
5. Additions for consistency with recent Liturgical Books
 - Chapter IX — Adaptations within the competence of Bishops and Bishops' Conferences
6. Other Changes
 - Make explicit existing best practice — Desirable that the faithful receive communion consecrated at the same Mass, as the priest is bound to do. (85, 283)
 - Change existing practice where that may have been interpreted in too broad a fashion — only Book of the Gospels carried in procession (120d)
 - Emphasise good practice — Respect for Altar (305–306)
 - Permit new practices — Bishop may bless assembly with the Book of the Gospels (175)
 - Alter current legislation — Omitting psalm on weekdays when Alleluia is sung is no longer an option.



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Some History

1st edition

1969	GIRM published with Order of Mass (18 November 1969)
1970	revised GIRM published with Roman Missal (26 March 1970)
1973	GIRM emended in light of <i>Ministeria Quaedam</i> (15 August 1972)

2nd edition

1975	2nd edition of Roman Missal (27 March 1975) revised GIRM
1983	Code of Canon Law (25 January 1983) GIRM emended

3rd edition

2000	Study edition released (July 2000)
2002	3rd edition of Roman Missal (March 2002)



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