

The International Commission on English in the Liturgy

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Meeting of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy

The International Commission on English in the Liturgy met in Mumbai, India, from 14 to 18 January 2008. They revised translations of the texts for Ritual Masses and Masses for Various Needs and Intentions, as well as the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, all from the 2002 edition of the *Missale Romanum*. These revisions were made in the light of comments received from Conferences of Bishops and from the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship.

The members of the Commission were joined for one day of their meeting by His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Mumbai, who participated in the Commission's discussions. Being Vice-Chairman of the Vox Clara Committee, which advises the Congregation for Divine Worship on English-language texts, His Eminence observed that his Committee and the Commission have similar concerns and face similar challenges. The bishops of the Commission were delighted to have such an opportunity for direct collaboration with the Vox Clara Committee.

The eleven bishops of the Commission concelebrated Mass with the Cardinal in Mumbai Cathedral and were subsequently entertained by him at Dinner.

Also participating in the Commission's discussions were Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Canberra, Australia, and Bishop Thomas Dabre of Vasai, India.

The Commission will next meet in Vancouver, Canada, in September 2008. It is expected that at that meeting the Commission's revision of its entire draft translation of the *Missale Romanum* will be completed, so as to be submitted to Conferences of Bishops for further processing and for eventual publication.

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