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Dear Bishops and priests of our Region,

Re: TIMELINE FOR THE RECOGNITIO, FORMATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND PURCHASING OF THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL IN THE REGION UNDER THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND BRUNEI

Our Bishops' Conference met in Majodi Centre, Johore Baru from 4th – 8th July 2011 and has made the following decisions upon the recommendations of the Regional Liturgical Commission with regard to the above matter:

Part 1: *Recognitio*

1. The Bishops' Conference has voted with unanimous majority to adopt the approved English Texts of the Roman Missal from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, as the texts to be submitted immediately to the Congregation of Divine Worship for *recognitio*.
2. The Conference has decided to request from the said Congregation the permission to use the New Translation of the Order of the Mass from September 2011. This request is in line with the permission already granted to English speaking nations who had made the necessary application.

Part 2: Formation Programs

1. Upon the recommendation of the Regional Liturgy Commission (RLC) of the Bishops' Conference, the Bishops instruct that a formation programme on three levels be carried out in our region. Under the supervision of the RLC, the materials from the DVD – "Becoming One Body One Spirit in Christ" composed by the International Commission for English in the Liturgy (ICEL) is to be utilized according to the stipulated timeline:

- (a) Bishop and Priests level

By the end of August, the bishop of each diocese ensures that all priests have received the formation using the DVD provided.



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(b) Parish Liturgical Ministries level

By the end of September, all parish priests ensure that their liturgical ministers will receive the same formation

(c) Congregation level

Before 1st Sunday of Advent itself, the parish priests together with his formation team is to ensure that the vast majority of the congregation receives the same formation programme through liturgical catechesis in homilies or catechetical sessions.

Continued formation for the congregation at large may extend beyond 1st Sunday of Advent if deemed necessary. For this purpose, The Bishop's Conference also approved the use of liturgical catechetical texts for adults, teens and children from Liturgy Training Publications (LTP) in USA, as a supplement to the DVD "Becoming One Body One Spirit in Christ." These materials can be purchased from Katong Catholic Book Centre in Singapore.

- (d) The RLC has been tasked to execute the production of the DVD for the Bishops' Conference. The cost for the production of the DVD will be sponsored by the RLC. In view of the special requirement of Singapore, the production of the DVD for the need of Singapore is entrusted to the Catholic News of Singapore. Every parish in the region will receive a complementary copy each.

Please note: Parishes are not allowed duplicate copies of the DVD. Any duplication will be an infringement of copyright. Should parishes desire more copies of the DVD, they are to be purchased directly from either the RLC or The Catholic News of the Archdiocese of Singapore.

Part 3: Implementation and purchasing of the New Roman Missal

1. Subject to the *recognitio* received from Rome, the date for the implementation of the Third English Edition of the Roman Missal for our region is on the 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 2011. This will coincide with that of the rest of the English speaking nations.

