

Liturgical Reform of the Mass through the Ages



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Focus of the webinar

- ◆ how shape of liturgy has changed over time
- ◆ snapshots: before, at, & after Vatican II
- ◆ 2 qq: what do we do? meaning for how we live?
 - ◆ 1) core pattern of mass (synoptics & Pl)
 - ◆ 2) some main themes of that meaning
- ◆ today's session: After Vatican II

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Session 3. After Vatican II



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Change in Pontificates

- ◆ Death of John XXIII, June 3, 1963
- ◆ Election of Paul VI, June 21, 1963
- ◆ Would the Council continue?
- ◆ Coronation of Paul VI, June 30



Who could
get the
closest?

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Implementation: Roman docs

- ◆ *Inter Oecumenici* (1964)
 - general directions, some specific norms
 - English in readings, common part of people
 - living experience of Paschal mystery
- ◆ *Tres Abhinc Annos* (1967)
 - further adaptation of Order of Mass
 - territorial authority to decide Eng (Euch Prayer)
- ◆ *Comme le Prévoit* (1969)
 - principles of translation
 - “meaning for meaning”

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Implementation: Roman docs

- ◆ *Liturgiae Instaurationes* (1970)
 - central role of bishop in dio renewal
- ◆ *Varietates Legitimae* (1994)
 - Roman liturgy & inculturation
 - substantial unity
- ◆ *Liturgiam Authenticam* (2001)
 - collaboration of bishops in translation
 - new principles of literal translation
- ◆ *Magnum Principium* (2017)
 - restrictions on Latin Mass



Pope Francis, 2013 -

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Implementation: Consilium

- ◆ Consilium established 1964 under Bugnini
- ◆ separate from curial agency
- ◆ 30+ ritual books readied by early 1970s
- ◆ account: *The Reform of the Liturgy, 1948-1975*
- ◆ Consilium charged as too powerful, put under Congregation for Worship, Bugnini as Secretary
- ◆ study groups lost some expertise, less supported
- ◆ reform of liturgy came under Congregation



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Implementation: ICEL

- ◆ ICEL established 1963 [1st caucus at "bar Jonah"]
 - collaborative resource for English-speaking conf.
 - for each to use & adjust for local situation
- ◆ followed guidelines of *Comme le Prévoit* (1969)
- ◆ steps: transl → revision after use → original prayers
- ◆ increasing intervention by Congregation (90s)
- ◆ withheld approval of (1998) *Scramentary*
- ◆ new guidelines *Liturgiam authenticam* (2001)
- ◆ ICEL reconstituted 2002; *Roman Missal* (2010)

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main points of SC

- ◆ Paschal Mystery at heart of liturgy [2]
- ◆ liturgy manifests true nature of Church [2]
- ◆ liturgy summit & font of all church activity [10]
- ◆ Christ present in liturgy in 4 ways [7]
- ◆ people celebrate liturgy with Christ [7, 48]
- ◆ full, conscious, active partic aim [14, 30, 48]
- ◆ catechesis at every level [14, 16-19, 35.3]
- ◆ simplification of the rites [34]
- ◆ vernacular [36]
- ◆ richer fare of scripture [24, 35.1, 35.4]

theological principles

pastoral practice

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Assessment of main points

theological principles

- ◆ Paschal Mystery at heart of liturgy [2]
- ◆ Christ-mystery > mystery of salv > God-mystery
- ◆ present in liturgical remembrance [anamnesis]
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- *How well are these practices carried out?*
- *What more can be done to improve them?*

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Assessment of main points

pastoral practices

- ◆ vernacular [36] & inculturation [37-40]
- ◆ richer fare of scripture [24, 35.1, 35.4]
 - addition of 1st reading [OT]
 - formation of 3-year cycle
 - ecumenical common lectionary [ICET / ELLC]

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Recap: Recoveries & Renewal


- *Recovering the Mystery*
- *Encountering Christ Actively Present*
- *Participating Together*
- *Renewing Theology & Rite*
- *Liturgy & Culture*
- *Linking Liturgy & Life*

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Recovering the Mystery

- ◆ paschal mystery at heart of liturgy [SC 2, 60]
- ◆ Christ present in many ways [26]
- ◆ liturgy performed by Christ & his Body [SC 7]
- ◆ primary source for deriving christian spirit [SC 14]
- ◆ thing-thinking → encounter-thinking




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Renewing the Rite

- ◆ full, conscious, & active participation [SC 14]
- ◆ liturgical catechesis on all levels [SC 14, 18-19]
- ◆ revision & simplification of rites [SC 24, 34]
- ◆ move lavish use of scripture [SC 24]
- ◆ vernacular; adaptations possible [SC 36, 37-40]



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Linking Liturgy & Life

- ◆ Gathering
 - bringing ourselves & daily lives
 - processing w symbols { cross, candles, Gospel
- ◆ Proclaiming the Word
 - hearing God's story
 - finding ourselves in it } conversation

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Linking Liturgy & Life

- ◆ Presenting the gifts
 - bread } gifts of God, earth, human hands
 - wine }
- ◆ Thanking & offering
 - "do this in memory of me" do what?
 - thanking and offering →

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“Do this in memory of me.”



Giotto, 1305-1306

two commands: celebrate & live the eucharist

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an awesome moment!

“Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial . . .
**we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.**
.....
May he make of us
an eternal offering to you . . .”

[Eucharistic Prayer III; also SC 48]

“the faithful not only offer this
unblemished sacrificial Victim but also
learn to offer their very selves” [GIRM 79f]

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Linking Liturgy & Life

- ◆ **Breaking & sharing the bread**
 - a holy communion
 - a double Amen
- ◆ **Being sent**
 - “dismissal like breaking bread” [Bernardin]
 - “bread for the life of the world” [Jn 6:51]
 - sent on the mission of God [*missio Dei*]
 - participants in that mystery

“Go and witness to the Gospel by your lives” ²¹

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Final Thought

*What idea(s) from the webinar
do you wish to take to heart
and work on?*

Rita Ferrone, *Liturgy: Sacrosanctum Concilium*
(New York: Paulist Press, 2007)
an easy read by a liturgist

John W. O’Malley, *What Happened at Vatican II*
(Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard
University Press, 2008)
a detailed read by an eminent historian ²²

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Q & A

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