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To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

This weekend we begin the season of Advent, and begin using the Third Edition of the Roman Missal in our celebration of the Eucharist.

When the celebration of Mass shifted from Latin to the language of the people some 40 years ago, the original English translation was not intended to be permanent. Over the last decade, extensive work by translators, theologians, poets, musicians and bishops has taken place to develop a text more faithful to the original Latin. With more than 3,000 prayers contained in the Roman Missal used by our clergy to celebrate Mass, this project took a significant amount of time and resources.

The result of these efforts is the Third Edition of the Roman Missal that we will begin using this weekend and at every celebration of the Eucharist moving forward. There are some new responses that we will need to become familiar with as a family of faith. You will also notice many changes in the words that the priest uses in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Our clergy have attended several workshops on the new translation and you will notice numerous resources both at the parish and archdiocesan level to assist with the transition. Our priests have been encouraged to help educate parishioners through the use of homilies, bulletin announcements, pew cards, workshops and other resources. We also have a dedicated website at www.archtoronto.org/romanmissal available anytime to provide you with additional information.

As we walk into a newly renovated room, we marvel at the beauty of a space that maintains its strong foundation yet has taken on a new magnificence after many years of use. We pray that the Third Edition of the Roman Missal will bring us new appreciation for a sacrament that is the summit of our experience as Catholics. Renewed in Worship, Renewed in Christ, let us walk together as this new chapter of our faith journey unfolds.

Yours in Our Lord,

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