

Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland

Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest

Training for Leaders of Prayer
PART 1: Why & What of SCs



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OBJECTIVES

Through this training future SC leaders of prayer will:



- Become aware of the norms and resources governing Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (SCs) in Maine parishes
- Identify similarities and differences between Mass and a SC liturgy

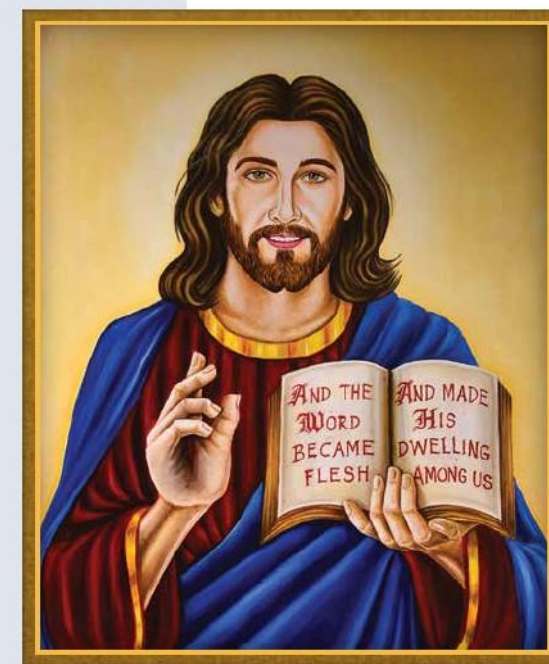
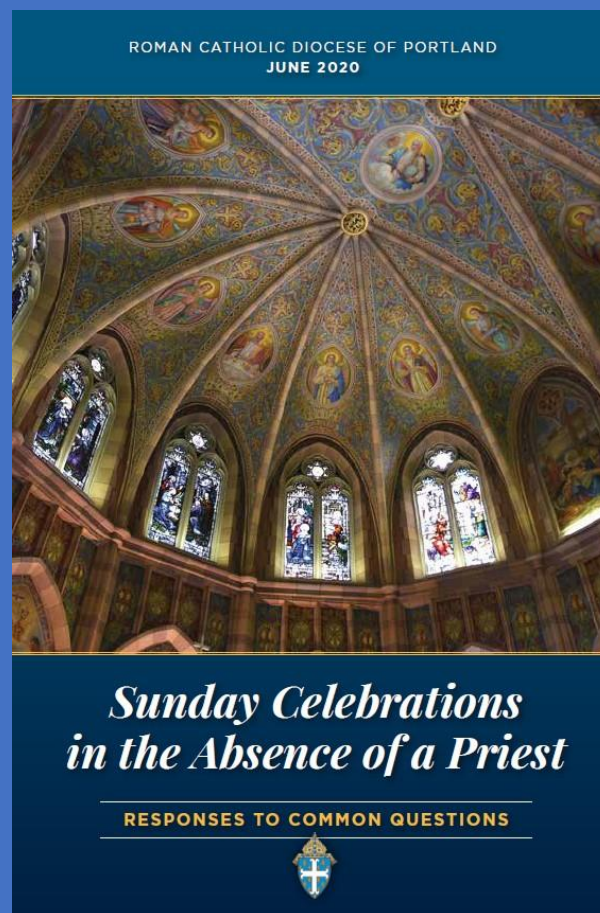
Resource Webpage



<https://portlanddiocese.org/scs-prayer-leader-resources>



Educational Booklet



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Ritual Text (USCCB, 2012)



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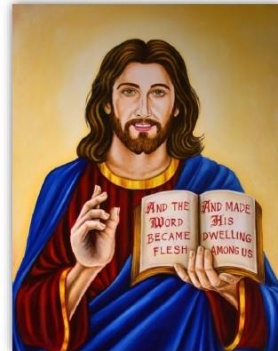
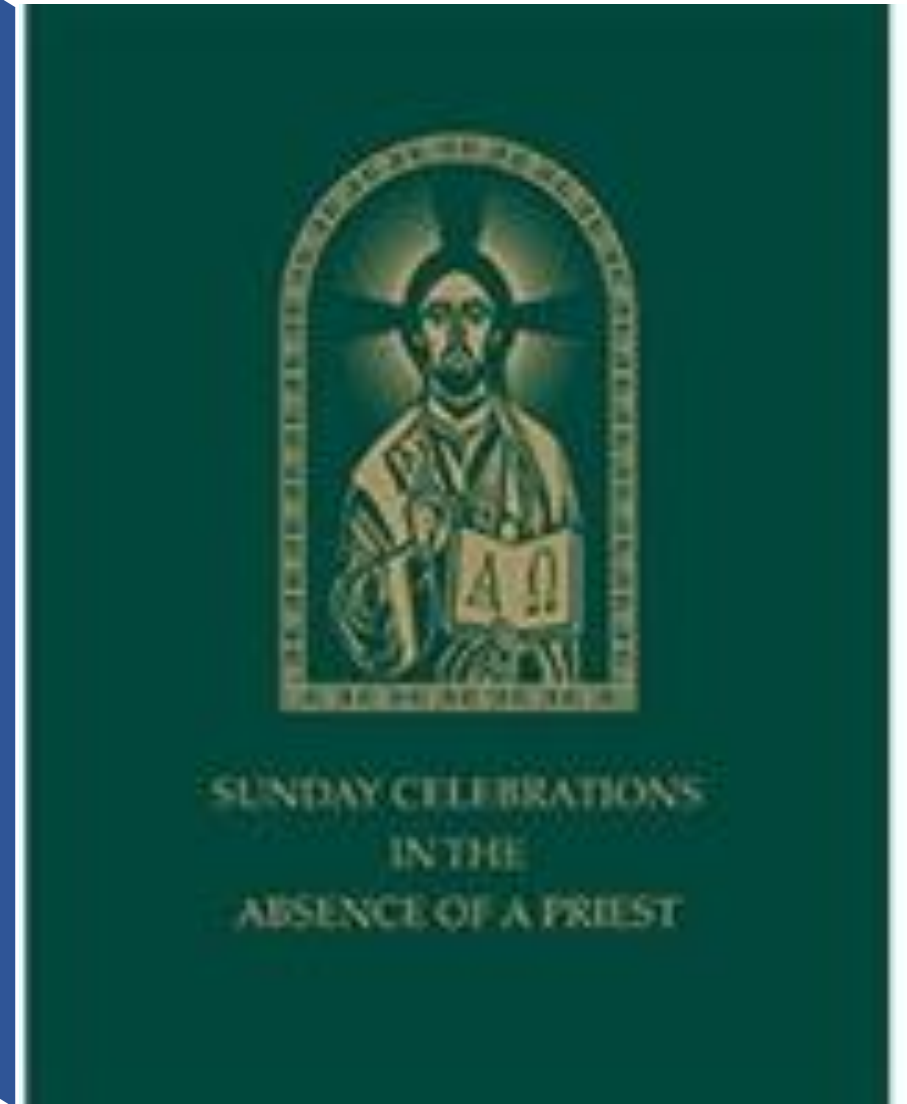


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Training Video and Slides



SCs Training - Deacon leader

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Brief Overview of SCs

LITURGY

From the Greek meaning "public work."
It refers especially to the public worship
of the Church, including Mass and the
Liturgy of the hours.

U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, p 518

SUNDAYS

Keep holy the Lord's Day

Third Commandment

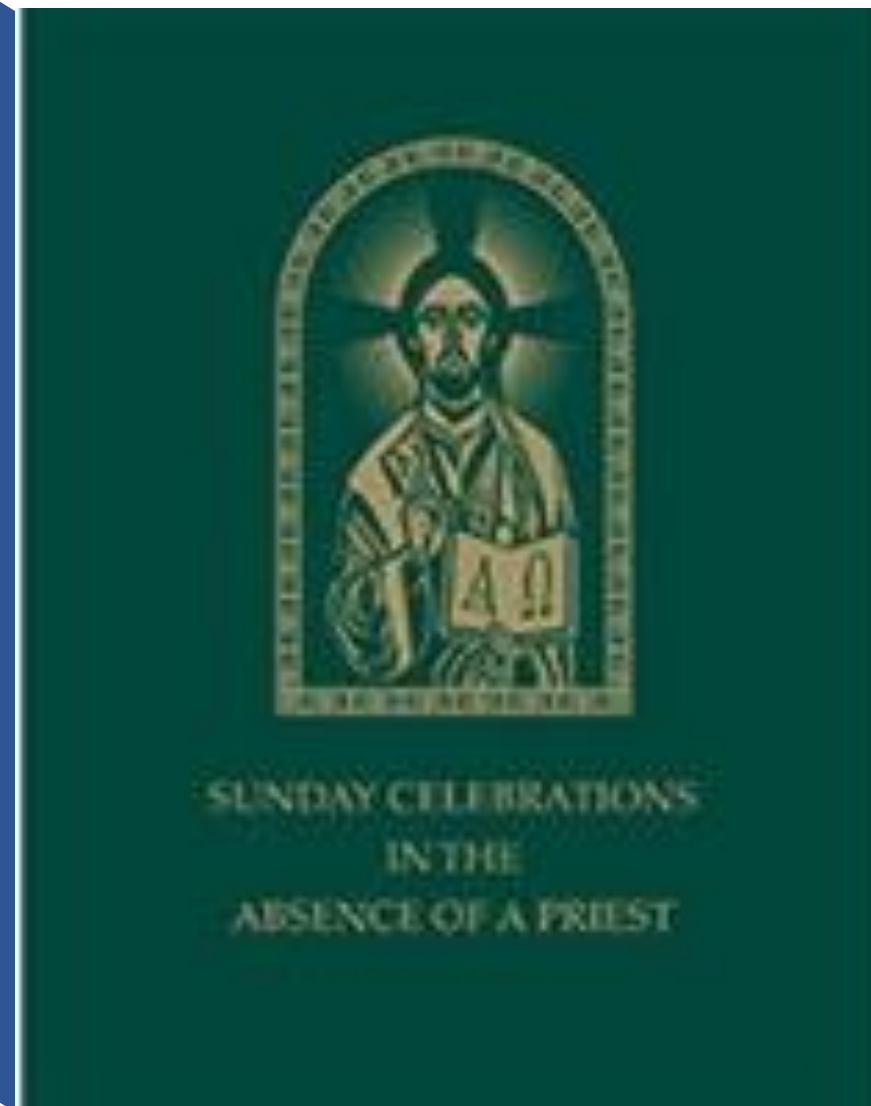
SUNDAYS

Attend Mass on Sundays and holy days
of obligation

First Precept of the Catholic Church

Church Documents Governing SCs

- ***Directory for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest.* Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, Vatican: 1988.** This is guidance for the Universal Church from the Vatican.
- ***Gathered in Steadfast Faith: Statement of the Bishop' Committee on the Liturgy on Sunday Worship in the Absence of a Priest.* USCCB: 1991.** This is the U.S. application of the 1988 document.
- ***Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest.* Committee on Divine Worship, USCCB with Indult from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments: 2004, 2012.** This is the most recent U.S. application (revised) of the 1988 document; it was updated again in 2012 to incorporate the changes in translation that were introduced to the English-speaking world with the 2010 Roman Missal. As is the custom, the two earlier documents are included as appendices in the current volume.



Local Norms

- *Norms for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of Priest in the Diocese of Portland Maine. 2018*



NORMS FOR SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST IN THE DIOCESE OF PORTLAND, MAINE

- I. These norms are intended to implement and further specify the *Directory for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest* (1988, Congregation for Divine Worship) for the universal Church and the ritual text *Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest* (2012, revised edition, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) for use in the dioceses of the United States. The Instruction on the Eucharist, *Redemptio Sacramentum* (2004, Congregation for Divine Worship), and the statement entitled *Gathered in Steadfast Faith* (1991, United States Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy) serve as additional points of reference.
- II. These norms are intended to govern only those weekend celebrations that are scheduled on an occasional or even regular basis in a parish or mission church of the Diocese of Portland.
 - A. These norms do not govern the unforeseen and exceptional circumstances where communities must resort to the use of Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest because of illness or other reason making the priest unavailable for Mass on short notice.
 - B. These norms do not govern the use of Word and Communion services in institutions such as nursing homes, jails and prisons.
 - C. These norms provide directives regarding the use of Word and Communion Services on Weekdays in Section VI of this document.
- III. **REQUISITE CONDITIONS**
 - A. Upon receiving the request for Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest from the proper pastor or parish coordinator of the place in question, the Bishop or his delegate may permit the occasional or regular, even weekly, celebration of a Sunday celebration in the absence of a priest.
 - B. In granting permission, the Bishop or his delegate will consider the following factors:
 1. That the number of Sunday (including Saturday evening) Masses the pastor or sacramental minister of the place can celebrate and the number of Masses necessary in each location he serves has been evaluated.
 2. That, after a diligent search by the pastor or parish coordinator, and after having consulted the Chancery, a supply priest is not available to celebrate a Mass in the location in question.
 3. In light of numbers 1 and 2, that it is not possible for the parish priest to celebrate any Mass in the location in question beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday or the eve of a Holy Day of Obligation and continuing through the entire day of Sunday or the Holy Day of Obligation.

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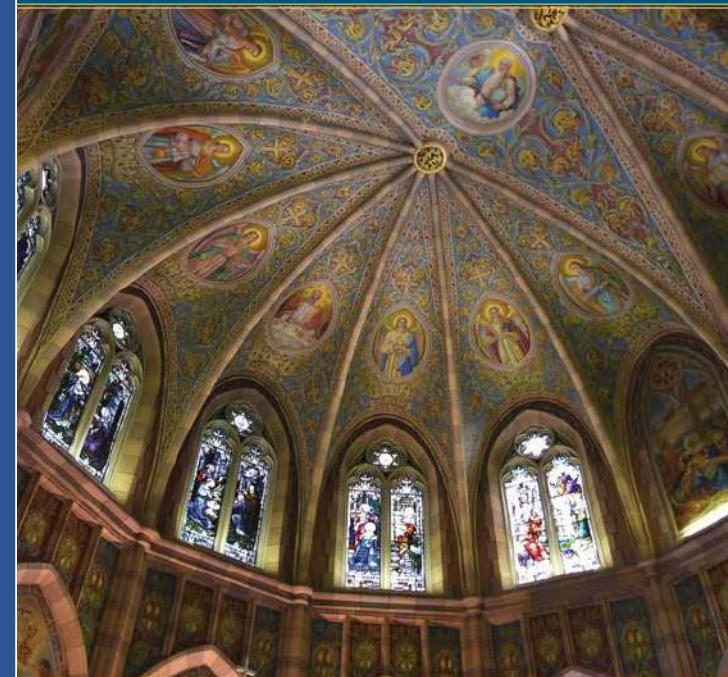
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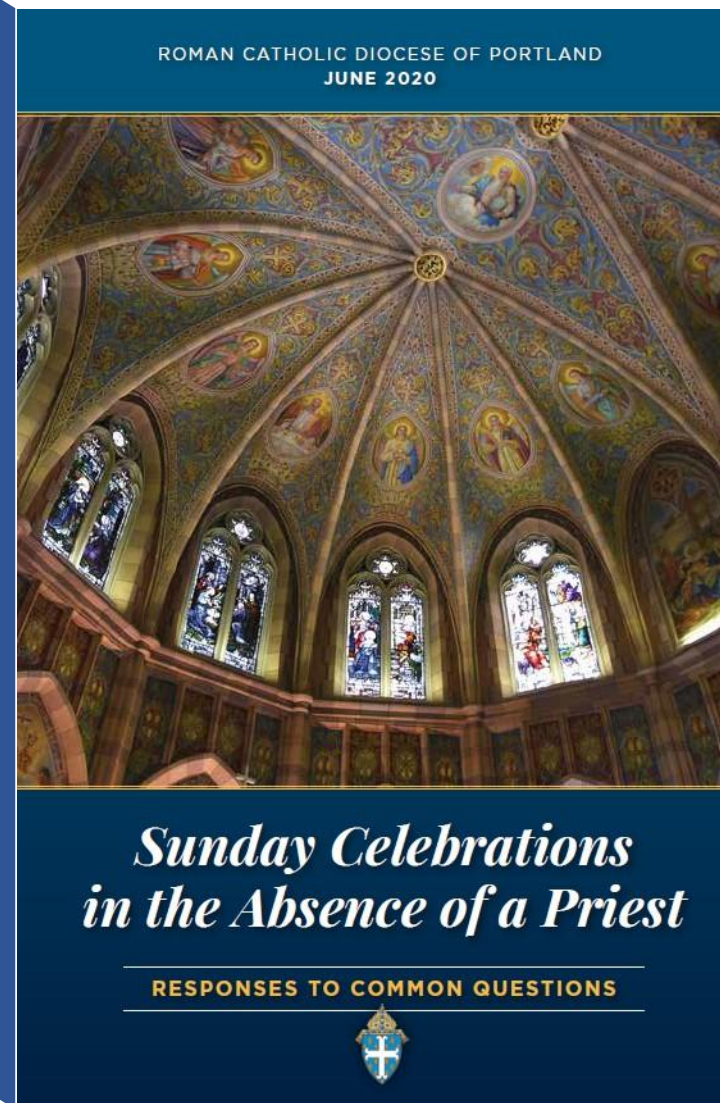
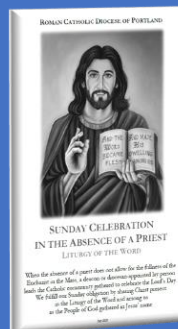
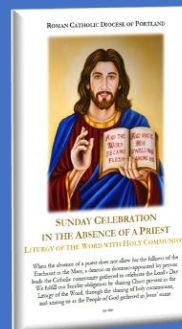
RESPONSES TO COMMON QUESTIONS



What to expect at SC

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*Printable worship aids
also available on
Resource Webpage*



Similarities and differences in the liturgical elements of Mass and Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest

These charts describe what happens throughout a Sunday liturgy and why we participate in the ritual as part of fulfilling our Sunday obligation. They also show how we celebrate the various elements in Mass and in SCs. Note the similarities and differences depending on who is leading the particular liturgy.

| What Happens in the Liturgy Why we participate in this ritual | How We Do This in Mass as prescribed in Roman Missal, 2010 | How We Do This in SCs as prescribed in Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, 2012 |
|---|--|--|
| Gather as Body of Christ | Introductory Rites | |
| Entrance Chant/Song along with Entrance Procession | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sign of the Cross & Greeting Begin the prayer dialogue between God and the faithful | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Penitential Act | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gloria | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Opening Prayer Gather prayers of all assembled into one and encourage all to hear the Word of God in the context of the celebration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> as prescribed by the Roman Missal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> as prescribed by the ritual, Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest |
| Nourish at the table of God's Word | Liturgy of the Word | |
| First Reading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Responsorial Psalm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Second Reading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Gospel Acclamation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Gospel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Homily | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deacon gives homily; Layperson reads prepared reflection |
| Period of Silence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Dismissal of Catechumens (optional) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Profession of Faith State our shared faith | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) Intercede with our faithful and loving God on behalf of the Church, the world, and ourselves | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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|---|--|--|
| Offer the Eucharistic sacrifice | Liturgy of the Eucharist | <i>no consecration without a priest</i> |
| Preparation of the Gifts/Collection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Eucharistic Prayer with sung acclamations (Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation; Great Amen) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communion Rite Share in holy Communion | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> when possible |
| The Lord's Prayer Pray together in words Jesus taught us | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Sign of Peace | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fraction Rite/Lamb of God | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Invitation to Communion/ "Lord, I am not worthy..." Acknowledge unworthiness to receive the great gift of Christ's real presence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Communion Receive holy Communion as a sign of unity in the body of Christ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in both forms | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> only distribute blessed hosts reserved in the tabernacle |
| Prayer after Communion Ask that the benefits of the Eucharist will remain active in our daily lives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Act of Thanksgiving Praise the Lord for who he is and his wonderous deeds | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCs ritual |
| Draw liturgy to a close | Concluding Rites | |
| Brief Announcements & Collection Share information for the good of the faith community and gather monetary gifts for support of the Church and care of the poor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Invitation to Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood Pray together for an increase in priestly vocations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Blessing Call upon the Triune God to bless us | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> form differs depending on if leader is a deacon or a layperson |
| Dismissal Send forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recessional Procession | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sign of Peace Share a sign of hope as we go forth to live as members of the body of Christ in the world | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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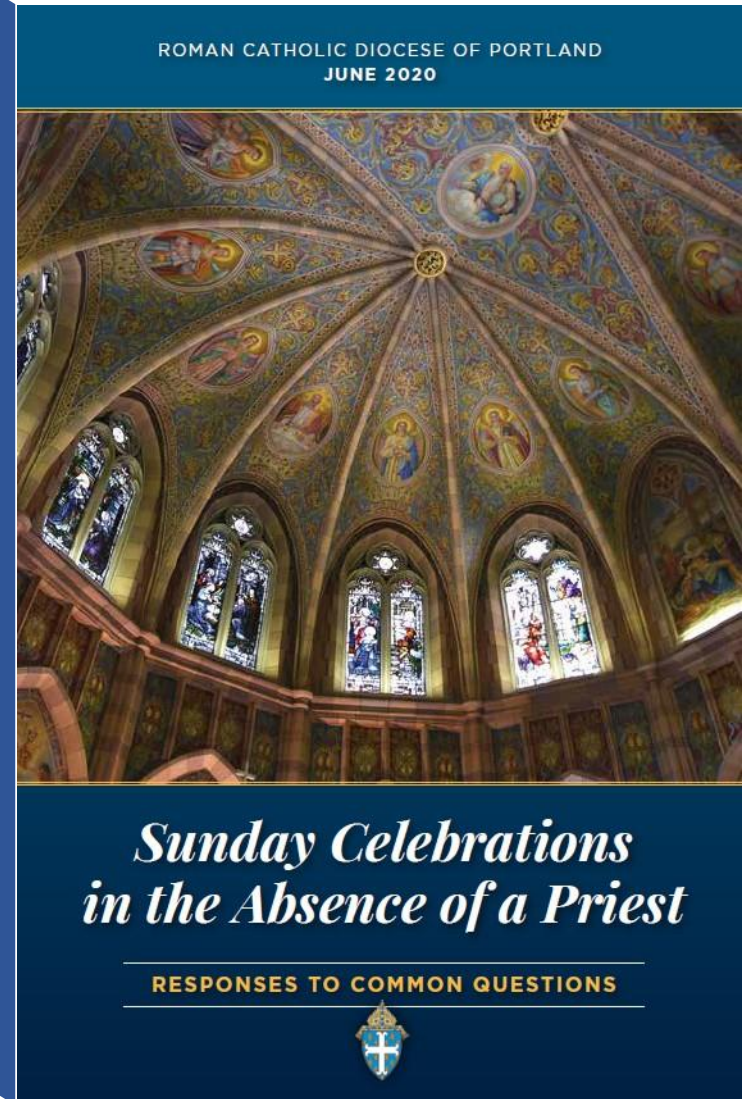


Roles within SC liturgy

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Experience a SC*

- “Participate” so have parishioners’ perspectives of a SC
- Pay attention to where people and things are
- Note questions

* Filmed November 2020 during Covid19 pandemic with two lay leaders of prayer and distribution of Holy Communion





What's Next

- Receive an email with link to resource page including Study Edition of the SCs ritual
- Before Part 2 session: review Study Edition of Ritual and watch video paying attention to what the leader does
- OLFF making hard copies of ritual available at a discount (order link on resource page)



Q & A

Contact Deacon Peter Bernier or Lori Dahlhoff



A Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

*Loving Father, you sent your Son
so that all might come to know the truth and be saved.*

*With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,
you continue his work through the Church.*

*Your Son reminded his disciples that the harvest
was indeed plentiful but the laborers few.*

*Following his instructions, we beg you
to call many to ordained priesthood.*

*Grant them the grace to hear you
and to respond wholeheartedly.*

*May Mary Immaculate, the mother of your Son
and the patroness of our diocese, intercede for us.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thank you!

Adapted from a prayer composed by
Most Rev. Joseph John Gerry, O.S.B., 10th Bishop of Portland