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MEMO

To: Priests, Deacons, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Tyler
From: Diocesan Liturgical Commission
Date: May 19, 2006
Re: Ongoing implementation of the GIRM, particularly #146

Bishop Corrada has authorized the Diocesan Liturgical Commission to issue the following clarification concerning how GIRM 146 is to be implemented in the Diocese of Tyler:

As the Diocese of Tyler continues to implement the General Instruction on the Roman Missal, #146, it is desirable that all communities in our diocese follow similar postures for the liturgy. Therefore, it is asked that the congregation should stand as the priest returns to the altar after washing his hands. They stand as he returns to the center of the altar as he extends his hand then he joins his hands and says "Pray my brothers and sisters (or Pray brethren)..."

The practice of the people standing after they have made the response is not in conformity with the GIRM and should be discontinued beginning Pentecost Sunday. Parishes that have not already begun this new practice should announce it to their congregations the week prior to implementing the change, and again remind people immediately prior to Mass the first Sunday of making the change.

GIRM 146 reads:

Upon returning to the middle of the altar, the priest, facing the people and extending and then joining his hands, invites the people to pray, saying, *Orate, fratres (Pray, brethren)*. The people rise and make their response: *Suscipiat Dominus (May the Lord accept)*. Then the priest, with hands extended, says the prayer over the offerings. At the end the people make the acclamation, Amen.