

OFFICIAL

THE ROMAN MISSAL

I. ENGLISH TRANSLATION of The Roman Missal:

I am happy to announce that after much catechesis lasting over a year, the new English translation faithful to the original Latin of The Roman Missal is now available and **only this translation will be in use in the Archdiocese of Calcutta from 27th November 2011 (First Sunday of Advent)**. In places that have not received the copy of The Roman Missal yet, the new translation will be put to use as soon as the Roman Missal is available at Pauline Book & Media Centre, 35 Royd Street, Kolkata – 700 16.

The People's part of the Order of the Mass has some changes and these will become familiar with time. The celebrant's part too has new translations for the Order of the Mass, Prayers (Collect, Prayer over the offerings and Prayer after Communion), Preface etc. A familiarity with The Roman Missal will help the celebrant to draw much fruit from the celebration for himself and for the Community.

It is my fervent hope that Parish Priests will initiate steps to catechize the people on the new translation and help them appreciate the rich meaning contained therein so that participation in the celebration of the Holy Mass becomes an experience of faith and joy for all.

I wish to request all the priests, consecrated men and women and lay faithful (wherever possible) in the Archdiocese of Calcutta to read the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (pp.13-94) and other instructions where one finds very clear explanation and directives regarding the celebration of the liturgy in general and Holy Mass in particular.

II. BENGALI, SANTALI & HINDI Missals:

The **Missals in Bengali, Santali and Hindi will continue to be in use** in the Archdiocese of Calcutta until further notice.

+ Archbishop S. Lucas
Archbishop of Calcutta