

15) Thirdly, patience will be an important attitude. We may be frustrated when we forget the new formula and revert to the old, and we probably will do that in the first several months. But after a few months, the new translation will be second nature to us. So, let us be patient with ourselves and one another.

16) Finally and above all, let us remember that the supreme law is Love, and love is what we are meant to encounter in the liturgy. Let renewal of the words serve also to renew our hearts in love for the Lord and for one another.

17) Having mentioned the above, I am truly convinced that the use of the New Roman Missal is indeed a God-given and timely opportunity to renew our parishes and to re-live our life of witnessing- an opportunity in deepening our understanding of "why" we do "what" we do at Sunday Mass.

18) It is also my fervent prayer and hope that our liturgical celebrations including the sacraments and especially the Eucharist will not be more ritual activities for us to take "full, conscious and active" part just within the four walls of the church but they will truly "churn" and "spur" us to go out into the world to "tell the story of Jesus" personally. In other words, evangelization should lead us from the Eucharist as our starting point to move out into the world of our daily lives and then take us back to the Eucharist after our encounters in the world.

19) In order to help us achieve our diocesan target and for a systematic pastoral approach with a more concerted effort, a list of proposals, jointly prepared by the Penang Diocesan Liturgical Commission and the Diocesan Pastoral Team, are made available for the parish and BEC use. Kindly refer to the list and be inspired to make good use of them for the greater glory of God!

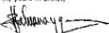
20) Moreover, from today, I firmly urge that all of us in our Diocese of Penang to be more serious in implementing and adhering both the binding liturgical norms of the universal Church especially of the GIRM and the New Roman Missal and also of our diocesan practice for a liturgically correct and consistent way especially found in the "Common Liturgical Principles for the Celebration of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Penang".

21) When all is said and done, our celebration of the Eucharist and Sacraments should be truly engaging, lifting our minds and hearts to God, renewing us in our commitment to the Body of Christ, and setting us on fire with the Holy Spirit for our mission in the world.

22) Allow me to conclude in reiterating the fact that with an appropriate new translation of the Roman Missal and a time new pastoral thrust and target of the Diocese, it is "right and just" that these new and significant unfolding begins with the Season of Advent, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization. May the Mother of God be always our guide in "telling the story of Jesus" in today's world.

23) Yes, come and see, go and tell, and let's celebrate.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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