Will the changes be noticeable?

In the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, almost every prayer in the Mass—those spoken by the priest and those spoken by the people—has been retranslated from the Latin to English. Some prayers now recited by memory will need to be relearned, and the familiar language of many prayers recited by the priest will change.

In preparing the new translation, the translators were asked to make the English texts conform more closely to the Latin originals and to retain traditional theological vocabulary that communicates important concepts of the faith. The language that the faithful will hear and pray is more formal and somewhat more complex than the language of ordinary conversation. It conveys rich theological concepts and retains biblical language and images.

What difference will these changes make?

Some of the differences will be obvious immediately. We will have to learn new musical settings for the various parts of the Mass. We will learn new words for common prayers, such as the Creed. Those of us who began saying the Mass prayers by heart long ago will need to rely on printed texts again, at least for awhile. In the early months of the transition, we may find it more challenging to pray with one voice as people adjust to the new texts and gradually commit them to their hearts.

But these surface differences will give way to deeper and more significant changes. If we use the time of preparation well, we will make the changes with a deeper understanding of the Liturgy and a renewed reverence for and appreciation of the Mass. We will hear the prayers with new ears and with new hearts. Our Liturgy will be filled with new life and new spirit as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ made present for us.

The official website for the third edition of the *Roman Missal* is found at [www.usccb.org/romanmissal](http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal). A variety of resources will be posted that may help you. Catholic publishers and national organizations will publish many resources, in print and online, to help you negotiate this time of change. Check out your local Catholic bookstore to see what is available.

Our November bulletin will contain the textual changes.

Times of change are always a challenge. But from this challenge can come a deeper appreciation of who we are as the Body of Christ, gathering to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord.
Edmundite Campus Ministry Events (Continued)

Worshipping Community Program
October 9th: St. Anne's Shrine Annual Harvest Dinner: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Mass at 10:30 am. Serving turkey with all the trimmings. $11 (U.S.) for adults; $6 (U.S.) for children 12 and under. For more information, please call (802) 928-3362 or (802) 928-3385. www.stananneshrine.org. Volunteers needed to help serve the meal.


October 6th: Mark J. Fiszlech ’97 Annual Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 to 5:30 pm, Tarrant Center. Sign up in M.O.V.E. or call 654.2674 for more information. Blood need is acute. Please give if you can.

October 16th: CROP Walk is a charity walk that supports hunger fighting efforts by Church World Service and the Chittenden County Food Shelf. Contact Lucy Samara for a walker packet: Lsamara99@aol.com.

October 22nd: Join us for the 22nd Annual Senior (Citizens) Prom, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at the Pomerleau Alumni Center. RSVP to MOVE by calling 654.2674. The evening includes dancing and a light dinner.

October 31st: Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf: SMC students may be in your neighborhood, trick-or-treating to collect food for the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf.

November 2nd: Barry Estabrook is presenting at the McCarthy Arts Center at 7:00 pm. In his widely acclaimed book Tomatoland, Estabrook uses the narratives of tomato farmers, migrant laborers, scientists and more to offer a scathing picture of all that has gone wrong with industrial agriculture. Admission is free.

Faculty & Staff Programs
Pontigny Society: We will be reading Orthodoxy by G. K. Chesterton for the fall semester. Sessions will be held at 11:45 am on Mondays, Oct. 10th, and Nov. 14th in the Upper Room of the Chapel; a luncheon will be served. All faculty and staff are welcome. Please RSVP to Anna Lester at 654.2897.

Pro-Life Activities
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Retreat Opportunities
EMMAUS - October 21 - 23, 2011: This is a weekend retreat which provides an opportunity for participants to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and to share their faith with others. Candidates are invited to become aware of God in their everyday lives by recognizing the Lord's presence in others and in daily experience. The retreat uses a combination of guided meditations, private reflection time, and group sharing on Scripture. Applications are being accepted for the weekend. For more information, contact Jason Moore in Edmundite Campus Ministry at 654.2386.

LEAP - November 4 - 6, 2011: This is a program of spiritual formation and renewal sponsored by the Office of Edmundite Campus Ministry at Saint Michael's College. The retreat begins Friday afternoon and ends by Sunday afternoon. It takes place at various facilities within a short drive of campus. LEAP is a unique, communal and deeply personal experience which builds upon talks, activities and group dynamics. The weekend includes a series of presentations that explores the meaning of commitment, peace, prayer and faith in one’s life. It is an opportunity to deepen one's understanding of self and others within the context of a believing Christian Community centered around the Eucharist. Contact Edmundite Campus Ministry Office (654.2333) for applications.

VITA is a group of students who are committed to ministering to other students through practicing our faith and leading many of the liturgical, retreat, and service programs. Student-led programs include:

Link: A large group that meets weekly and combines discussion, meditation, music and more to help bridge the gap between our college and faith lives. Everyone is welcome to join us! Wednesdays, October 5th, 12th, and 19th, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Chapel.

Connections: Come join us for weekly small faith-based discussion with an emphasis on Scripture and reflections on your faith life in college. Meetings are Thursdays at 8:30 pm in Allison Hall, Room 125.