

The following are offered as points of explanation  
since the publication of  
**“WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM”**  
in the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw  
in June 2006:

- *Clarification on the*  
**Use of Eucharistic Prayer II (with Proper Preface)**

While the implementation of the GIRM for the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw states that “Eucharistic Prayer II . . . (has its) own proper Preface and cannot be substituted,” it is important to note that while both the Eucharistic II Preface and Prayer are indeed one and should be prayed as “one complete prayer”, the permission is given that alternative Prefaces may be used for Eucharistic Prayer II (but not Eucharistic Prayer IV).

However, remember that the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Prayers for Masses (for Various Needs and Occasions) are complete prayers and cannot be altered, substituted or interchanged.

- *Clarification on*  
**“Posture of the Faithful Following Individual Reception of Holy Communion”**

While the implementation of the GIRM for the Diocese of Saginaw states that “when the Communion song which accompanies the Communion Procession begins, the assembly stands and remains standing throughout the Communion Procession,” the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), upon inquiry regarding the posture after individual reception, received a response from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments that USCCB cannot regulate the individual communicant to remain standing.

In other words, as per the instruction from the Holy See, an individual communicant may stand, sit or kneel after the individual reception of Holy Communion.



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