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First Sunday of Advent 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next year, on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011, Roman Catholics in the United States will celebrate Mass using the 3rd edition of the *Roman Missal*. A special committee is working here in the Archdiocese of Hartford to ensure that you are prepared adequately to participate in the Liturgy with confidence at that time.

In the coming months, you will be notified of many opportunities to learn more about the new missal through a variety of resources, which will include printed material, live presentations, DVD video conferences and news about internet websites that provide instruction and information. The Archdiocesan website, www.archdioceseofhartford.org will have a special link with information on the *Roman Missal*.

At the beginning of the New Year, the Archdiocese of Hartford will offer a more in-depth instruction on this significant milestone in the history of the liturgy. Throughout the United States, bishops and priests are preparing to celebrate Mass with some new language. Your participation in the liturgy will involve some new words in the responses to the priest and in familiar prayers such as the *Gloria* and the *Creed*. This new translation will enable Roman Catholics who speak English to participate at Mass with the same prayers found in the *Missals* of other languages.

Every moment you invest in prayerful preparation promises to yield a spiritual harvest that cannot be measured. I invite you to seize this extraordinary opportunity to grow in understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and of the faith that is ours through this new *Roman Missal* given to the entire world.

May our celebration of the Mass grow ever richer in the years to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell
Archbishop of Hartford