

Diocese of Erie
Day of Prayer for Pastoral Planning
November 12, 2023

Purpose

To bring before the people of the Diocese of Erie the need for continued prayer for pastoral planning and the realization that as planning is in different phases in different parts of the diocese, all efforts of planning affect the whole diocese.

Mass Text

Replacing the Mass Proper of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time with Masses for Various Needs and Occasions 1 For the Church (E) For the Particular Church

Vestment Color

White or Green

Lectionary

Scripture Readings remain those of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Homily Prompts

The Church has seen many changes in its history. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, planning undertaken today can lead to new beginnings and hope filled possibilities for future generations.

Through every change and challenge God guides us.

As the Body of Christ, we stand with each other in sadness, pain, joy, and hope.

As disciples of Christ, it is expected that we make wise decisions to be prepared for a life of discipleship and be watchful for the Lord's return.

Universal Prayer

The included Universal Prayer is meant to be used in its entirety. If editing, make sure to include prayers for the Holy Spirit's guidance, the bishop, the clergy, parishes expecting change and parishes not expecting change currently.

Preface

Sundays in Ordinary Time VIII

Eucharistic Prayer

Masses for Various Needs and Occasions I

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Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II

**FOR HOLY CHURCH
FOR THE PARTICULAR CHURCH
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Collect

O God, who in each pilgrim Church throughout the world
make visible the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church,
graciously grant
that your faithful may be so united to their shepherd
and gathered together in the Holy Spirit
through the Gospel and the Eucharist,
as to worthily embody the universality of your people
and become a sign and instrument in the world of the presence of Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrating the memorial of your Son's boundless love,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that through the ministry of your Church
the fruits of his saving work
may advance the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

In this your Church, O Lord,
may integrity of faith, holiness of life,
fraternal charity and pure religion
flourish and abide until the end,
and, as you do not fail to feed her
with the Body of your Son and with your word,
so also never cease, we pray,
to guide her under your protection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Universal Prayer
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Presider: With confidence in the Wisdom of God
shared with us in the scriptures, let us pray.

Reader:

For the Church,
that she will proclaim the Word of God
with one heart and one voice, let us pray to the Lord.

For Pope Francis, Bishop Persico, and all bishops,
that the Holy Spirit will overshadow them and their care
of God's people, let us pray to the Lord.

For the clergy of the Diocese of Erie,
that God will strengthen them in their ministry to the people of God
and bless the generosity of their service, let us pray to the Lord.

For all people of the Diocese of Erie,
that we may follow the example of the wise virgins
in being prepared for Christ's return in glory
and demonstrate our readiness by lives
marked by love and patience, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Pastoral Planning efforts of the Diocese of Erie,
that the bonds of unity may be strengthened
keeping us true to our faith, joyful in life
and committed to service of the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

For parish communities anticipating change,
that all may be renewed in their trust of God,
let us pray to the Lord.

For parish communities anticipating no change at this time,
that by constant prayer and an everyday awareness
of the challenges faced by their brothers and sisters,
they may be a source of strength and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

For the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts,
let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: God of hope, we praise you for the gift of your love.
Remove the fear of change from our hearts
and help us to serve you in your holy Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

The Church united by the unity of the Trinity.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For, when your children were scattered afar by sin,
through the Blood of your Son and the power of the Spirit,
you gathered them again to yourself,
that a people, formed as one by the unity of the Trinity,
made the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit,
might, to the praise of your manifold wisdom,
be manifest as the Church.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

Holy, holy, holy...