

## DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

### Implementation of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (2007)

#### Pastoral Notes for Parishioners

Reference numbers denote sections of the document noted, not page numbers.

GIRM = General Instruction of the Roman Missal, *editio typica tertia*, 2002

ITTOOM = Introduction to the Order of the Mass: A Pastoral Resource of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, 2003.

**Comments in boldface type are pastoral notes from Bishop Larry Silva, which are not explicitly contained in the GIRM but are concrete applications of the GIRM which are to be followed by all.**

*Comments in italics are pastoral notes from Bishop Larry Silva, which are his pastoral suggestions but need not necessarily be followed.*

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Read GIRM #55-71; 128-138; 175-177; 196-198; 212-213  
ITTOOM #78-98

There may be a brief introduction to the Liturgy of the Word by the priest, deacon or other minister, but if this option is utilized, the remarks should be brief and well prepared. *Simply paraphrasing the readings does not seem appropriate. If a particular reading or set of readings would be better understood by explaining its context or some element of it, then a brief introduction could be appropriate. The final decision about whether to do an introduction and who will prepare and read it should be determined by the priest celebrant.*

*Lectors should be trained to begin the First Reading only after the rumble connected with the seating of the assembly has died down and all are ready to listen.*

Lectors do not receive any blessing before they read. The blessing is reserved to the deacon who proclaims the Gospel.

If there are two readings before the Gospel (e.g. on Sundays and Solemnities), there should ordinarily be a different reader for each reading.

A period of reflective silence should follow each reading. *If this is not the custom, lectors should be trained to observe it, and the assembly should be instructed in its importance, perhaps with an explicit reminder the first month or so during which it is implemented. For example: "Let us take a moment in silence to reflect on the Word of God we have just heard." This reminder should not become a normal practice, but should only be used until people are accustomed to the silence.*

