

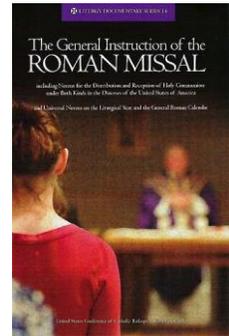
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## The General Instruction of the Roman Missal

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is also known as **GIRM** or in Latin Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani (IGMR). This document is a detailed teaching that serves us guide for the celebration of the Mass of the ordinary form of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church since 1969. It is printed at the start of recent editions of the Roman Missal.

Pope Benedict XVI in his apostolic exhortation “Sacramentum Caritatis” emphasized the importance of proper knowledge of the General Instruction not only for priests but also for the laity:

*“The Eucharistic celebration is enhanced when priests and liturgical leaders are committed to making known the current liturgical texts and norms, making available the great riches found in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and the Order of Readings for Mass. Perhaps we take it for granted that our ecclesial communities already know and appreciate these resources, but this is not always the case. These texts contain riches which have preserved and expressed the faith and experience of the People of God over its two-thousand-year history.”*



The Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, under the leadership of Archbishop Sample, is closely working with each parish in the Archdiocese in order to promote the beauty of the Sacred Liturgy. In this regard, our community here at St. Mary’s (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) will cooperate in this endeavor of the archdiocese by implementing the GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) with devotion in every Liturgy that we celebrate. We would like to encourage each one in our community, as we try to cooperate with the archdiocese, to bear with us and cooperate with us, in making the Liturgy beautiful and implementing its proper celebration.

Archbishop Sample once said, “every parishioner in every parish deserves a proper celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. So, those in-charge of the Liturgy in every parish, must see to it that it is done according to the norms and policies prescribed in the Sacred Liturgy Documents.”

We do as we are told so that we may be actively engaged in the rite and deepened by its effects.

-Ace Tupasi