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## *Renewed at the Table of the Lord*

*Liturgical Renewal Phase 1 – Introductory Rites: Welcoming & Participation  
Sunday after Easter, April 12, 2026 – July 1, 2026*

### **IMPLEMENTATION COMMUNICATIONS TOOLKIT**

This toolkit provides materials for your parish to successfully communicate and implement Phase 1 of our diocesan liturgical renewal.

1. Parish Checklist & Timeline
2. Key Messages to Emphasize
3. Sample Pulpit Announcements
4. Six Weeks Catechesis Schedule (Bulletin Articles and Social Media Posts)

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**Resources Available Online: <link>**

# 1. PARISH CHECKLIST & TIMELINE

Follow these recommended steps to successfully launch Phase 1 in your parish:

## **Feb 24 - March 30, 2026**

- Complete Parish Leaders Training Workshop (3/5, 3/10, 3/12, 3/19)
- Pastor and staff reviewed all materials
- Brief Liturgy committee or initiate development of parish liturgical committee
- Begin training parish liturgical ministers

## **April 6 – April 10, 2026**

- Add Bishop's video to parish website
- Consider create liturgical renewal page on parish website
- Prepare Week 1 bulletin insert
- Schedule social media posts (if parish has active accounts)
- Identify date to complete ministry trainings

## **APRIL 12 - LAUNCH SUNDAY**

- Week 1 bulletin article appears
- Pulpit announcement at all Masses
- Social media posts begin
- Bishop's message available on all platforms

## **WEEKS 2-6 (APRIL-MAY) *(adjust if in Wave 1 of SSOF)***

- Continue weekly bulletin articles (provided)
- Schedule social media posts, if possible
- Make periodic pulpit announcements
- Answer questions using the FAQ document
- Attend Open Forums as needed Identify date to complete ministry trainings.
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## **MAY-JUNE**

- Continue reinforcing key messages
- Gather feedback from parishioners
- Address questions and concerns pastorally
- Prepare for full implementation of Phase 1 by July 1

## **JULY**

- Complete evaluation

## **2. KEY MESSAGES TO EMPHASIZE**

As you communicate about liturgical renewal, emphasize these core themes:

### **1. Spiritual Renewal, Not Just Changes**

This is an invitation to experience the Mass more deeply—to encounter Christ more fully in the Eucharist. It is about spiritual growth, not compliance.

### **2. Part of Our Journey to 2031**

Liturgical renewal connects to our Pastoral Plan and diocesan journey under Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is not one more thing—it is part of our shared path forward.

### **3. Everyone Has a Ministry**

Full, conscious, and active participation means bringing our whole selves to Mass. Every person matters. Every voice matters. We are the Body of Christ.

### **4. Unity Strengthens Mission**

When we celebrate Mass in the same way across our diocese, we witness to the world that we are one Body. Unity in worship strengthens unity in mission.

### **5. Pastoral Sensitivity**

We approach this renewal with patience, understanding, and prayer. Questions are welcome. Understanding takes time.

### **3. SAMPLE PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT 1: Initial Introduction (March 15-21)**

This spring, our diocese begins an exciting journey called Renewed at the Table of the Lord—a two-year renewal focused on deepening our understanding of and participation in the Mass. Beginning April 12, you will find resources in your bulletin and on our website to help you enter more fully into the mystery of the Eucharist. Bishop Cantú invites each of us to approach this renewal with open hearts.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT 2: Launch Weekend (April 12-13)**

Today marks the beginning of our diocesan liturgical renewal. Over the next several weeks, we will journey together through the Introductory Rites of the Mass, learning how to participate more fully, consciously, and actively in our worship. This is about understanding and experiencing more deeply what we already have: the incredible gift of Christ's presence with us in the Eucharist. Read this week's bulletin article and join us on this journey of spiritual renewal.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT 3: Mid-Phase Check-in (May)**

As we continue our journey of liturgical renewal, I encourage you to read the bulletin articles each week. They offer beautiful reflections on how we gather, pray, sing, and respond together at Mass. This week's article focuses on music as ministry—remember, when we sing together, we are not performing, we are praying. Let us lift our voices as one Body in Christ.

## 4. Six-WEEK CATECHESIS SCHEDULE

You may use this schedule to plan your bulletin articles and coordinate with social media posts that the diocese will be posting. Full bulletin articles, social media posts (graphics or reels and captions) are provided in the Liturgical Renewal Hub [<link>](#).

The bulletin articles are ready to use as written, but pastors are welcome to customize them for their weekly letter or incorporate the themes into their homilies as they see fit. These resources are meant to support your communication, not prescribe it.

**Please note the dates are suggested.** Sowing Seeds of Faith Wave 1 parishes, in particular, may be adjusted when they use these materials based on their campaign communications schedule.

WEEK	Suggested DATES	BULLETIN ARTICLE THEME	SOCIAL MEDIA THEMES
1	Apr 12-13	<b>Beginning Our Journey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of renewal</li> <li>• Connection to Journey 2031</li> <li>• Phase 1 focus</li> </ul>	<b>Introduction &amp; Invitation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch video (Bishop)</li> <li>• Journey to 2031 connection</li> <li>• 4-phase timeline</li> <li>• <i>Optional: Leitourgia – Did You Know?</i></li> </ul>
2	Apr 19-20	<b>We Are Not Spectators</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of the Assembly</li> <li>• Active participation</li> <li>• Preparing before Mass</li> </ul>	<b>Ministry of the Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your vital role at Mass</li> <li>• How to prepare</li> <li>• Not a performance but interior offering</li> <li>• <i>Optional: “This Is Ministry” montage</i></li> </ul>
3	Apr 26-27	<b>Becoming One Body</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance procession</li> <li>• Gospel Book reverence</li> <li>• Gathering song</li> </ul>	<b>Entrance &amp; Gathering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gospel Book in procession</li> <li>• Processional cross (crucifix &amp; candles)</li> <li>• The gathering song</li> <li>• <i>Optional: Wax candles - Did You Know?</i></li> </ul>
4	May 3-4	<b>Our Voices United in Prayer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music as ministry</li> <li>• Why singing matters</li> <li>• Everyone participates</li> </ul>	<b>Music as Ministry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Augustine quote</li> <li>• Singing forms us • Honoring music ministers</li> <li>• <i>Optional: “Your Voice Belongs Here”</i></li> </ul>

<b>5</b>	May 10-11	<b>Asking for Mercy, Giving Praise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Greeting</li> <li>• Penitential Act</li> <li>• The Gloria</li> </ul>	<b>The Greeting, Penitential Act &amp; Gloria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Greeting, a two-way declaration</li> <li>• Coming before God with humility• From confession to praise</li> <li>• <i>Optional: Three forms of the Penitential Act</i></li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	May 17-18	<b>The Seasons of Our Lives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Collect</li> <li>• Liturgical year</li> <li>• Ongoing journey</li> </ul>	<b>Liturgical Year &amp; Collect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Collect prayer</li> <li>• Liturgical seasons wheel</li> <li>• We Have Been Renewed</li> <li>• <i>Optional: Our Lady of Guadalupe</i></li> </ul>