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BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE APOSTOLIC SEE
ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON

DECREE

To the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful
of the
Archdiocese of Washington


It is my pleasure to approve and promulgate the Liturgical Norms and Policies within the Archdiocese of Washington. The Norms and Policies govern the celebration of the sacraments and other liturgical celebrations in the Archdiocese of Washington.

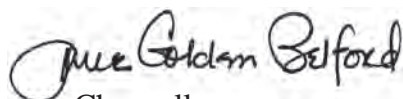
The Norms and Policies reflect the application and integration of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and the provisions of Canon Law to the particular circumstances of this local Church. In a special way, I am grateful to the archdiocesan staff who dedicated much effort to this project, especially the Office of Worship and the canonical advisors.

These Liturgical Norms and Policies become effective on February 22, 2010, the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. The norms and policies replace any prior norms and policies, including the Sacramental Norms and Policies for the Archdiocese of Washington.

It is my hope that these policies will assist all involved in the planning and celebration of the sacraments and other liturgies in our Archdiocese in order to ensure that our celebrations are faithful and worthy.

Given this twenty-fifth day of January two thousand and ten, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, in the Archdiocese of Washington.


Archbishop of Washington


Chancellor