

2010 CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION #15
A SERIES ON THE
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ROMAN MISSAL
(Order of the Mass)
 (Effective: First Sunday of Advent 2011)



THE CONCLUDING RITES

Following the Prayer After Communion, if there are any brief announcements, those may be made. The only change to the announcements is that they are to happen “**if they are necessary.**” If you notice any change here, it would be in the abridgement of announcements [in preference to their being published and read after the Mass by parishioners in the parish’s bulletin for example].

The priest then offers the assembly the concluding dialogue:

Concluding Rite	Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.	Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.
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If the priest is using a Solemn Blessing, he or the deacon will invite the assembly to bow their heads, as the words of the blessing is pronounced. The assembly conclude with the same, “Amen.” As the priest blesses the assembly, all still make the Sign of the Cross over themselves and respond again for the final time with “Amen.”

After the Solemn Blessing, if given, the priest or deacon dismisses the assembly to go, glorifying the Lord, and fulfill their mission of announcing the Gospel of the Lord outside the Church. The assembly’s response remains the words of praise and excitement: “Thanks be to God.”

The closing hymn remains optional at any Mass.

(SR: Understanding the Revised Mass Texts, Fr. Paul Turner, @2010, Liturgy Training Publications).