

What Vatican II Really Said about the Mass **Week 3: Liturgical Reform – General Norms (SC 21-46)**

Review

1. What does it mean for us as the laity to have full, conscious, and active participation when at Mass? What does it look like?

2. What is the nature, or purpose of Liturgy?

3. What is more important, attending Mass or praying the rosary?

Mass prior to VII	Mass after VII
Tridentine / Vetus Ordo	Novus Ordo
TLM (Traditional Latin Mass)	Latin Mass
Extraordinary Form	Ordinary Form
1962 Missal	Mass of Paul VI
Liturgy = work done on behalf of the people, a public service	

The Reform of Sacred Liturgy – General Norms

This constitution lays out some over-arching, general norms, but for more specific guidance people had to wait for the Instructions.

1. These norms are laid out in 4 sections that build on each other are:
 - a. General Norms, Norms stemming from the Hierarchical and Communal nature of Liturgy, Norms stemming from the Pastoral and Didactic nature of Liturgy, and Norms for Inculturation

2. **General Norms** – tells us who can change things, when, where, how and why. (SC 22 -23)
 - a. Establishes importance of scripture (SC 24)

3. **Hierarchic/Communal Norms** – It's important to remember the public and communal nature of Liturgy, as well as our role to play.

4. **Didactic/Pastoral Norms** – Although teaching is not the main goal of liturgy, it contains lived instruction for the faithful (SC 33) which should be clearly, simply presented.
 - a. Greater use of the vernacular tongue, firstly in scriptural proclamation may be employed, but Latin is preserved. (SC 36)

5. **Inculturation Norms** – how may the Roman Rite liturgy be adapted for local, cultural genius, while simultaneously remaining Roman.

6. **Promotion of the Liturgical Life & Action** – Bishop is primary source and model, but practically it should flow down to vibrant work at the parish level. (SC 41- 42)
 - a. To aid the bishop, commissions for Liturgy, Sacred Music & Art should be established at diocese and territorial levels. (SC 44 - 46)

HOMEWORK FOR WEEK 4: Read Articles 47 - 58