



Office of Worship
Diocese of Honolulu

Memorandum

TO: All Clergy & Parishes

FROM: Deacon Modesto Cordero
Director of the Office of Worship

DATE: February 5, 2016

RE: **2016 Chrism Masses**

2016 Chrism Masses have been scheduled as follows:

East/West Hawaii: **Tuesday, March 1 at 6 p.m., St. Michael the Archangel Church, Kona**
Maui: **Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m., Maria Lanakila Church, Lahaina**
Kauai: **Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m., St. Catherine Church, Kapaa**
Oahu: **Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu**
(Priests are invited for dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral Rectory)

All priests are invited to bring an alb and white stole to concelebrate.

We also ask that you inform us of the names of your parish representatives who will be bringing your parish's basket with the cruets of oil and receiving the Holy Oils by **February 23, 2016**. You may email at mcordero@rcchawaii.org or return the bottom portion of this memo to the Office of Worship, toll free fax number: 866-305-5966.

Parish representatives should bring the cruets of oil filled with extra virgin olive oil secured in a basket and marked with your parish's name. They should arrive 30 minutes before the Mass start time (as designated above). Reserved seating will be provided for parish representatives.

Enclosed you find additional instructions for the Chrism Mass on all islands.

Please feel free to contact me at the Office of Worship, (808) 585-3342 should you have any questions.

Blessings!

Parish/Oratory/Chapel/Community: _____

Representatives: 1. _____
2. _____

Instructions for the 2016 Chrism Mass on All Islands

1. Parishes will bring their vessels to the Chrism Mass filled with extra virgin olive oil – any brand. They are to be placed securely in a basket to avoid spillage and labeled with your parish name.
2. Preparations at the church:
 - a. A table with a white cloth should be placed in or near the sanctuary.
 - b. There should be a committee to receive the basket of oils.
 - c. The cruet marked with SC (Sacred Chrism) – with the exception of the Host Parish (on Oahu, the Co-Cathedral) will be poured into a common bowl or vat.
3. The empty Sacred Chrism cruets will then be placed on a separate table. The cruets will be filled with the Sacred Chrism after the blessing of the Chrism oil.
 - a. The Blessing of the Oils will take place after the Renewal of Commitment of Priestly Service.
 - b. The Oil cruets of the Host Parish (or Co-Cathedral on Oahu) will be processed in by a Deacon.
 - i. The **Oil of the Sick** will be brought in procession first with an introduction. The Deacon will stand with the cruet or place the cruet on a table in front of the Bishop for the blessing. After the blessing, the cruet will be given to the MC and placed on a stand or table in the sanctuary.
 - ii. The **Oil of Catechumens** will be brought in procession and the Deacon will do the same as indicated above in letter “i”.
 - iii. The **Sacred Chrism** of the Host Parish will be brought in procession last. The oil of this cruet will be poured into the common bowl or vat with the chrism oil from the other parishes. The Deacon will stand to the side with the empty cruet.
 - iv. Preparation of the Balsam – You will need to have a glass bowl for the Balsam and an utensil to stir the oil and balsam together.
 - v. Once the Sacred Chrism is blessed, you will need to pour the Chrism into the empty cruet that the Deacon is holding and place it with the other cruets of oil on a separate stand or table in the sanctuary. This will be part of the environment for the rest of the Mass. On Oahu, this cruet is carried in procession with the other blessed Oils and placed on stands.
4. Filling of the parish cruets with the Sacred Chrism will take place by volunteers during the Eucharistic Prayer and the Communion Procession. The cruets filled with Sacred Chrism will then be returned to each parish’s basket.
5. After the Prayer After Communion and Announcements, Bishop Silva will ask Parish Representatives receiving the Holy Oils to stand for a Blessing, and Mass will conclude in the usual way.
6. On Oahu, the Distribution of Oils will take place after the Mass. Parish Representatives may pick up their baskets with the cruets of oil after Mass.
7. On Neighbor Islands, the Host Parish will need to have a plan to expedite the distribution or may do the same as Oahu.
8. **PLEASE** use the proper wording in your Order of Worship for the *Renewal of Commitment of Priestly Service* (see Roman Missal, 2nd Edition).