



Office of Worship
Diocese of Honolulu

Memorandum

TO: All Hosting Parishes & Pastors

FROM: Deacon Modesto Cordero
Director of the Office of Worship

DATE: February 6, 2018

RE: **Instructions for the 2018 Chrism Mass on All Islands**

Below you find instructions for the Chrism Mass on all islands.

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.

Preparations at the hosting church:

- A table with a white cloth should be placed in or near the sanctuary.
- There should be a committee to receive the baskets of oils.
- The cruet marked with SC (Sacred Chrism) – with the exception of the Host Parish -- will be poured into a common bowl or vat.

The empty Sacred Chrism cruets will then be placed on a separate table. The cruets will be filled with the Sacred Chrism after the consecration of the Chrism.

- The Blessing of the Oils will take place after the Renewal of Commitment of Priestly Service, which follows the homily.
- The Oil cruets of the Host Parish will be processed in by a Deacon.
 - The **Oil of the Sick** will be brought in procession first with an introduction. The Deacon will place the cruet on a table in front of the Bishop for the blessing. After the blessing, the Deacon will take the cruet and place it on a stand or table in the sanctuary. [NOTE: The MC should not do what pertains to the deacon -- even if he happens to be a deacon.]
 - The **Oil of Catechumens** will be brought in procession and the Deacon will do the same as indicated above.
 - 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.

- Preparation of the Balsam – You will need to have a small glass pitcher for the Balsam and an utensil to stir the oil and balsam together. Bishop Larry will hand carry the balsam to each of the neighbor islands.
- Once the Sacred Chrism is consecrated, the Deacon will need to pour the Chrism into the empty cruet that he 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.

Filling of the parish cruets with the Sacred Chrism will take place by volunteers during the Communion Procession. The cruets filled with Sacred Chrism will then be returned to each parish's basket.

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. 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.

On Neighbor Islands, the Host Parish will need to have a plan to expedite the distribution or may do the same as Oahu.

PLEASE use the proper wording in your Order of Worship for the *Renewal of Commitment of Priestly Service* (see Roman Missal, 3rd edition).

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

Blessings!