

## Annotated Bibliography: Basic Resources for the Parish Musician

1. **A Companion to the Catholic Book of Worship: Guidelines for Liturgical Music** (Ottawa, Concacan. Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006)
  - A comprehensive reference guide for all liturgical musicians
  - Describes everything one needs to know about what to sing, why and how to choose music for Sundays, the liturgical year and all other liturgies
  - A must-have for parish musicians
  - The guidelines are universal and don't refer exclusively to CBW 3
  
2. **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy** (Liturgical Press, Collegeville, 1963) Also found in **The Liturgy Documents- A Parish Resource**. 3rd Ed. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1991.
  - the foundational document for the liturgical changes of Vatican Two
  - [www.listserv.americanedu/catholic/church/vaticanii/liturgy.asc](http://www.listserv.americanedu/catholic/church/vaticanii/liturgy.asc)
  
3. **General Instruction of the Roman Missal** old one found in the Sacramentary or in **Documents on the Liturgy 1963-1979. Conciliar, Papal, and Curial Texts**, prepared by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy ( ICEL) Collegeville: Liturgical Press 1982. *New revised one to be published by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops,(Concacan) in 2008*
  - these are the instructions and rubrics for the celebration of the liturgy
  - [www.christusrex.org/www1/meitl/girm.html](http://www.christusrex.org/www1/meitl/girm.html)
  
4. **Music in Catholic Worship** (Washington: Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy 1972; rev.ed., 1983) See also the National Association of Pastoral Musicians Commentary on this document, 1984.
  - a fine document from the United States Bishops' Liturgy Committee which gives concrete guidelines for music in the liturgy; includes the outline of the three judgements about the choice of music for the liturgy: pastoral, liturgical and musical.
  - [www.paa2000.com/RESOURCE/kr07htm](http://www.paa2000.com/RESOURCE/kr07htm)
  
5. **Celebrate** . Novalis, Ottawa.
  - published six times a year, this liturgy magazine provides articles about all aspects of pastoral liturgy including music
  
6. Reid, Heather. **Preparing Music for Celebration** (Ottawa. Novalis/ Liturgical Press, 1996)
  - small, user-friendly introduction to liturgical principles for church musicians
  - includes how to choose music for Sunday Mass