**ICEL REPORT**  
**2016 – 2017**

**to the**  
**Member and Associate-Member Conferences**  
**of the**  
**International Commission on English in the Liturgy**  
**A Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops’ Conferences**

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To the Bishops in countries where English is used in the Sacred Liturgy:

The International Commission on English in the Liturgy was established in October 1963 as an unincorporated association of Bishops designated by the sponsoring Conferences of Bishops. In 1967 the Commission was incorporated in Canada for religious, charitable, and educational purposes. Between 2008 and 2013 ICEL transitioned to a not-for-profit firm, under Canadian law. The corporation administers title to ICEL literary properties, which are administered on behalf of the Member Conferences.

The members of ICEL are eleven Bishop Representatives from Conferences that use English in the liturgy: Australia, Canada, England and Wales, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Scotland, Southern African, and the United States. The eleven Bishop Representatives also serve as the Board of Directors of the civil entity.

ICEL’s primary task is to provide the member and participating Conferences of Bishops with English translations of the Latin liturgical books of the Roman Rite. There are also fifteen Associate-Member Conferences of ICEL that have access to the English language liturgical texts and are invited to comment on draft texts.

In 2003, ICEL was given official recognition by the Holy See in the form of governing Statutes. The policies and procedures contained in the Statutes were most recently revised and re-issued in July 2011.

In September 2017, the Holy Father issued a motu proprio entitled Magnum Principium which changed specific points in the Code of Canon Law that pertain to the approval process of liturgical texts prepared by ICEL and submitted by the Conferences of Bishops to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The ICEL Bishops await further direction from the Conferences and the Congregation on how the specific changes to regulations as a result of Magnum Principium could affect principles of translation and/or procedures for the development and approval of ICEL texts.

The ICEL program of translation is carried out under the authority of the Bishops of the Commission, more directly by an Executive Committee of the Commission that meets monthly, with the assistance of working groups of specialists, as well as individual translators, musicians, editors, and consultants. The work is coordinated by a staff of its permanent Secretariat, located in Washington, DC.

ICEL itself is not a publisher of liturgical books and related materials in the usual sense. Rather, like individual authors and translators, it provides the content of such publications to the Conferences of Bishops, who in turn authorize their publication within their territories. In administering the copyright of the English language liturgical texts, ICEL collects royalties from publishers of its work in the name of the Conferences of Bishops.
The Roman Ritual and Roman Pontifical

The following texts have been issued by ICEL in Gray Book since the Roman Missal and before the current reporting period:

- Order of Celebrating Matrimony.
- The Order of Confirmation
- The Order of Dedication of a Church and an Altar
- Exorcisms and Related Supplications
- The Liturgy of the Hours, Supplement: Optional and Obligatory Memorials Added to the General Roman Calendar from 1984 to 2004.

Any liturgical texts that contain ministerial chants are set to music after the Gray Book has been issued to the Conferences. This music is available on the ICEL website.

In 2015, ICEL issued a Green Book for Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest, containing texts for this new, optional Feast. The Gray Book was issued in April 2016.

Translation work also progressed on other rites including Blessing of Oils, Infant Baptism, Christian Initiation of Adults, A Supplement to the Roman Missal and the Liturgy of the Hours (liturgical texts for Saints Mary Magdalene, John XXIII, and John Paul II), the Rites of Ordination, and Rite of Penance. Gray Books have been issued for:

- Order of Blessing of Oils (2016)
- Order of Baptism of Children (2017)
- Roman Missal and Liturgy of the Hours Supplement (2017)
- Ordination of a Bishop, of Priests, and of Deacons (2018)

During the period of this report, translation work has continued on Penance (Green Book issued in December 2017), Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Outside Mass, and Pastoral Care of the Sick. Additional texts in the Roman Rite have been assigned to base translators and are expected in the coming year or two: Religious Profession, Blessing of Abbots and Abbesses, Consecration to a Life of Virginity.

The Liturgy of the Hours

The Report for 2001-2013 contained a detailed description of a proposed revision of the ICEL translation of the Liturgia Horarum (Liturgy of the Hours), initiated by the Conference of Bishops of the United States. The Bishops of the Commission approved the project with the stipulation that the translations would be made available to all the ICEL Conferences of Bishops.

The ICEL Bishops also determined that the material should be issued in a series of fascicles: Advent and Christmas; Lent and Easter; Ordinary Time; the Ordinary and the Psalter; Proper of Saints; and the Commons and Office for the Dead. Each fascicle contains Hymns, Antiphons (new Benedictus and Magnificat), and Intercessions.
The following Gray Books have been issued to the Conferences:

- Advent and Christmas (2015)
- Lent and Easter (2017)
- Ordinary Time (2017)
- Ordinary and the Psalter (2017)

Also in 2017 a Green Book for the Commons and Office for the Dead was sent to the Conferences for comment. A Gray Book is expected to be ready before the end of 2018.

In addition to the elements requested by the US Conference, in 2016 ICEL asked the base translator to review the antiphons for the Four-Week Psalter and the Seasonal Psalters with a view to incorporating the vocabulary and syntax consistent with the genre of revised texts of the Roman Rite. This work advanced considerably in 2017 and the first batch of revised Antiphons was approved by the ICEL Bishops in early 2018.

**The Roman Martyrology**

In 2004, the *Martyrologium Romanum* was issued by the Holy See. In 2005 a base translation was prepared. The base translation has been reviewed and a report prepared on points of specific terminology that require clarification prior to publication. The draft English manuscript as well as the report was provided to the Congregation in 2006.

In May 2015 at a meeting with ICEL representatives at the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, the Prefect, Cardinal Robert Sarah, asked ICEL to prepare a sample of a revised text. A *nil obstat* was granted for a technical editor and work began in earnest in 2017 to complete the manuscript. The Latin text runs nearly 700 pages with biographical information on about twelve Saints per day.

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**The Commission: meetings and members**

During the period of this report, the ICEL Bishops met four times and all meetings were held in Washington, DC (February and October of both 2016 and 2017).

The ICEL Bishops met at the Commission’s Secretariat in Washington, DC from 22 to 26 February 2016 and in the course of their work, the Bishops approved the Gray Book for the new optional Feast of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest*. They also approved Green Books for Blessing of Oils, Baptism for Children, and Christian Initiation of Adults, as well as a fascicle for the revised edition of the Liturgy of the Hours, containing Hymns, Antiphons and Intercessions for the Ordinary and the Psalter.

In October 2016 the ICEL Bishops evaluated comments from the Conferences on the Blessing of Oils and voted to issue that text in Gray Book form. Also at the October 2016 meeting the Bishops reviewed the liturgical texts for three Saints: In 2016 the Holy
See elevated the memorial for Saint Mary Magdalene to a Feast to be inscribed in the General Roman Calendar. Also in 2014 the Holy See had issued Optional Memorials for Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II. The liturgical texts for these Saints were combined into a single fascicle and approved for issuance as a Green Book.

Also at the October 2016 meeting, the ICEL Bishops evaluated the comments from the Conferences on the texts for Lent and Easter for the revised edition of the Liturgy of the Hours. The Bishops voted to issue this text in Gray Book form.

The ICEL Bishops were happy to welcome Archbishop Arthur Roche, Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments to the October 2016 meeting to discuss various elements of the ICEL Statutes. During the course of the meeting, Archbishop Roche reminded the Bishops that ICEL is a translation body and that any re-arrangement of texts, such as what had been presented in the Green Book for Christian Initiation of Adults, should more properly be developed by an individual Conference of Bishops.

The ICEL Bishops next met from 13 to 17 February 2017 to continue translation work on several fronts. After a review of comments from the Conferences of Bishops on Green Books for Ordinary Time for the Liturgy of the Hours and Baptism for Children the Bishops voted to issue these texts as Gray Books.

The Bishops completed a review (begun at their last meeting) of the texts for Ordination presented to them by the ICEL Editorial Committee and agreed to issue this text as a Green Book. They also began to review comments from the Conferences on Christian Initiation of Adults, but this was not completed.

At the next meeting, 16 to 20 October 2017, the ICEL Bishops welcomed the news of the Holy Father’s motu proprio, *Magnum Principium*, which was announced in September and took effect on 1 October. While the details of the motu proprio were clearly laid out in the documents presented by the Holy See, the effect on translation policy and procedures would take time to be fully understood. Needless to say, any change would affect new work.

The comments on three Green Books: Christian Initiation of Adults, translated texts of the Ordinary and the Psalter for the Liturgy of the Hours, and A Supplement to the Roman Missal and Liturgy of the Hours were considered, altered, and approved by the Bishops to be released as Gray Books. The Bishops also considered and approved a Green Book of translated texts for the Commons and the Office for the Dead for the Liturgy of the Hours. They also began work on texts for the Order of Penance.

*Meetings with the Congregation*

The ICEL Statutes stipulate the need for regular communication between ICEL and the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. In May 2016
Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation, visited the ICEL Secretariat in Washington, DC. (He had been in Washington for another function and the morning at ICEL was a courtesy visit.) Also, as mentioned above, Archbishop Arthur Roche attended a portion of the ICEL Bishops meeting in October 2016.

Monsignor Andrew Wadsworth, Executive Director of the Secretariat met with members of the Congregation in Rome on 20 February 2017 to discuss various ICEL projects.

Members

Australia
Archbishop Denis Hart of Melbourne completed his term as representative to ICEL in October 2016. Bishop Patrick O’Regan of Sale attended the October 2016 meeting and remains the representative.

Canada
Bishop Brian Dunn of Antigonish has represented Canada since 2015.

England and Wales
The Most Rev. George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff, is the representative of England and Wales and currently is the ICEL Treasurer.

India
The Most Rev. Dominic Jala, Archbishop of Shillong, has served on the Commission since 2001. He currently serves as Secretary.

Ireland
In 2016 Bishop John McAreavey, Bishop of Dromore and a member of ICEL from 2002-2012 was asked to represent Ireland. (He resigned in early 2018; and the Conference has not yet named a representative for the Irish Conference.)

New Zealand
Bishop Patrick Dunn of Auckland has represented New Zealand since 2013.

Pakistan
Bishop Benny Travas of Multan has represented Pakistan since 2015.

The Philippines
Bishop Julius Tonel of Ipil was the representative to ICEL through mid-2017 when Bishop Victor Bendico of Baguio City was named to represent the Philippines. Neither Bishop was able to attend the October 2017 meeting.
Scotland
Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen has represented Scotland since 2015.

Southern African
Archbishop Jabulani Nxumalo, OMI was named as the new representative to the Commission in 2015.

The United States
Bishop Arthur Serratelli was elected Chairman of ICEL in 2012 and continues to serve in that post and represent the US Bishops on ICEL.

Remembrance of former Bishop Representatives on the ICEL Board who have died during this period:

Archbishop Emeritus James M. Hayes, served on the ICEL Episcopal Board (now the Commission) from 1976-1979, died on 2 August 2016 at the age of 92.

Bishop Emeritus Andrew Francis from Pakistan passed away on the 6 June 2017 at the age of 70 years. He served as the representative to ICEL from to 2003 to 2015.

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Remembrances of ICEL Consultants who died during these years:

The Rev. John A. Gurrieri, a priest of the diocese of Brooklyn, New York and a member of the ICEL Advisory Committee from 1984 – 1992, died on 10 September 2017 at the age of 75. Fr. Gurrieri also served as the 4th Executive Director of the US Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy from 1981 to 1988.

The Rev. Peter J. Seagnelli, a priest of the diocese of Providence, Rhode Island and a translator and author of liturgical texts from the 1980s through 2000, died on 12 July 2017.

Mrs. Mary Louise Fowler, secretary in the ICEL Secretariat from 1969 through 1988 died on 28 November 2017 at the age of 95. Mary provided secretarial service to the first five Executive Directors of ICEL and even after retirement in 1988 came to the Secretariat to complete manuscript work on Dr. John Page’s dissertation entitled “What Will Dr. Newman Do? John Henry Newman and Papal Infallibility, 1865-1875.”

Editorial Committee: meetings and members

As described above under “Procedures for Translation,” the Editorial Committee was established to provide an in-depth evaluation of the base translations of Latin liturgical texts for submission to the Bishops of the Commission for their consideration. The
members possess specialized skills in ecclesial Latin and the liturgical rites. Their deliberations on the texts are guided by *Liturgiam authenticam* and the *Ratio translationis*.

The present members of the committee are:

The Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, Chairman 2008-present
The Most Rev. Leonard Blair, Archbishop of Hartford
The Most Rev. Michael Campbell, Bishop of Lancaster, England
The Most Rev. Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Scotland
The Most Rev. Michael Miller, Archbishop of Vancouver, Canada
Sister Maria Kiely, O.S.B, Congregation of the Solesmes, Quebec, Canada
The Rev. Daniel Merz, Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri

As a good practice and by statutory requirement, a representative of the Commission attends meetings of the Editorial Committee. Presently, Archbishop Dominic Jala carries out this function.

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Finances

As stated at the outset of this report, ICEL is an association of Bishops designated by the sponsoring Conferences of Bishops. The Board of Directors (representatives of the Conferences) has financial oversight of the Corporation and elects a Treasurer from their membership to govern the financial activities.

The Executive Director, under supervision of the Treasurer and the Executive Committee, carries out the day-to-day functions of ICEL and has direct financial control of the Corporation. He is assisted by an accountant on staff and periodic advice from representatives of John C. Walsh & Co, PC. This firm audits ICEL’s financial statements annually.

In 2013, the ICEL Treasurer established an Advisory Committee of professionals to offer advice on ICEL’s investments, review the annual audit, and review other financial statements provided through the year. The Committee meets by telephone quarterly. It is important to stress that this is an advisory group.

After the initial grants or contributions made by the sponsoring Conferences of Bishops in 1964 and 1965, the principal source of revenue for ICEL has been royalties received from the publishers of editions that contain material prepared and copyrighted by ICEL.

Following the initial grants, the contributions from the Conferences were repaid in the early 1970s. During the 1980s when there was an excess of income over expenses distributions were made to the Conferences in proportion to their original contributions.

From 1993 to 2003, the Conferences of Bishops provided ICEL an additional subsidy.

Following the publication of the Missal in 2011 there was again an excess of income over expenses and the ICEL Bishops voted to distribute funds to the Conferences. These payments were made in December 2013 through 2016, in the proportion of actual contributions.

All ICEL materials have been made available to publishers, through the National Conferences, without distinction on a non-exclusive basis, subject only to the condition that the respective Conference gives permission for the publication or distribution of the material in its territory.

As a nonprofit body at the service of the Church in the countries where English is spoken, ICEL endeavors to conduct its program on a self-supporting basis with just remuneration for translators, editors, composers, consultants, and staff and with expenditures directly related to the translation program.
ICEL does not own property other than necessary office furnishings and equipment and the literary and music property that is held for the use of the Church. A limited reserve beyond current needs is maintained to provide for the continuance of the program and as protection against fluctuations in royalty revenue and infringement of texts. And, as stipulated in the ICEL Statutes, the reserve is held in the name of the sponsoring Conferences of Bishops, who wholly own and operate ICEL in service to the Church.

Each year, typically in June, following the audit of ICEL’s financial records, an audited report is made available to the Conferences of Bishops through the ICEL representative on the Board of Directors. The treasurers and other officers of the sponsoring and participating Conferences of Bishops to which this report is directed are invited to request further information directly from the ICEL Secretariat.
Statement of Operations

The following statement is for the year ending 2017 and 2016. This information represents audited figures produced on an accrual basis.

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| **Expenses**           |              |              |
| Meetings and conferences | 355,677     | 300,964      |
| Translation fees       | 81,474       | 79,912       |
| Library, subscriptions | 1,099        | 1,408        |
| Travel                 | 4,459        | 11,587       |
| Rental of office space | 196,979      | 184,642      |
| Insurance (property, liability) | 12,630      | 12,842       |
| Equipment (rental and maintenance) | 7,741      | 8,441        |
| Telephone (Internet)   | 17,479       | 17,006       |
| Printing               | 15,553       | 17,680       |
| Postage and freight    | 6,325        | 6,333        |
| Office expense         | 19,780       | 18,649       |
| Miscellaneous          | 3,133        | 3,070        |
| Royalty expense        | 14,277       | 13,951       |
| Legal and accounting   | 15,150       | 15,597       |
| Depreciation and amortization | 7,223      | 13,823       |
| **Salaries and Benefits** | 776,638     | 739,494      |
| **Total Expenses**     | 1,535,617    | 1,445,390    |

Revenue over expenses (net income)     | $216,759 | $84,560 |

Distribution to Members             | 0       | 200,000 |
## Budget for 2018

### Revenue

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| Interest and Dividends | 45,000 |
| Other income           | 2,000  |

**Total Revenue** $1,484,000

### Expenses

**Meetings**
- Commission: 195,000
- Editorial Committee: 100,000
- National Secretaries: 35,000
- Music: 60,000
- Other: 15,000

**Projects**
- Liturgy of the Hours: 49,000
- Martyrology: 40,000
- Ordination & Penance: 10,000
- Holy Communion & Pastoral Care: 12,000
- Religious Profession; Abbots; Virginity: 10,000
- Institute of St. Gregory: 10,000

**Total Projects** $131,000

**Executive Director**
- Room and Board: 24,000
- Professional Expense: 10,000
- Travel: 20,000

**Total Executive Director** $54,000

**Secretariat**
- Office Expense: 333,350
- Legal: 5,000
- Auditing: 12,500

**Total Secretariat** $350,850

**Payroll**
- Salaries: 535,000
- Priest (room & board): 15,000
- Social Security Taxes: 41,000
- Employee Benefits: 150,000

**Total Payroll** $741,000

**Total Expenses** $1,681,850

**Surplus (Deficit)** (197,850)
Please feel free to contact your Bishop Representative on the ICEL Board, or write
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