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Rev. Ronald F. Krisman Named BCL Associate Director

Father Ronald F. Krisman, a priest of the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas was appointed Associate Director of the Secretariat of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy. Born in Kansas City, Kansas, Father Krisman was ordained for the Diocese of Amarillo on May 25, 1973. Currently he is co-pastor of Christ the King Church in Lubbock, a parish of 1500 families, and Director of the Amarillo Office of Worship.

Father Krisman is a diocesan Consultor to the Bishop and has been the Amarillo diocesan Ecumenical Officer since 1975. In this latter capacity, he has been a member of the Division for Christian Unity of the Texas Conference of Churches and the Department of Ecumenism of the Texas Catholic Conference. Since 1976 Father Krisman has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, and FDLC treasurer since 1980.

Father Krisman studied at St. Thomas Seminary in Denver and Woodstock College, from which he was granted Master of Sacred Theology and Master of Divinity degrees. Before pursuing ordination studies, he received the degree of Bachelor of Music In organ and theory in 1970. Since then he has pursued doctoral studies in the Fine Arts Department at Texas Technological University in Lubbock. A composer, Father Krisman has done music consultation for both the BCL Music Subcommittee and the ICEL Music Subcommittee. For two years he was chairman of the FCLC Music Committee. *Advent Evening Prayer* and *Evening Prayer for Lent*, both FDLC publications, contain his original musical settings of psalms and antiphons. Other publications include articles in *Pastoral Music*, *The West Texas Catholic* (an 18-part series on Christian initiation), and in *Celebration*. He has spoken and conducted workshops on liturgy and music for the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, the Southwest Liturgical Conference and the FDLC, as well as a number of liturgical events in the dioceses of Texas. Father Krisman assumes his new position in Washington on January 1, 1982.

New Prefect of Liturgy-Sacraments Congregation Announced

On August 4, 1981 James Cardinal Knox, Prefect of the Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship since 1974, was appointed President of the Pontifical Council for the Family. It was during his term as Prefect that important liturgical texts such as the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children and Reconciliation and the Rite of Dedication of a Church and an Altar were released. In making the announcement of Cardinal Knox's new appointment, Pope John Paul II noted he would remain prefect of the congregation, *ad interim*, until a successor was named.

On August 25, Archbishop Giuseppe Casoria, an aide to six Vatican bodies, was named pro-prefect of the Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship. The 72-year-old Archbishop and former secretary of the Congregation for Saints' Causes will receive the title of Prefect of the Congregation when he is named to the College of Cardinals. In addition to his post in the Congregation for Saints' Causes, Archbishop Casoria was a consultor to the sacraments section of the Congregation which he has been appointed to head. The Archbishop also serves as consultor to the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law and is a member of the Commission for the Interpretation of the Decrees of the Second Vatican Council.

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THE EDITORS LEFT NO STONE unturned in their quest for the best versions of these ancient Catholic hymns, combing through centuries of English translations from the sixteenth century to the present day. In the process, they have revealed much little-known material, and some that is published in a hymnal for the first time. [They] navigate this difficult terrain with assurance; indeed, the editors' explanation of the Urbanite reform and its impact on English translators is a model of clarity, and contains information this reviewer has not encountered elsewhere.

—Dr. Aaron James: 2019 review of the *Brébeuf Catholic Hymnal* in the *Journal of the Society for Catholic Liturgy* • <https://ccwatershed.org/hymn/>