

USCCB Newsletter dated May 1992 :

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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By authority of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops the *New Revised Standard Version* is declared to be approved for use in the liturgy in the dioceses of the United States of America.

Liturgical use of this translation of Scripture was canonically approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on 13 November 1991 and was subsequently confirmed by the Apostolic See by decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on 6 April 1992 (Prot. N. CD 1261/91).

Henceforth the new translation may be used as a replacement for the earlier approved *Revised Standard Version* whenever any liturgical books containing that translation need to be reprinted. It may be used in newly revised translations of liturgical books, once these have been approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Finally, it may be used in an NRSV edition of the *Lectionary for Mass*, once the date for the publication of the revised second edition of the lectionary has been established, at which time its use as a replacement for the Revised Standard Version will become mandatory.

Given at the General Secretariat of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC, on 14 May 1992, the feast of Saint Matthias, apostle.

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Archbishop of Cincinnati
President
National Conference of Catholic Bishops
Robert N. Lynch
General Secretary

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Translations of the Scriptures Approved for Liturgical Use

In November 1991, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Scriptures for liturgical use. This decision was confirmed by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments the next spring and was announced in a decree published on May 14, 1992 by Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, then President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In November of that same year, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a new *Lectionary for Mass*, using the *Revised New American Bible* translation. Also that same year, the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy announced its intention to seek publication of the *Lectionary for Mass* in both new translations simultaneously once confirmation for the *Revised New American Bible* edition of the *Lectionary for Mass* was received from Rome.

In 1994, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, at the request of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, withdrew permission for the liturgical use of the *New Revised Standard Version*. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to work closely with the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in providing the best possible translations of the Scriptures for the Church's liturgical celebrations.

As of this writing, there are still three translations of the Scriptures which are approved for regular liturgical use in the United States of America: the *New American Bible*, the *Jerusalem Bible* and the *Revised Standard Version*. In addition, the *Contemporary English Version* is authorized for liturgical use, though only in the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. Neither the *Revised New American Bible* nor the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Scriptures are authorized for liturgical use in the United States of America at this time.

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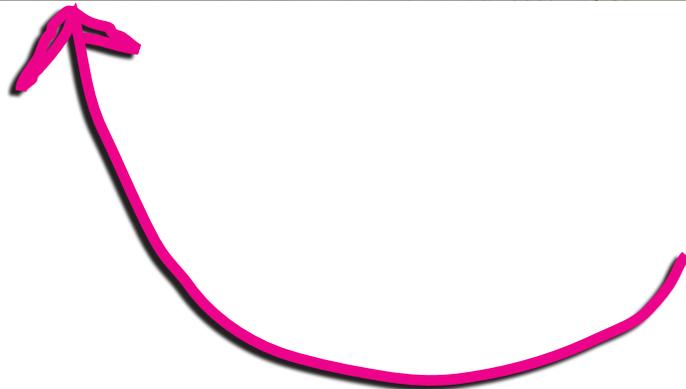
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The Revised Grail Psalter

Statement, Chairman of the Bishops' Committee
on the Liturgy
March 1, 1985

The Grail translation of the psalms, in its unrevised form, was and is one of four English psalters approved for official liturgical use in the United States—the others are the psalters of the *New American Bible*, the *Jerusalem Bible*, and the *Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition*. It is the only psalter approved for the liturgy of the hours in English.



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