



The Holy See

**LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI
TO CARDINAL FRANCIS ARINZE
CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE "VOX CLARA" COMMITTEE**

*To my Venerable Brother
Cardinal Francis Arinze
Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship
and the Discipline of the Sacraments*

With fraternal affection, I offer you cordial greetings in the Lord, and I ask you to convey my good wishes also the members and advisors of the *Vox Clara* Committee, established in order to assist the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in fulfilling its responsibilities with regard to the English translations of liturgical texts.

I greatly appreciate the contribution of the *Vox Clara* Committee to this task, and I am confident that, in consequence, the translation of the *Missale Romanum* into English will succeed in transmitting the treasures of the faith and the liturgical tradition in the specific context of a devout and reverent Eucharistic celebration.

As my beloved predecessor, Pope John Paul II noted on the occasion of the establishment of the *Vox Clara Committee* on 20 April, 2002, it reflects the international character of the English language by drawing upon the pastoral experience of senior English-speaking Bishops from territories of divergent cultures in five Continents. For the personal sacrifices of the Members and advisors of the Committee and for their prayerful and faith-filled commitment to their labors I express my sincere thanks.

To this gratitude I add the hope that the translation into English of the latest edition of the *Missale Romanum* may soon be completed, so that the faithful throughout the English-speaking world may benefit from the use of liturgical texts accurately rendered in accordance with the norms of the Instruction *Liturgiam Authenticam*. Trusting in the assistance of the Holy Spirit in this great

ecclesial enterprise, and invoking the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, I gladly impart my Apostolic Blessing to you and to all those involved in this important work.

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