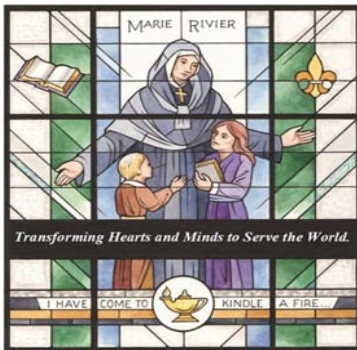


RIVIER CAMPUS MINISTER WRITES MUSIC FOR NEW MASS TRANSLATIONS

(Rivier's News Report, January 16, 2012)*

Karen Cooper, Executive Director of Development and Marketing, Rivier College

Mass of the Presentation of Mary
Written for the Third Edition of the Roman Missal
Michael R. Parr



Dedicated to the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary
Rivier College, Nashua, NH
2011

Rivier College Campus Minister **Michael Parr** recently wrote the *Mass of the Presentation of Mary*, which incorporates the recently-mandated implementation of the new translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal. His work sets the new texts of the Mass parts sung by the people to music he wrote.

“I saw this as a great opportunity to write a Mass,” he said. “I thought it would be a great gift to dedicate it to the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary in recognition of their faithful charism and service to Rivier College.”

Parr’s Mass was approved for publication by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Divine Worship. The Vatican had authorized new Mass translations to be implemented in the United States and most of the English-speaking world by the first Sunday of Advent in 2011. However, the Rivier College community had been using Parr’s new Mass prior to that.

“To help ease the transition process, we began using the new Mass parts early,” Parr said.

Parr had written other worship music in the past, including psalms and other Christian songs. However, this was the first time he wrote a complete Mass setting.

For more information about Parr’s *Mass of the Presentation of Mary*, and to listen to music clips, visit www.rivier.edu/presentationmass. ■

* Retrieved November 20, 2012, from <http://www.rivier.edu/news/default.aspx?id=19993>