

The institutions:

National bishops' conferences – all the Catholic bishops of a given nation. They meet regularly, once or twice a year. They approve translations prepared by ICEL, perhaps with a few of their own amendments, and then send them to the CDW for final approval.

International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) – essentially a translation agency which works for the English-speaking national bishops' conferences: Australia, Canada, England and Wales, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, The Philippines, Scotland, South Africa, United States of America. ICEL has a small full-time staff, and an office in Washington, DC. Bishops appointed from each national bishops' conference make up ICEL's "board of directors."

Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments – often abbreviated **CDW**. This is the Vatican's liturgy department (departments are called "congregations" there). It issues documents about liturgy and gives final approval to translations submitted to them by national bishops' conferences.

Vox Clara Commission – a body newly created in 2002 to advise the CDW in its approval of translations. *Vox Clara* is Latin for "clear voice," from the first words of a Latin Office hymn for Advent. Comprised of senior bishops from the English-speaking world, with a few priests as advisors.

Roman Missal Editorial Committee (RMEC) – a group consisting primarily of bishops, no longer in existence because its work is completed, which worked through every translation draft and presented its recommendation to the ICEL bishops.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) – the national bishops' conference in the U.S.

National liturgy committees – national bishops' conferences might have a liturgy committee comprised of bishops which treats liturgical items and makes recommendations to be taken to the floor of the national bishops' conference meeting.

National liturgy offices – national bishops' conferences might have an office with a small staff which works year round assisting the bishops' committee and the conference.

Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship (BCDW) – the national liturgy committee and liturgy office of the USCCB in Washington. Formerly called the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy; formerly published the *BCL Newsletter*, which is now the *BCDW* newsletter.

The "Leeds Group" – a division of ICEL producing pastoral resources such as the DVD "Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ" to assist in implementation.