



15th March 2018

My Dear Brother Priests and Deacons,

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

I am pleased to announce to you that after having consulted with the Presbyteral Council, I have accepted the recommendation of the Office of Divine Worship to adopt an archdiocesan vestment that will be used by all our clergy for archdiocesan celebrations of the Most Holy Eucharist.

The GIRM reminds us that "...it is preferable that priests who are present at a Eucharistic Celebration, unless excused for a good reason, should as a rule exercise the office proper to their Order and hence take part as concelebrants, wearing the sacred vestments." [119]

The GIRM continues "...the sacred vestments should also contribute to the beauty of the sacred action itself. [335]

I believe that the vestment we have chosen will certainly contribute to the beauty of our liturgies and be a sign of our priestly unity in Jesus Christ.

The design for the chasuble and dalmatic has been furnished by the noted American vestment maker, CM Almy, and the Archdiocese has arranged for them to produce these vestments for us at discounted prices.

I encourage all of our clergy, either through their parishes or individually, to take advantage of this opportunity to purchase these vestments and to use them when we gather together at the altar.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alexander K. Sample".

Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon