

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2009
THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

Diocese of Madison ❖ Office of Worship ❖ June 23, 2008

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments published a decree on May 30, 2008 authorizing the celebration on Sunday, January 25, 2009 of the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, which falls on that Sunday, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The authorization has been given because of the Pauline year, which will be inaugurated by the Holy Father on June 28, 2008. The Pauline Year commemorates the 2000th anniversary of the birth of the Apostle to the Gentiles.

Practically speaking, the Scripture and prayers assigned in the Proper of Saints are used. The readings are located at number 519 in the daily Lectionary. Since only one reading is assigned prior to the Gospel, the second reading is taken from the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. Thus, the readings are:

Acts 22:3-16 *or* Acts 9:1-22

Psalm 117

I Corinthians 7:29-31 (from the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, cycle B)

Mark 16:15-18

The decree also states that the Creed, normally omitted on this feast day, is to be recited since this is a Sunday.

According to the *Ordo*, the vestment color for this day is white.

Most hymnals include a section of songs and hymns honoring the saints, and these would be appropriate on this day.

The permission is only for the year 2009. As more information is available we will pass it on to you. The Vatican has prepared a website for the year at www.annopaolino.org.