

## Mass Outside of a Sacred Space

### Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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Mass may be celebrated in any canonically established church, oratory or chapel.

Mass may also be celebrated in another respectable place (including outdoors) when necessity demands otherwise. (*cf.* Canon 932)

Since the diocesan Bishop has responsibility to judge the necessity of this (*cf. Redemptionis Sacramentum* 108), the following norms should be observed:

- Mass may be celebrated outside of a church, oratory, or chapel only if the permission of the Archbishop or the Vicar General has been obtained prior to the celebration of the Mass.
- The advance permission of the Archbishop or the Vicar General is required in order to celebrate Mass, or any other liturgy, in the sacred edifice of another church or ecclesial community which is not in full communion with the Catholic Church. (*cf.* Canon 933)
- “The Eucharistic sacrifice is to be performed upon a dedicated or blessed altar; a suitable table can be used outside a sacred place, always retaining the use of a cloth and corporal.” (Canon 932)

With questions or concerns, please contact the Office for Divine Worship & Sacraments, [worship@catholicaoc.org](mailto:worship@catholicaoc.org), 513.263.6609.



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