

July 15, 2005

To: Mary L. Larsgaard, chair
ALA/ALCTS/CCS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

From: Thomas Duszak, liaison, Catholic Library Association

Re: Special rules for religious materials in AACR2 Chapter 21 [rule 21.39]

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the draft for RDA.

21.39A1. CLA agrees with ATLA that this rule can be repealed because it is covered in the part of 21.1B2 (b) on liturgical works.

CLA proposes that the definition of liturgical work be relocated from 21.39A1 footnote 11 to the glossary. It is proposed that the definition be revised to include the wording below:

Liturgical work includes officially sanctioned or traditionally accepted texts of religious observance; books of obligatory prayers to be offered at stated times; calendars and manuals of performance of religious observances; ~~and~~ prayer books known as "book of hours" and "divine office"; and Catholic devotional exercises such as Stations of the Cross and novenas.

Explanatory note: The official prayer book of the Catholic Church is called the Divine Office.

The expansion of the definition of liturgical work is given in response to the many requests at ACRL2005 and ALA2005 for more examples for catalogers in the new code.