RUBRICS FOR PRAYING THE OFFICE IN COMMON - 04/1/000

When the Office is prayed well, each side of the community will sound as <u>one voice</u>. No one should try to be the first or the loudest in responding. The Office is also to be said slowly and reflectively. Appropriate pauses can be made by the antiphonarian to accomplish this.

[all stand and make the sign of the cross] Hymn Psalmody	PRESIDER - GOD, COME TO MY ASSISTANCE, - Lord, make haste to help me, "Glory to the Father," "As it was," Alleluia (Alleluia) is not said during Lent) - [Never recite hymn; omit if not sung.]				
[all sit] Community	ANTIPHONARIAN Side 1* Antiphonarian's SIDE STARTS THE SECOND VERSE - RECITES ANTIPHON AND FIRST VERSE OF THE PSALM STANZA. Recites second verse and begins alternating of psalm stanza. At end of the psalm, continue alternating with "Glory to the Father;" other side replies, "As it was" ["The Glory to the Father" is not said in unison.]				
Community -	 PRESIDER - PRAYS THE PSALM-PRAYER AT THE END OF A PSALM IF THERE IS ONE. ANTIPHONARIAN - BEGINS THE NEXT PSALM AS ABOVE. Side 2 - OPPOSITE - Starts second verse and alternating of psalm stanza followed by "Glory to the Father," Opposite side: "As it was" PHONARIAN STARTS THE SECOND VERSE. * Side 1 is the side on which the Antiphonarian is seated. 				
Reading	READER - Reading/READER DOES THE READING AND LEADS THE RESPONSORY PSALM:				
Response	READER Community READER Community READER Community READER - Phrase after "C" SECOND VERSE - Phrase after "C" - "GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT" [only] Phrase after "C"				
Gospel Canticle [all stand]	Community - ANTIPHONARIAN - READS THE ANTIPHON AND THE FIRST VERSE OF THE CANTICLE.				
Intercessions	 Community Pray Canticle by alternating sides like psalms. "Glory to the Father" is also alternated by sides. INTRODUCES THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND INTERCESSIONS. PRAYS OPENING LINE OF EACH PETITION Responds with the line after "C" 				
The Lord's Prayer Concluding Prayer	[spontaneous petitions requested prior to Intercession for the dead which is always said last.] PRESIDER Community PRESIDER PRESIDER PRESIDER - "MAY THE LORD BLESS US, PROTECT US FROM ALL EVIL AND BRING US TO EVERLASTING LIFE."				
	Community - "Amen"				