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Fr. Mark Bialek gives Communion to parishioners during Mass May 23 at St. John Catholic Church in Westminster, Md. (CNS/Chaz Muth)

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Pope Francis on Sept. 9 released *Magnum Principium*, a document announcing new canon law for liturgical translations. Msgr. Rick Hilgartner, former executive director

of the U.S. bishops' Office for Divine Worship, talks about what this means for the church. Later, NCR Editor Dennis Coday and Celebration Editor Denise Simeone discuss the historical perspective on liturgical changes and the importance of language in Catholic prayers.

Show Notes

- Pope Francis has decentralized authority over how liturgical texts are translated from Latin into local languages.
- Liturgical experts say the new church law on translation is 'good news' for the church.
- For context, here's a brief history on the 'liturgy wars.'
- We say: Francis' rollback of centralized power is a return to moderation and to a trust of the community's local leaders.
- Read more reporting and perspective on *Magnum Principium* and what it means for the church.

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