

ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

ONE VOWEL	PRONUNCIATION	EXAMPLES
a = ah	as in <i>father</i> (and not like <i>bad</i>).	pater
e = eh	like the a in <i>fare</i> (but not two sounds like <i>way</i>).	et
i = ee	like the ee in <i>feet</i> (and not like <i>tin</i>).	in
o = oh	as in <i>for</i> (but with no <i>w</i> sound like <i>go</i>).	gloria
u = oo	like the oo in <i>moon</i> (and with no <i>w</i> sound like <i>spew</i>).	summus

TWO VOWELS	PRONUNCIATION	EXAMPLES
ae = eh	like the a in <i>fare</i> (but not two sounds like <i>way</i>).	aeternum
oe = eh	like the a in <i>fare</i> (but not two sounds like <i>way</i>).	poena
aë = ah + eh	two syllables (a + e-diaeresis is not a diphthong)	Israëĭ (i-sra-el)
oë = oh + eh	two syllables (o + e-diaeresis is not a diphthong)	Noë (No-eh)
au = ah + oo	two syllables, like in the words <i>straw moon</i> .	laudem (lau-dem)
eu = eh + oo	two syllables, like in the words <i>fair moon</i> .	euge (eh-uh-geh)

CONSONANTS	PRONUNCIATION	EXAMPLES
c = k	as in <i>cat</i>	sicut
c (before e, i, ae, oe) = ch	like the <i>ch</i> in <i>church</i>	principio
cc (before e, i, ae, oe) = tch	like the <i>tch</i> in <i>itch</i>	ecce
ch = k	as in <i>ache</i>	chorus (ko-rus)
g = g	as in <i>giant</i>	gens
g (before e, i, ae, oe) = j	as in <i>goat</i>	gloria
gn = ny	as in <i>canyon</i>	magnificat (ma-nyi-fi-cat)
h = silent	<i>h</i> may be spoken very softly	honor
h (in <i>mihi</i> and <i>nihil</i>) = k	as in <i>key</i>	mihi (mee-kee)
j = y	as in <i>yes</i>	Jesus (Ye-sus)
r = rrr	trilled like a dog growling	orbis
s = s	as in <i>snake</i>	miser
sc = sk	like the <i>sch</i> in <i>school</i>	scriptura
sc (before e, i, ae, oe) = sh	like the <i>sh</i> in <i>sheep</i>	descendit
th = t	like the <i>t</i> in <i>toe</i> (<i>th</i> is not a diphthong)	Catholicam (ca-to-li-cam)
ti + vowel = tsi	as in <i>itsy bitsy</i>	patientia (pa-tsi-en-tsi-a)
x = ks	as in <i>ax</i>	lux
ex + vowel = egs	like in <i>egg salad</i>	exaudi (egs-audi)
ex + consonant = eks	like in <i>exchange</i>	excelsis (eks-chel-sis)
z = dz	as in <i>adze</i>	Nazareth (Na-dzareth)