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The Chairman has addressed a letter to those prelates who will be attending the upcoming extraordinary synod summoned by the Holy Father. The text of the petition appears on the following page. It respectfully points out that the Conciliar decrees concerning the Latin language have not been adhered to and humbly asks that the fathers see to it that the express words of the Council be religiously obeyed. The Council directed that the use of the Latin tongue was to be maintained; it did not say that Latin was to disappear and be used only occasionally in Jerusalem or Rome.

Our Association has tripled in size this year and must grow more. You have seen how active we have become in the past nine months, but it costs money to put heaven and earth in motion. We cannot afford to take out advertisements in all the Catholic newspapers and periodicals, yet we need to reach those thousands of people who would join us if only they knew that we existed. The Chairman therefore asks that each member write a short and polite letter to his diocesan newspaper directing any reader who would like to promote the celebration of Mass in Latin according to the revised Roman Missal or the Indult of October 1984, to apply for membership in the Latin Liturgy Association, a ~~moderate~~ group with prudent goals, which includes twenty bishops among its members. Then give the address of the Chairman or Secretary. Most publications will not print the letters but a significant minority will; each printed letter will get us some new members at no cost.

The Chairman is pleased to announce that the following bishops have joined the Association since the publication of the March Newsletter:

W. Thomas Larkin	Bishop of St. Petersburg, Florida
James P. Lyke, O.F.M.	Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, Ohio
John McCarthy	Auxiliary Bishop of Galveston-Houston, Texas
John J. Scanlan	Retired Bishop of Honolulu, Hawaii
John F. Whealon	Archbishop of Hartford, Connecticut

The Chairman has received a note from Archbishop Virgilio Noe, Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship, in which His Excellency amiably acknowledges a report on the activities of our Association which had been submitted to his congregation.

Eminentissimi
et
Excellentissimi
Domini:

Praeses et sodales Societatis pro Liturgia Latina reverenter rogant patres Synodales ut videant ne diutius neglegatur decretum Concilii Vaticani II, videlicet, Linguae Latinae usus, salvo particulari iure, in ritibus latinis servetur (Sess. III, Constitutio de Sacra Liturgia 36 § 1). In partibus nostris hoc mandatum conciliare NON custoditur.

Ex 18,595 ecclesiis Americanis (id est, in Statibus Foederatis Americae Septentrionalis), tantum in 43 invenitur Missa in singulis diebus dominicis latine celebrata.

In 70 ex 169 dioecesibus Americanis, ordinarii prohibuerunt quominus Missa latine conficeretur nisi permissio, quae raro vel numquam datur, ab eis prius concederetur. Petentibus nobis saepe respondetur:

- 1) Populus tales Missas non vult, vel
- 2) Missa offerri debet tantum vulgari sermone populo intelligibili (sed cf. Conc. Trident., Sess. XXII, Can. 9.), vel
- 3) Vos, promoventes linguam latinam, introducitis divisiones in communione fidelium.

Societas nostra promovet usum linguae latinae in ritibus Missalis Romani a Paulo PP VI recogniti; non vocamus in dubium validitatem Sanctarum Missarum linguis vulgaribus celebratarum. Linguae latinae favemus quoniam

- 1) Concilium decrevit, linguae latinae usum servandam esse;
- 2) Haec lingua, quam patres nostri nobis tradiderunt, est thesaurus quem amamus et amittere nolumus.
- 3) Lingua latina est signum continuitatis, universalitatis, et catholicitatis.
- 4) Perutilis est hic sermo in diebus nostris, cum tot homines itinera ubique faciunt.

Nos igitur Excellentias Vestras humiliter deprecamur ut sine ambiguitate declaretis

- 1) omnes episcopos praedictorum expressorum Sacrosancti Concilii verborum auctoritati religiosissime parere necesse esse: usum linguae latinae servandam esse;
- 2) istos ordinarios ultra vires egisse qui, rejecto Concilii decreto, praesumpsisse sub quovis praetextu vetare ne quis Missam latine diceret nisi speciale indultum prius obtinisset, quod indultum parcissime vel numquam concedere intendunt.

Privilegium fruendi sacrificio Missae lingua latina celebratae est ius nobis ab Oecumenicali Concilio confirmatum, neque situm est in manu cuiusvis episcopi decretum generalis Concilii, quod ei non placet, spernere vel eius supremae auctoritati contradicere.

Cito appropinquat dies (quod Deus avertat) cum Christi fideles, audientes "Dominus vobiscum", non intellegent.

Nos et Societatem nostram Sanctae Sedi Apostolicae et Excellentis Vestris addictissimos in Domino profiteamur.

Antonius Lo Bello, Praeses

Robertus Edgeworth, a Secretis



CONGREGAZIONE PER IL CULTO DIVINO

30-I-1985

Ægregie Domine,
pervenit ad hoc Dicasterium epistula
tua, die 21 decembris 1984 data.

Dum grates renendo, libenter bona
cuncta pro hoc anno 1985 a Domino
exopto

Tibi add.mus

+ *Vergilius*
(+Vergilius Noè)

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a Secretis

Egr. D.no

Antonio Lo Bello

"Latin Liturgy Association"
Praesidi

The Chairman is honored to relay to the members the
belated Christmas and New Year's greetings
of His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Palazzini.



SACRA CONGREGAZIONE
PER LE CAUSE DEI SANTI

February 1985

Dear Prof. LoBello,

A delayed, but sincere wish for the Lord's blessings
upon you and your family and also to the members of the
Latin Liturgy Association.

With every best wish,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pietro card. Palazzini

OBITUARY

The Chairman regrets to announce the death of Bishop George L. Leech, retired Bishop of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. At the time of his death on March 12, Bishop Leech was 94 years old and the senior American Bishop. He was a long-standing member of the Association. He was secretary to His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States and later Prefect of the Congregation pro Propaganda Fide. Bishop Leech then served as Auxiliary Bishop of Harrisburg and then Bishop of Harrisburg (1935-1971). The Secretary has arranged for a Mass to be said for the repose of his soul. Lucis aeternae beatitudine perfruatur.

Noteworthy Items

1. P. L. Metschan of Portland, Oregon reports that on the first Sunday of each month there is a Latin Low Mass at Holy Rosary Church, 375 North East Clackamas Street, Portland, Oregon 97232 (1-503-235-3163). Soon the 11:00 A.M. Mass on the third Sunday of the month will be a Latin High Mass. The Church newsletter says that the change to Latin has been introduced in order "to meet the needs of those who have requested this." Members of the Association should make the same request, repeatedly if necessary, to their own Parish priests. Pulsanti aperietur.
2. Mr. Patrick O'Brien reports that there is a Latin High Mass celebrated every Sunday at 10:00 A.M. at Holy Ghost Church, 1900 California Street, Denver, Colorado 80202 (303-292-1556); also that there is a Latin Mass celebrated every weekday at 9:55 A.M. at Colorado Catholic Academy, 11180 West 44th, Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033.
3. More information has reached us concerning the "Tridentine" Mass celebrated by the Auxiliary Bishop of Louisville in St. Mary Magdalene Church on Saturday, January 19. (See item no. 53 in the last Newsletter.) Although only a handful of requests had been received for the Mass, six hundred people showed up. Three hundred were turned away, each with a ticket for another "Tridentine" Mass to be celebrated the following Saturday; admission to this second Mass was by ticket only, and those without the billet were not accommodated. The Archbishop of Louisville said that although "Tridentine" Masses may occur in the future, they will not be allowed to become "a regular alternative to the current ritual."
4. Most Reverend James S. Sullivan, Auxiliary Bishop of Lansing, celebrated Mass in Latin (accompanied by Gregorian chant) at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 955 Alton Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, January 27, 1985. Hymns composed by the patron saint of the parish, whose feast fell on the following day, were featured at this Mass. (Source: Mr. Kurt Poterack.) Bishop Sullivan is now Bishop of Fargo, N.D.
5. Most Reverend Stanley Joseph Ott, Bishop of Baton Rouge, has given permission for Mass to be celebrated in Latin using the rite of Trent under the terms of the recent indult. These Masses are celebrated in the Chapel of the Catholic Life Center, 1800 South Acadian Thoroughway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821, at 5:30 P.M. on specified Sundays. The first three such Masses were held on March 24, April 21, and May 26, 1985. Bishop Ott is one of the Episcopal Advisors of this Association. The Rev. Msgr. Herman P. Lohmann was the celebrant. The Secretary reports that an overflow crowd attended the first of these, and that a choir sang the Gregorian Chants.
6. The recent accession of several bishops to membership in the Association is due to a letter sent to all the American bishops by the Chairman and Secretary. A copy of the text appears at the end of this section. The copy is addressed to the late Bishop J.B. Grellinger.
7. The officers have printed a new flyer, all copies of the previous one having been exhausted. The price was \$135 for 1,000 copies. They also paid \$75 for 1,000 new sheets of letterhead stationery and \$20 for ten photo-ready ads. They have

- purchased at \$76.75 a copy of the 1985 Official Catholic Directory, which they have found indispensable for their correspondence with the clergy.
8. Mr. Kurt Poterack writes that he has received a letter from Rev. Fr. T. Simons, Director of Worship for the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michigan, announcing that there are no special requirements that need to be satisfied for Mass to be celebrated in Latin there, but that nonetheless, there are no regularly scheduled Latin Masses at present.
 9. Mr. Paul McCreary describes the "Tridentine" High Mass celebrated under the Indult in the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania on February 24: The celebrant was Father William Langan, a member of this Association, a young priest just over thirty, and this was his first "Tridentine" Mass. He asked Msgr. Gajewski, the pastor of Sacred Heart Church, for the privilege of celebrating this Mass because when he was only ten years old his mother took him aside and taught him Latin out of the Tridentine Missal. He retains his love of Latin over the years and privately celebrates Mass in Latin according to the revised missal. Before the Mass began, Msgr. Gajewski came out and told the people not to join in singing and giving the responses; in the authentic Tridentine custom, he said, it is the job of the choir and Mass server to do that. A petition was passed around calling upon the Bishop of Scranton to celebrate the Tridentine Mass and to have it filmed for showing on the diocesan TV program "Reel to Reel."
 10. Mr. Aloysius Scott Gibson reports that in the Diocese of Victoria, British Columbia, there was for many years a Latin Mass (1970 Ordo) at the Franciscan Friary, "but the whole thing was a flop. They insisted on saying it facing the people and they tried to make the congregation participate in the new fashion. Hence no one would go to it, and after a few years they switched to English." The Bishop of Victoria has now granted a weekly "Tridentine" Sunday Mass; it is to be celebrated at 5:00 P.M. at Queen of Peace Parish in Esquimalt. The celebrant is Fr. M. J. McNamara.
 11. Bishop Leo T. Maher of San Diego has appointed Msgr. Tullio Andreatta, a retired priest, to celebrate a Tridentine Mass every Sunday at 1 P.M. at St. Vincent's Parish, 4077 Ibis Street, San Diego. On Easter Sunday 675 people attended this Mass, more than the church could hold. Msgr. Andreatta is a member of this Association.
 12. Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee permitted Fr. Russell Becker, pastor of St. Theresa Church in Kenosha, to celebrate a Tridentine Mass in the chapel of St. Joseph's Convent, the retirement home of the School Sisters of St. Francis. The Chancellor of the archdiocese said that the faculty to participate was only for those "who had experienced the rite before" and those "who had never experienced" it before were not permitted to attend. All in attendance gave their names, addresses, and a parish church; they had to state clearly what they were petitioning for and why, and had to affirm that they were not connected with those who call into question the lawfulness and doctrinal correctness of the revised Missal. (See item #24 below.)
 13. It cost \$600 to print the March newsletter and \$85.47 to mail it out. It is now costing us \$2.90 per member per year to produce and send out four issues.

14. The officers have taken out the following advertisements since those reported in the March Newsletter:

The Wanderer (\$188 for eight ads. 61 new members so far.)
New Oxford Review (\$130 for one ad, 5 new members so far.)
The Chicago Catholic (\$132 for 2 ads. 2 new members so far.)

A typical advertisement appears to the right. These ads are expensive, but they are our main source of new, paying members. The Association would be grateful to any munificent members who copied this ad and saw that it was run in their own diocesan newspapers. Finally, 55 people have joined as a result of the Secretary's letter to the National Review, and 18 due to the Chairman's letter in the Homiletic and Pastoral Review.

<p>The Latin Liturgy Association</p> <p>for the increased use of Latin in the Mass</p> <p>15 Bishops Are Members.</p> <p>Apply to:</p> <p>Prof. A. Lo Bello Box 29 Allegheny College Meadville, PA 16335</p> <p>Quarterly Newsletter \$5 Annual Dues</p>

15. A Latin High Mass is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month (except July and August) at St. Boniface Church, 2208 East Street, Pittsburgh PA 15212. Telephone 412-231-1211. Time: 11:45 A.M. Source: Mr. Daniel Vallecorsa.
16. A Latin Mass is celebrated at 9:00 A.M. every Sunday at Old St. Patrick's Church, located at 8th and Cherry Streets in downtown Kansas City, Missouri. Source: Most Rev. Charles H. Helmsing.
17. Dr. Theodore Marier, a member of the Association, has been named a Knight of St. Gregory by the Pope.
18. A statement from the Chairman describing the program of the Association appeared in the most recent newsletter of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars.
19. The Bishop of Cleveland has granted permission for a "Tridentine" Mass on the second Sunday of each month for a period of at least six months. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John Kilcoyne at noon in the chapel of St. Augustine Manor Nursing Home, 7818 Detroit Road, Cleveland, OH 44102.
20. The Archbishop of New Orleans has allowed a "Tridentine" Mass every Sunday at 9:45 A.M. at St. Patrick's Church. The Mass is followed by Benediction. The celebrant is Rev. Msgr. John P. Reynolds, a member of this Association.
21. The Connecticut Catholic Choral Heritage Society sang a Latin High Mass at St. Justin's Church in Hartford on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 P.M. (See Item #26 below.)
22. Most Rev. Adam J. Maida, Bishop of Green Bay, Wisconsin, reports that there is a daily Latin Mass at the diocesan headquarters attended by a "substantial group of people."
23. Most Rev. William R. Johnson, Bishop of Orange, California, has granted permission for the celebration of a Latin Mass according to the 1962 Missal at St. Columban's Church, 10801 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, on the first Sunday of each month at 2 P.M. beginning May 5, 1985. This news comes to us from our generous local member, Mrs. Erwin.

24. The Archbishop of Milwaukee, Most Rev. Rembert Weakland, has authorized the celebration of a Tridentine Mass on the last Saturday of every month at the Archbishop Cousins Center, 3501 South Lake Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201. The first such Mass was on February 23. (See item #12 above.)
25. Rev. Fr. Charles Carpenter, M.A.P., Sup. Genl., reports that the Guadalajara Major Seminary has just inaugurated a Latin Mass, which is celebrated every fifteen days. Previously they made no use of Latin for a long time. The Roman Missal for Mexico does not include the Latin text of the Mass as the English one in the United States does.
26. A Latin Mass was sung by the Catholic Choral Heritage Society of Connecticut at St. Justin's Roman Catholic Church, Hartford, Connecticut, at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 14, the Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle. (See item #21 above.)
27. Mr. Brian Hockel of Walnut Creek, California, has been trying to arrange for a Latin Mass to be celebrated occasionally at his parish church. The secretary at the Oakland Diocesan Office said that this was discouraged for various reasons but upon further questioning admitted that it was not absolutely forbidden.
28. Fr. Caelestis Eichenseer, Editor of Vox Latina, had the following to say about the Indult of last October (Tomus 20, 1984, Fasc. 78, p. 476):

Iohannes-Paulus II^{US} Papa Latinam missam Tridentinam denuo concessit celebrandam, tamen haec permissio tot condicionibus coartata est, ut vix quisquam non miretur hanc liturgiam per multa saecula sacram strictissimeque praescriptam praescriptis novis, iisque "postconciliaribus", paene extinctam esse. (Cfr "diarium Saravipontanum": 17.10.1984, p. 1; et nuntius radiophonicus stationis Saravicae: 17. Oct. 1984, SR I.)

Hac in re sacra, quae pertingit in christianitatis medullam (id quod extranei non intelligunt), quaestio suboritur et existit vere magna, num summi magistratus ecclesiastici ipseque Summus Pontifex Romanus (christianorum) eam ritus sacrosancti missae formam, quae per complura saecula stricte praescripta tot in orbe terrarum catholico religiosissime colebatur et observabatur, ita prohibere possint et abnuere et repudiare, ut talis ritus singulariter sacrati celebratio quasi pro peccato habeatur. Denique hominibus cordatis persuasum est in hac quaestione convenienter solvenda et Summum Pontificem et ecclesiasticos curiales Romanos et episcopos plerosque limites terminosque potestatis suae inconvenienter inconcessibiliterque excessisse.

29. On March 12, 1985, Mr. James D. Scheer, President of Una Voce, Canada, presented a brief to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops that dealt with certain issues arising out of the October 1984 Indult. Specifically, he asks that the Bishops make the provisions of the indult generally known, that they revise the pastoral note in both the English and French ordines to check abusive attacks on the old Missal, that they require an annual Tridentine Mass in all seminaries, that they allow priests who have the faculty to celebrate Tridentine Masses in one diocese to do so under certain circumstances in others ("inter-diocesan faculties") and that they allow acolytes to perform the functions and wear the vestments of

the subdeacon at Tridentine Solemn High Masses. This last option is permitted by the Motu Proprio Ministeria Quaedam (1972) of Pope Paul VI. Mr. Scheer also points out that the use of the maniple has never been prohibited. Mr. Scheer has courteously kept the Chairman informed of all the activities of his organization.

30. In the Winter, 1984 issue of Sacred Music, there is a short article The Tridentine Mass by the editor, Msgr. Schuler, a member of the Association. The author approves of some changes made in revising the liturgy (e.g. abolition of inaudible prayers, simplification of ceremonial details, more active role for the congregation, end of the celebrant's repeating what the choir sings) but castigates many others (e.g. vulgar ICEL translation, outlawing of the old Missal, disuse of Latin, toleration of eccentricities and novelties, celebration versus populum). The author believes that the old prayers at the foot of the altar and the old offertory prayers ought to be allowed as an option in the revised Missal.
31. Mr. Fred M. Haehnel Jr., Attorney at Law, reports that Mass is celebrated in Latin on every second Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church in Abingdon, Illinois. The celebrant is Fr. Joseph Hunt, I.C., a member of this Association. Beginning in July 1985 Fr. Hunt will also say a Latin Mass at 8:30 A.M. on the second Friday of every month at St. Augustine's Church in neighboring St. Augustine, IL.
32. Mr. Thomas Syseskey points out that there are two authorized Latin Masses at the St. Benedict Center on Route 110 in Still River, Massachusetts; the Benedictines of St. Benedict's Priory celebrate according to the revised Missal and the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary celebrate according to the old Missal. Both Masses have Gregorian Chant and are at 11:00 A.M. The Tridentine Mass is in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel. Visitors are welcome to stay afterwards and to meet with members of the communities.
33. Copies of the Chairman's articles in the Downside Review ("The Mass in Latin and in English," July, 1983) and Communio ("From East to West: On Certain ICEL Translations," Winter, 1981) are still available to members on request. Write to the Chairman.
34. Cardinal Muench Seminary in Fargo, North Dakota, wants to hire a Latin or Latin and Greek teacher. Apply to the Academic Dean, William J. Weiler, Cardinal Muench Seminary, 100 45th Avenue N.E., Fargo, North Dakota 58102 or phone (701) 232-8969. The position begins in September, 1985.
35. Items for publication in this Newsletter must be sent to the Chairman at the address given at the top of page 1.
36. With regard to item #17 on page 7 of the last newsletter, Dr. William Kammerer of Washington, D.C. writes that only Mass and vespers are in Latin at the Monastery of St. Benoit-du-Lac; the rest, he says, is in French.



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Most Rev. John B. Grellinger
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February 16, 1985

Your Excellency,

The officers and members of the Latin Liturgy Association respectfully invite you to join our organization and become one of our Episcopal Advisers. At present, we include among our members Bishops Connare, Graves, Greco, Gumbleton, Hacker, Leonard, Lynch, Lyons, Leech and Ott; the late Bishops Caillouet and Blanchette also belonged to the LLA.

We are a moderate group that promotes the increased celebration of Holy Mass in Latin according to the Roman Missal as revised by Pope Paul VI. We observe the law in each diocese and do not engage in controversy. We are not against the vernacular language; we are simply for a more frequent use of Latin. Latin, not English, is for us the aid to devotion. We have nothing to do with anyone who contests the Council, and we have applied for the Apostolic Benediction. Our association was founded in the mid-seventies; its first chairman was Prof. James Hitchcock of St. Louis University.

We beg your support on the grounds that the traditional language and music of the Church are good and that the Second Vatican Council directed that they be maintained. Without your patronage, many priests and people will hesitate to join us.

We are open to receiving any advice you give us and humbly ask that you use your influence and authority on behalf of our heritage. We also request that you let us know what the law is in your diocese regarding the celebration of Mass in Latin, and the time and place of any regularly scheduled Latin Masses of which you are aware.

Sincerely yours,

A. Lo Bello
R. Edgeworth

A. Lo Bello, Chairman
R. Edgeworth, Secretary-Treasurer

Replies

Dear Professor Lo Bello,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of January 4th in which you asked what the law of the Diocese of Allentown is with regard to the celebration of Mass in Latin.

It is a Diocesan Statute that Mass be celebrated in English. Permission has been granted, however, for the celebration of Mass in Spanish, Portugese, Italian, Lithuanian and Polish for various groups of the people of the Diocese.

Several years ago, five or six of our pastors requested permission to celebrate Mass in Latin. In most cases it was done at one of the Sunday Masses, once a month. After a time, however, they discontinued the practice because of lack of interest of their parishioners.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Thomas J. Welch
Bishop of Allentown
(January 17, 1985)

Dear Doctor Lo Bello:

Thank you for your invitation to join the Latin Liturgy Association and to become one of your Episcopal Advisers.

As an old Latin teacher I am pleased to accept your invitation.

The policy of the Diocese of Amarillo is to support the celebration of Mass in Latin according to the Roman Missal as revised by Pope Paul VI. At the present time such Latin Masses are celebrated upon request in several churches of the diocese. There is not now a regular schedule of such Masses. If and when that occurs I will be pleased to let you know.

Sincerely yours,

Most Rev. L.T. Matthiesen
Bishop of Amarillo
(January 15, 1985)

Dear Doctor LoBello:

Archbishop Borders has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter in which you kindly invited him to join the Latin Liturgy Association and to become one of its Episcopal Advisers.

The Archbishop appreciates your invitation; however, he has a long-standing policy of not becoming a member of any organization in which he cannot take an active role. His schedule is such that he could not do this, and therefore he is obliged to decline the invitation.

In regard to the celebration of Mass in Latin in this Archdiocese, I am happy to tell you that there is a regularly scheduled Latin Mass offered each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Basilica of the Assumption (the "old Cathedral") here in Baltimore. That Mass is, of course, offered according to the rite of Pope Paul VI.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) G. Michael Schleupner
Chancellor, Archdiocese of Baltimore
(February 6, 1985)

Dear Dr. Lo Bello:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in inviting me to be an Episcopal Adviser to the Latin Liturgy Association. I must respectfully decline. The reason for my declining is that while I am in sympathy with the use of Latin in the liturgy, particularly in music, I find that there is no desire on the part of our people for a Latin Mass. Since you state that the purpose of the Association is to promote "the increased celebration of Holy Mass in Latin according to the Roman Missal as revised by Pope Paul VI" I do not see how I could be of much help to you.

We do not have any regularly scheduled Latin Mass in our diocese. I have been the Bishop for seven years and to my knowledge we have had only one Mass offered in Latin. We did have a Vietnamese priest who started his own church at Christmas time, 1978, right after my arrival in the diocese, and he has affiliated with the Tridentines. He closed his church at Easter time in 1981.

There simply is no interest in a Latin Mass in our area. I have discussed this with our priests and did some checking around the diocese. I must admit to you also that I have no personal interest in a Latin Mass. I am very much satisfied with Mass in English.

I appreciate your love of the church and your obvious love for traditions in the church. I share that love with you except for the Latin Mass.

In Corde Jesu,

Bernard J. Ganter
Bishop of Beaumont
(January 28, 1985)

Dear Doctor Lo Bello:

With reference to your letter of January 18, I wish to inform you that we have no regulations in the Diocese of Brownsville regarding the celebration of Mass in Latin. We have had only one request for such a Mass in the last ten years. There are no regularly scheduled Latin Masses of which I am aware.

Assuring you of a place in my Masses and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John J. Fitzpatrick
Bishop of Brownsville
(February 1, 1985)

Dear Mr. Gedgard,

At the request of His Excellency, Bishop George H. Guilfoyle, I write in reply to your letter of November 25. For questions regarding the celebration of the Mass in Latin according to the most recent edition of the Roman Missal (the revised promulgated by Pope Paul VI), the rule in the Diocese of Camden is the same as it is elsewhere. There are at present no regularly scheduled Latin language Masses in the Diocese.

From time to time in the past twenty years a few parishes had a Latin Mass scheduled, at least on occasion. The interest however seemed to have waned even in those places.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. Joseph W. Pokusa
Chancellor, Diocese of Camden

Dear Mr. Lo Bello and dear Mr. Edgeworth:

I'm grateful for your invitation for me to join in the Latin Liturgy Association, but at this time am moved to decline.

However, this should not be interpreted in any way as an indication that I do not allow Mass in Latin in my Diocese. It is simply the fact that I feel that the language of devotion is the language of the people and, therefore, cannot agree with your primary premise.

I do, however, support the option for people to have Mass in Latin and will continue to do so in this Diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Richard C. Hanifen
Bishop of Colorado Springs
(January 31, 1985)

Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to become an Episcopal Advisor for the Latin Liturgy Association. I regret that I must decline your invitation.

I am already serving as Chairperson for the N.C.C.B. Education Committee and therefore am also on the Administrative Board for the Conference. This already makes a great demand on my time and attention.

In addition, I would prefer to deal with national liturgical matters through the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy which is able to reflect the thinking of the entire country and insure a proper sense of balance.

In response to your inquiry regarding the celebration of the Liturgy in Latin in the Diocese of Covington, the law in this diocese is the same as that of the universal church: it may be done with the permission of the Ordinary. There are no regularly scheduled Latin Liturgies in the Diocese of Covington.

With best wishes and prayers, may I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ William A. Hughes,
Bishop of Covington
(February 6, 1985)

Dear Doctor Lo Bello,

Yesterday, I had the great pleasure to receive and read your letter.

I am most interested in your project and its purpose to promote the celebration of the Holy Mass in Latin and certainly I shall do whatever I can to advance it. Unfortunately, I may not be able to do very much. I am now a retired bishop whose wings have been clipped. Of course, I can always pray and that I shall do - earnestly and every day.

With every best wish, believe me "in caritate non ficta"

Most Rev. R.H. Ackerman
Retired Bishop of Covington
(January 31, 1985)

Dear Dr. Lo Bello:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 26th with an invitation to become one of your Episcopal Advisors for the Latin Liturgy Association.

I am pleased to respond affirmatively and I trust that, even in retirement, I may be of some help to you.

As far as I know, I am the only one in Corpus Christi who sings a Mass on Fridays in Latin at 7 a.m., in the Chapel of Adoration, across the street from me. May I add that I feel there is no antipathy on the part of our clergy as to a Latin Mass. Participation on the part of the laity is the reason for the continued use of the vernacular.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Thomas J. Drury
Retired Bishop of Corpus Christi
(February 4, 1985)

Dear Mr. Langan:

There are no regularly scheduled Latin Masses in the Diocese of Jefferson City. The Latin Mass I suppose that you are referring to is the Latin Mass allowed by the rubrics which was allowed by the Second Vatican Council.

Recently the Holy See has indicated that some Masses of the pre-Vatican II era could be scheduled with the permission of the Ordinary of the Diocese. Very serious reasons would have to be brought forward before such could be allowed.

Trusting that this is the information that you need, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Michael F. McAuliffe, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City
(October 25, 1984)

Dear Ada:

To my knowledge there are no regularly scheduled Masses in Latin although occasional Celebrations take place. Permission to do so is always cheerfully granted in each case.

Perhaps with the Holy Father's recent pronouncement interest may revive.

Bishop Speyrer
Bishop of Lake Charles
(November 6, 1985; to Prof. Sabatier)

Dear Thomas:

Thank you for your letter of November 2nd, inquiring about the celebration of Mass in Latin in the Diocese of Manchester, and also the possibility of the Tridentine Latin Mass being used in accordance with the recent permission granted by the Holy See.

I have permitted the celebration of Mass in Latin in the Diocese of Manchester for many years, upon request to me. The conditions for the celebration of such Masses were drawn up by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and are listed here for your information.

1. The Missal of 1969 must be employed.
2. The variety of liturgical roles (e.g., lector, cantor, etc.), is maintained and the people are able to dialogue intelligently during the celebration. If this requires some training of the congregation, this should be done before such a Mass.
3. The use of Latin music in such celebrations is governed by the usual regulations in the proper use of liturgical music, that is, that the choir is to support and enhance the participation of the whole congregation, not replace the people in prayer that is sung.
4. The treasures of God's Word in the Scriptures must not be hidden from the people. This therefore necessitates their proclamation in the vernacular.

I am currently studying the question of whether or not there are groups of people in the Diocese who meet all the conditions spelled out in the Roman Indult for the celebration of the Tridentine Mass, and whether the granting of such a permission to them will be spiritually beneficial while not creating misunderstanding among the people of God in the Diocese as a whole.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Cordially in Christ

+ Odore J. Gendron
Bishop of Manchester
(November 20, 1984; to T. Syseskey)

From The Secretary

I shall be absent from Baton Rouge for most of June and July. All mail will be forwarded to me and will be answered, but you should expect a lengthy delay in replying. Normal service will resume during August.

Please pray for the success of the Association's efforts. Be sure to write to your diocesan newspaper (see page one), and be sure that your letter contains the name and address of either Professor LoBello or me.

Robert Edgeworth
Baton Rouge