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## NEWSLETTER NO. 21

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### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

"The time is coming when Latin will cease to be the language of Catholicism, and with the cessation of Latin much of the power of Rome will go."

Ignaz von Döllinger, in Alfred Plummer, Conversations with Dr. Döllinger, 1870-1890, edited with Introduction and Notes by Robrecht Boudens, Leuven University Press, p.15.

### PLANNING FOR A NATIONAL CONVENTION

The officers are planning to hold a national convention of the Association in Washington D.C. at the earliest auspicious occasion-- perhaps as early as June, 1987. Those members who want to make offers of help or suggest items for the program should write to the Chairman.

### LATIN LITURGICAL BOOKS -- CORRECTIONS

Members should make the following corrections in the tables of prices published in Newsletter #19, pp.17-18 and Newsletter #20, pp.3-4.

1. The price of the Solesmes Liber Cantualis has gone up from \$7.50 to \$10.75 at St.Bede's Book Shop.
2. The address given in Newsletter #19 for the Thomas More Bookshop was defective. The second line should read: 1352 Massachusetts Avenue.
3. The dollar has fallen like a heavy stone; when ordering books from abroad, it is now advisable to send a list of what is required. Solesmes and the Libreria Editrice Vaticana will then send a bill. Upon payment, the books will be shipped.

**LATIN MASS DIRECTORY**  
**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS\***

CALIFORNIA

Archdiocese of San Francisco

St. Brigid's Church  
1615 Broadway  
San Francisco CA 94109

The Latin Mass is now said every Sunday at 10:30 AM, not just once a month.

Carmelite Monastery of Cristo Rey (Discalced Carmelite Nuns)  
721 Parker Avenue  
San Francisco CA 94118-4297  
Latin Benediction, every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation at 4:00 PM.

St. Patrick's Church  
756 Mission Street  
San Francisco CA 94103  
Every Friday in Lent immediately following the 5:15 PM Mass there is Latin Benediction.

COLORADO

Archdiocese of Denver

Church of the Risen Christ  
3090 South Monaco Parkway  
Denver CO 80222  
Twice a year, once in March and once in the Fall, 9:30 AM Sundays.

\* Unless otherwise noted, all celebrations of Mass are according to the revised Roman Missal. If the Mass is celebrated with permission under the October 1984 indult, there is the remark "1962 Missal." HY (hybrid) means mostly English, but with some Latin music; only the most exceptional cases of the last type are noted, lest the Directory be inflated by them. No private Masses are listed. No illicit Masses are mentioned.

CONNECTICUT

Archdiocese of Hartford

St. Justin's Church  
230 Blue Hills Avenue  
Hartford CT 06112  
High Mass is sung once a month on a Tuesday evening from October through April inclusive at 7:30 PM. Everything, including the readings, is in Gregorian chant. The celebration is on the high altar ad orientem.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Archdiocese of Washington

St. Mary Mother of God Church ("Old St. Mary's")  
727 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington DC 20001  
2nd Sunday of the month at 7:30 PM.  
Celebrant: Rev. Aldo Petri (LLA). Choir sings Gregorian chant.

(Listings continue on page three.)

FLORIDA

Archdiocese of Miami

In Newsletter #20 we announced the deletion of the Latin Mass at the Gesù (the Jesuit parish in Miami FL) from our list of Masses. This was an error. We have been assured by the parish clergy that the 10:00 AM Mass every Sunday continues to be celebrated entirely in Latin except for the scripture readings and the sermon. The address of the parish is 118 N.E. 2nd Street, Miami FL 33132.

KENTUCKY

Diocese of Covington.

Please note that the Latin Masses in Lexington are sung.

LOUISIANA

Archdiocese of New Orleans

The location of the Latin Mass celebrated in New Orleans on the first Friday of every month has been changed. This Mass is now offered at St. Frances X. Cabrini Chapel, 3400 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans LA 70119. The time is usually 8:00 PM preceding nocturnal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. PLEASE NOTE that when the Mass is to be celebrated according to the 1962 Missal (which occurs approximately every third month), the location is shifted to St. John the Baptist Church, 1139 Dryades Street, New Orleans LA 70113.

MASSACHUSETTS

Archdiocese of Boston

Church of Our Lady of the Assumption  
40 Canal Street  
Green Harbor (near Plymouth) MA 02041  
Mass in Latin is celebrated every Saturday morning.  
Celebrant: Rev. Philip McConville (LLA).  
Telephone: 1-617-834-6252

Diocese of Worcester

The schedule of Masses and offices sung in Latin at St. Benedict Priory, Still River MA is as follows:  
Sundays: Lauds, 8:15 AM; Conventual Mass, 11 AM; Vespers and Benediction, 6:15 PM.  
Weekdays: Lauds, 5:25 AM; Conventual Mass, 9 AM; Sext, 12:30 PM; Vespers, 6:15 PM.

MICHIGAN

Archdiocese of Detroit

Gesù Church  
17204 Oak Drive  
Detroit MI 48221  
(Jesuit Fathers)  
1st Saturday of every month  
at 5:00 PM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Diocese of Manchester

Magdalen College  
Bedford NH 03102  
(on Old Route 3 south  
of the Bedford Mall)  
every Sunday during the  
school year at 9:00 AM

PENNSYLVANIA

Diocese of Scranton

Divine Providence Hospital  
1100 Grampian Boulevard  
Williamsport PA 17701  
3rd Sunday of the month  
at 3:00 PM.  
Low Mass, 1962 Missal.  
Celebrants: Rev.F.Castellano;  
Rev.J.Langan (LLA)

VIRGINIA

Diocese of Arlington

Christendom College  
Route 3, Box 87  
Front Royal, Virginia 22630  
First Friday (11:30 AM) and  
last Sunday of the month  
during the academic year.  
Celebrants include Rev.  
Vincent P.Miceli (LLA).

WISCONSIN

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Our Lady of Fatima Chapel  
(in Burlington);  
Queenship of Mary Chapel  
(in Sturtevant):  
delete both entries.

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Archdiocese of Vancouver

Church of St.Pius X  
3810 Brockton Crescent  
North Vancouver B.C., V7G 1R6  
There is a Latin low Mass  
every Saturday morning.  
The 11:00 AM Mass is a sung  
Mass every Sunday; on the first  
Sunday of every month this Mass  
is fully in Latin, and on the  
other Sundays it is Hybrid  
Latin-English. In addition,  
Vespers are sung in Latin  
every Sunday.  
Celebrant and Pastor:  
Rev.Donald J.Neilson (LLA).

QUEBEC

Archdiocese of Montreal

Church of Ste.Cunegonde  
2461 St.-Jacques Street,West  
Montreal H3J 1H8  
Sundays: High Mass (sermon in  
French) at 9:00 AM; Low Mass  
(sermon in English), 11:30 AM.  
Weekdays: Mass at 8:30 AM.  
Telephone: 937-3812  
Three priests serve the Church.  
All Masses use the 1962 Missal.

## THE PRESS

1. An Associated Press article entitled "Latin is dying, even at the Vatican, but isn't dead" was published in the San Francisco Examiner on February 3. The following excerpts are of interest.

"'Latin is dying in the church, it is doomed,' said the Rev. Reginald Foster. He's one of the six papal Latinists who writes Pope John Paul II's speeches and letters as well as Vatican documents in Latin. 'We still haven't found another language to replace it ...'

"The Rev. Diarmuid Martin, a spokesman for the extraordinary synod of bishops here in late November and early December, said only about 40 percent of the more than 160 participants spoke in Latin ...

"'One of the most startling sights at the extraordinary synod was the cardinals and bishops busily putting on their earphones for translation as soon as someone began to speak in Latin,' said Foster ..."

One month later, in the March 2nd issue of the National Catholic Register, a special article by Robert Moynihan on the front page of the paper contained additional utterances of Father Foster. Excerpts include:

"'I can't write in a complicated way any more,' said the man who chooses the Latin phrases which will make up the text of the Church's official Latin documents. 'No one would understand what the words mean.'

"'The Pope is very good in Latin,' noted Father Reginald Foster, 46, from Milwaukee, the only non-Italian among the Pope's seven Latinists. 'That was all his education and training. There's no problem there. The problem is the current generation. As things stand right now, with too few people spending too little time studying Latin in an inadequate and wrong way, Latin is doomed.'

"The official Church document regulating the training of priests in the United States (each country has such a document) specifies that 'all students entering Catholic schools of theology should be able to use Latin sufficiently to make use of theological, ecclesiastical and liturgical sources in that language.'

"But very few seminarians are able to meet that standard ...

"'It really began to become evident in the early 1970's,' said Foster, who, in addition to his duties as a papal Latinist, is the most popular Latin instructor at the Gregorian, teaching hundreds of students each year. 'Up until then, the students still reflected the old training; they knew their Latin. Then, things changed.'

"Canon lawyers began to find it difficult to study the essential Latin texts of canon law ..."

2. In the Sunday, February 2, 1986 issue of Catholic Twin Circle, Fr. Benjamin Luther (who is a member of the L.L.A.) devoted the first part of his column "Questions" to the future of Latin in the liturgy. He writes, "There is a certain danger that Latin may simply disappear altogether from the consciousness of Catholics unless efforts are made to keep it alive in parishes. ... It is mysterious how such a long and profound tradition could simply vanish, almost overnight like the fog before the rising sun." He goes on to say that permission to celebrate the revised order of Mass in Latin is not required, that any priest can do so. This is true in most cases, but there are some exceptions: if a priest tried it in the Archdiocese of Boston, for example, he might find himself in angustiis. Latin vanished because it was rooted out mit Schwert und Brand.

3. Fr. Urban Schnaus, O.S.B. (another member of the L.L.A.) wrote the article "Latin in the Spirit of Vatican II" that appears on pages 12 and 13 of the journal Modern Liturgy (Dec. 1985). Fr. Schnaus gives practical advice on how to have Mass in Latin. In the last paragraph, mention is made of our Association.

4. The Spring 1986 issue of Sacred Music carries the article "Synthesis of the Second International Congress of Gregorian Chant" by Jean Foyer, member of the Académie des Sciences morales et politiques of France. Foyer warned the Congress, "Let us be careful to avoid linking Gregorian Chant to this (sc. 'Tridentine') rite. Those who are annoyed by chant as a souvenir of a long-since-evolved past would like to have that happen. If that were the case, Gregorian Chant would be definitively condemned to disappear. Those who defend the Mass of Pius V are a body which is moving toward extinction. Let us make sure that Gregorian chant does not disappear with the last of them." Further on, he says that a return to the liturgy exclusively in Latin is impossible.

5. Our New Haven member Paul Lukasiewicz, Mathematics Librarian of Yale University, has sent us a long article from the "Yale People" section of the Yale University Weekly Bulletin and Calendar, March 24-31, which features the Latin Masses in the New Haven area organized by our members Britt Wheeler and Nicholas Renouf. Mr. Wheeler is associated with the Yale Peabody Museum, and Dr. Renouf is Associate Curator of the Collection of Musical Instruments. These musicians have chosen Gregorian Chant and Renaissance polyphony for the music at their Masses. They have succeeded in arousing much interest in the Yale community, where there is a great thirst for things which ICEL and the monthly missalette cannot provide.

6. Mr. Walter Petrovitz has sent us a clipping from the January 9, 1986 issue of Catholic New York; the article "Where Latin Lives Again" deals with the revival of Latin studies at Sacred

Heart School in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Latin is the cornerstone of an experimental humanities program for students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The principal, Mrs. Hickey, and the pastor, Fr. Hugh McManus, want to provide the whole cultural experience of Catholicism to their pupils. The students study Catholic art-- music, painting, sculpture, and architecture-- along with the sacred language.

### NEWSWORTHY ITEMS

1. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, whose chairman is Archbishop Pilarczyk of Cincinnati, is conducting a survey on the results of the October 1984 Papal Indult. The report is to be finished by November. It is to be submitted to the Congregation for Divine Worship.

2. Bishop Frank J. Harrison of Syracuse, New York, allowed four Latin Masses under the 1984 indult during the year 1985. Each Mass began at 7:30 P.M., with "socialization hosted by a designated person afterwards." However, during the "socialization," which appears to have included a question and answer period, some people denied the orthodoxy of the text of the revised order of Mass, and others encouraged the audience to attend illicitly celebrated Latin Masses. As a result of this, the bishop will no longer allow any Masses according to the 1962 Missal.

The four that were celebrated were:

Monday, October 21: St. Peter's, Oswego

Tuesday, October 22: St. James, Johnson City

Thursday, October 24: Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica

Monday, October 28: Immaculate Conception, Fayetteville.

Rev. John W. Mole, O.M.I., spiritual director of the Canadian Una Voce, wrote to the editor of the Catholic Register of Toronto and protested against such sessions. He wrote in part:

"One meets people everywhere who suffered great loss by being deprived of the Old Mass, and yet who were treated so inconsiderately (as has often been acknowledged) that serious psychological harm was done to them. Anyone who wants to provoke such people into revealing their pathologically disturbed minds on the subject can easily get them to say things that are better left unsaid. But it is extremely uncharitable to do so."

The Chairman, however, would like to note that the celebrant of the four Masses listed above, Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Champlin, Vicar for Parish Life and Worship for the Diocese of Syracuse, is a sympathetic individual who has commented favorably on our Association in a syndicated column that appeared in late January in twelve diocesan newspapers. It cannot be maintained that there was any conspiracy to entrap "traditionalists."

3. The Society of Traditional Roman Catholics is a recently formed organization active particularly in North Carolina, where it promotes the return of the Mass in the old rite (1962 Missal).

It has local chapters in Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Charlotte, and elsewhere, and is separate from the American Una Voce ("Traditional Mass Society" of San Juan Capistrano). On page three of its February newsletter, the group says that "the Holy See and the international federation, Una Voce, have requested the Society to continue its work and to keep them informed of progress." The Society gives its membership as 25,000.

4. On February 8, 1986, a Latin Mass (1962 Missal) was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joseph J. Ferasco, O.P., at 10 A.M. at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Permission was given for this one occasion by Archbishop Kelly.

5. The Santa Barbara Presidio Chapel, flattened in an 1855 earthquake, has been reconstructed and was dedicated in a Latin Mass (1962 Missal) celebrated by Fr. David Temple, O.F.M., on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, 188 years to the day after its original consecration on December 12, 1797. It was the first Catholic Church in Santa Barbara, California.

6. In the Tablet (London) of March 1, 1986, John Deedy, in his article "Cuomo on the way up," writes: "If there is a conservative side to him (sc. Cuomo), it is not as a politician, but as a family man and a Catholic. He prefers the Latin Mass, for instance ..."

7. Here is the text of the Papal Benediction "To the City and to the World." The Chairman puts it here for the convenience of the members, who would otherwise have difficulty in finding it.

#### Summi Pontificis

#### Benedictio Urbi et Orbi

Papa: Sancti Apostoli Petrus et Paulus de quorum potestate et auctoritate confidimus, ipsi intercedant pro nobis ad Dominum.

Omnes: Amen.

Papa: Precibus et meritis Beatae Mariae semper Virginis, Beati Michaelis Archangeli, Beati Ioannis Baptistae, et Sanctorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli et omnium Sanctorum misereatur vestri Omnipotens Deus et dimissis omnibus peccatis vestris perducatur vos Iesus Christus ad vitam aeternam.

Omnes: Amen.

Papa: Indulgentiam, absolutionem et remissionem omnium peccatorum vestrorum, spatium verae et fructuosae poenitentiae, cor semper poenitens et emendationem vitae, gratiam et consolationem Sancti Spiritus et finalem perseverantiam in bonis operibus tribuat vobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

Omnes: Amen.

Papa: Et benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris + et Filii + et Spiritus Sancti + , descendat super vos et maneat semper.

Omnes: Amen.



8. The following publications are available from our British colleagues, the Association for Latin Liturgy. Send payment to: The Treasurer, 47 Western Park Road, Leicester LE3 6HQ. When ordering, use the rate £ 1 = \$1.60. Do not send personal checks, since the banks will take a big cut for a fee. (Continued below.)

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A NEW APPROACH TO LATIN FOR THE MASS by Louise Riley-Smith and Christopher Francis: A course for seminary students, priests and laity, which teaches sufficient Latin for the celebration and understanding of the Mass in the present rite in Latin. All essential grammatical points are covered, practice exercises are provided (with answers) and the vocabulary contains all the words used in the Association's New Latin-English Sunday Missal. Publication due Summer 1986. £ 9.95 incl. Orders placed before 30 June 1986 may be at special pre-publication price of £ 7.95 incl.	___ copies
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9. The Connecticut Catholic Choral Heritage Society sponsored the Latin High Mass celebrated by Rev. Jeffrey M. Larche, M.S. (a member of the L.L.A.), at St. Justin's Church, Hartford CT at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 29th, the Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena. This was the last Latin Mass at St. Justin's until the autumn.

10. Fr. David-Ladislaus Przedwiecki, O.F.M. (a member of the L.L.A.), sang a Latin Mass at St. Mary's Church near Nashport, Ohio (Mattingly Settlement) on Saturday evening, November 16, 1985. (Source of information: Mr. Carl Moore.)

11. Archbishop Borders of Baltimore has ordered the Archdiocesan newspaper to stop announcing the time and place of any "old-style" Latin Mass (1962 Missal) that he may permit. No public promotion is to be allowed.

12. Bishop John J. Liebrecht of Springfield - Cape Girardeau, Missouri, has decided that there is to be no celebration of the Mass in his diocese under the terms of the 1984 indult. He followed the advice of his prebyteral council.

13. A Latin Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal was celebrated at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 14, 1985, at the Chapel of the Precious Blood Monastery, Fort Hamilton Parkway and 54th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11219, by permission of Most Rev. Francis J. Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn. This was the first Mass to be celebrated in the Brooklyn Diocese under the provisions of the indult of 1984.

14. With the permission of Archbishop Philip M. Hannan, a Solemn High Latin Mass was celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, April 4, 1986, at St. John the Baptist Church, 1139 Dryades Street, New Orleans LA 70113. Celebrant was Father Denzil M. Perera; Deacon was Father Seamus Cunningham, C.S.Sp.; Sub-Deacon was Father Richard M. Miles. All three priests are members of this Association. The Mass was sponsored by the Eucharistic Adoration Society; the President of that Society, Miss Lucille Corpora, is also an L.L.A. member. Mass was sung by the choir from St. Stephen's Church under the direction of Mr. Thomas Bartoe (who is another member of the L.L.A.). Mr. Mortimore F. Kelly III (also L.L.A.) was Master of Ceremonies. Following the Mass, the congregation was addressed by Rev. Vincent P. Miceli, Ph.D., of Christendom College, a long-standing member of the L.L.A. Attendance at the Mass was about 125.

15. Our member Fr. Basil Rechenberg, O.S.B., of Conception Abbey, Missouri, spent last summer at St. Benedict's Priory, Still River, Massachusetts, where he shared with that community's only priest the celebration of the daily conventual Mass sung in Latin to Gregorian chant. He also taught two courses. One was on the Latin hymns of the Liturgy of the Hours with emphasis on associating the Latin words with visual or auditory images; this was done to make the meaning clear in the

course of singing the Divine Office without resorting to the mental operation of translation. The second course was on the Latin text of that portion of the new Codex Iuris Canonici that deals with religious.

16. Mr. Paul McCreary writes to report that about 200 people attended each of the Latin Masses (1962 Missal) at the Divine Providence Hospital Chapel, Williamsport PA, celebrated on the first and fourth Sundays of Lent. From April on, the Mass will always be on the third Sunday of the month. It is celebrated on the chapel's high altar and is a low Mass. The celebrant in February was Fr. Francis Castellano; in March, Fr. James Langan (an L.L.A. member) celebrated. The time is 3:00 P.M. Mr. McCreary laments that many who claimed to want this Mass were conspicuous by their absence. There is full publicity in Catholic newspapers and church bulletins.

17. Congratulations to our members Scott Calta and Alexa Callan, who are to be married at a sung Latin Mass at 7:30 P.M. on June 27th, at the Church of the Epiphany in South Miami, FL. The celebrant will be the Rev. Fr. Alfred Cioffi; Rev. Fr. David Smith will assist. The Roman Canon will be used, and a special "missalette" in Latin and English is being prepared for the event. Mr. Calta will send a video tape of the ceremony to any member who sends him a blank VHS tape and postage; his address is 6910 Talavera Street, Coral Gables FL 33146. Specify the speed, since running time will be one hour or so.

18. The March newsletter cost us \$749 to print and \$165 to mail out.

19. As of May 22, membership in this Association was 1284. These are dues-paying members. We do not inflate our rolls with honorary members or group memberships.

20. We are grateful to our member Mr. James McFadden, Chairman of the National Committee of Catholic Laymen, for including reference to this Association in the February 1986 newsletter of the NCCL, which is called catholic eye. This newsletter is available at \$25 a year from: National Committee of Catholic Laymen, 150 East 35th Street, New York NY 10016.

21. We offer our congratulations to our member, Rev. Msgr. Charles N. Meter, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, April 18, 1986. Monsignor Meter, formerly Director of the Cathedral Choristers at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, is now pastor emeritus of St. Joseph's Parish in Wilmette IL. By permission of His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin he celebrates the Latin Mass (1962 Missal) in the chapel of the Divine Word Seminary in Techy IL on the third Saturday of every month. The Mass is well attended.

22. We congratulate our member, Mrs. Mary Moffitt Aycock, upon winning the prestigious CAMWS Fellowship to study Latin at the American Academy in Rome. (CAMWS stands for "Classical Association of the Middle West and South.") Only two such

fellowships are awarded annually. Mrs. Aycok is a Master's candidate at Louisiana State University; her thesis is under the direction of Professor Kenneth F. Kitchell, Jr., who is also a member of the L.L.A.

23. The Chairman recommends to the membership the book Pius XI: A Close Up, by Carlo Cardinal Confalonieri, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals. His Eminence was the Pope's private secretary. The book has 329 pages and many illustrations. It costs \$8.50 and may be ordered from The Benziger Sisters Publishers, 466 East Mariposa Street, Altadena CA 91001.

24. Mr. Martin E. Morrison of Haywood, California writes:  
"A new compact disc recording has been issued entitled MASS OF ST. SYLVESTER. This is from the BBC series "The Octave of the Nativity" and is a liturgical reconstruction of a Papal Mass in 1613, recorded in the Sistine Chapel. The recording includes all chanted and sung (polyphonic) sections of the Mass. The accompanying booklet explains the basis of the liturgical reconstruction. The recording has been prominently advertised in GRAMMOPHON, Britain's leading music magazine. The recording is distributed by BBC Records as #CD 572."

25. Dr. E. de Saventem, President of the International Federation Una Voce, commissioned a poll by the West German Allensbach Institute to determine German attitudes toward the Indult and the old rite of Mass. The poll was conducted from June 27 to July 11, 1985. 840 Catholics were questioned. The results of the poll are given on the following page. It should be noted that, of the 54% majority who said that they would attend old rite Masses if these were available in a nearby church, less than a fifth said that they would do so regularly.

Dr. de Saventem submitted the results to the German bishops and to a dozen Roman prelates. He also gave Cardinal Mayer the results of his Federation's international questionnaire; 1200 people the world over described in their answers to the questions in this survey how the Indult had been implemented in their dioceses. The following summary, which does not include the results from the 21 English and Welsh dioceses, is of interest:

Permission given for:	Number of dioceses
At least one regular Mass every Sunday	26
One regular Mass on two Sundays a month	6
One regular Mass on one Sunday a month	37
One regular Mass (monthly or more often) on a weekday only	24
Isolated Masses only (on "special" or "family" occasions)	57
No Mass whatever	194

It appears that very few prelates (only 36) submitted the end-of-the-year report on the indult in their dioceses which Cardinal Mayer and Archbishop Noe had requested; the Cardinal is now drawing up his own report, and it seems that he is

**REPLIES OF GERMAN CATHOLICS TO QUESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF "THE INDULT" AND THE**

**"RETURN" OF THE OLD MASS.**

Knowledge of the Indult	Heard of it	Hear of it for 1st time	No indications	Number interviewed
All catholics	34%	65%	1%	840
All Practising catholics	47%	52%	1%	320

Judgment of the Indult	Good	Not Good	Indifferent	
All catholics	37%	7%	56%	840
With knowledge of Indult:				
"Heard of it"	53%	6%	41%	291
"Hear of it for 1st time"	29%	8%	63%	549
All practising catholics	57%	6%	37%	320

**Old Mass in parish churches?**

"Besides the new forms of Mass there should also be in all parish churches, on Sundays and Holy Days, one Latin mass in the old Tridentine rite"

	Good	Not Good	Undecided	
All catholics	32%	46%	22%	840
With knowledge of Indult:				
"Heard of it"	41%	41%	18%	291
"Hear of it for 1st time"	27%	48%	25%	549
All practising catholics	40%	40%	20%	320
With knowledge of Indult:				
"Heard of it"	46%	36%	18%	154
"Hear of it for 1st time"	34%	45%	21%	166

**And would you personally go the the old Mass?**

"Concerning you personally. If the Mass in the old Latin form was regularly (on Sundays and Holy Days) available in a nearby church, would you attend that Mass or would you not go there?"

	Would attend	Would not attend	Impossible to say	
All catholics	36%	35%	29%	840
With knowledge of Indult:				
"Heard of it"	50%	27%	23%	291
"Hear of it for 1st time"	29%	39%	32%	549
All practising catholics	54%	21%	25%	320
With knowledge of Indult:				
"Heard of it"	67%	15%	18%	154
"Hear of it for 1st time"	44%	26%	30%	166

advising the Pope to set up a commission of cardinals to make recommendations about what to do next. Una Voce has submitted certain suggestions of its own.

26. The Center for Ward Studies at the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music of the Catholic University of America, Washington DC 20064, will offer three courses during the June 23 - July 11 Summer Session:

1. Ward Method Course I (Instructor: Nancy Fazio)
2. Ward Method Course II (Instructor: Theodore Marier)
3. Gregorian Chant Practicum (Instructor: Theodore Marier)

Scholarships are available. Write to the address given above for more information.

#### FROM THE SECRETARY

First, let me mention some happy news which reached us after the Chairman had completed his draft of this Newsletter.

Congratulations to Most Rev. John E. McCarthy, one of the Episcopal Advisers of the Association, who has been promoted to the see of Austin, Texas. Our best wishes go with you, Your Excellency.

In the March Newsletter (page 9, #15) we announced the impending ordination of one of our members, Rev. Carlos S. Casavantes, Jr. Since then Father Casavantes was selected for the special honor of a papal ordination: he was ordained in St. Peter's Basilica on Trinity Sunday (May 25th) by His Holiness John Paul II. Ad multos annos, Father! A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday June 28th at St. Joseph's Church, 1315 Travis, El Paso TX.

Next, let me clarify a point of policy. Most of the items included in this Newsletter are just that: news. We report what has been done and said. The opinions reported are those of the persons quoted, not of the Association. (For example, we obviously do not agree that "Latin is doomed" -- see p.5.)

A final word: letters received during the summer by the Secretary will not be answered with the usual promptness, because summer is my time for travel and research. (As you know, we have no paid staff.) But they will all be answered eventually, so please be patient. Normal service will resume by Labor Day.

Please keep your renewals coming in if they are due! Otherwise it will be difficult for us to make our hoped-for National Convention a reality. Please pray for it, and for us. May God love you and show you His everlasting kindness.

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Dear Professor LoBello:

The old Tridentine Mass did NOT insist on Mass being celebrated "facing the wall". Knowledgeable canonists (e.g. O'Connell) knew and made it known that there was no *canonical* prohibition on celebrating the Tridentine Mass *versus populum*. Largely, it was practical considerations and a greater respect (then) for *res pretiosa* (cultural property) that prevented the mutilation of church buildings in the 1950's so as to permit the Mass *versus populum* on a wide scale. But it was so celebrated. And licitly. Myself, I frequently served at Tridentine Masses before 1962 celebrated *versus populum* at an altar designed for that purpose in 1933. My pastor tells me that he frequently celebrated the Tridentine Mass at a similar *versus populum* altar in another church in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul, Minnesota. Thus, the Tridentine Mass was NOT immutably *ad orientem*.

Neither is the Paul VI Missal necessarily *versus populum*. A quick perusal of the Latin rubrics of the *editio typica* will show this. There in some five places the rubrics read,

"Et sacerdos, conversus ad populum, dicit". (See below)

Now clearly, if *versus populum* is mandated, these rubrics are superfluous, for the priest would then already be facing the people. The law never intends the absurd. It must follow then that the Mass *versus populum* is NOT mandated by the rubrics. It is merely *à la mode*.

As for the work of Count Neri Capponi, I recall it from a quick reading some years ago that Fr Capponi's argument was a rather narrow one. It was merely that Paul VI used defective formulas in the *motu proprio* by which he promulgated the *novus ordo* Mass. The upshot is that rites not suppressed by *Quo Primum* (i.e. those two hundred years old in 1570) survived Paul VI. Canon 22 of the *Code of Canon Law* is not really relevant, since it applies to codified law, not uncodified law, as liturgical law largely is.

My own response to Fr Capponi's thesis was, "Maybe, but *cui bono!*" The rites that survived *Quo Primum* were either local rites or rites of religious orders. Local rites were only lawful in the particular locale where authorized, e.g., Lyons or Toledo (Blue vestments, for example are authorized in Toledo and *only* there). Regular rites can only be celebrated by members of the order for which user of the rite was authorized. For the most part (e.g., the Dominicans) these rites have been abandoned, although I understand the Cistercians are an exception here. Thus, even if Fr Capponi's thesis is correct, it has so little application, in the United States at least, as to be practically useless.

Yours faithfully,  
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1. Introit: Cantu ad intoitum absoluto, . . . sacerdos, ad populum conversus, dicit:
2. Orate Fratres: Stans postea in medio altaris, versus ad populum, extendens et iungens manus, dicit: Orate, fratres . . .
3. Pax: Sacerdos, ad populum conversus, . . . subdit: Pax Domini . . .
4. Agnus Dei: Sacerdos genuflectit, accipit hostiam . . . ad populum versus, clara voce dicit: Ecce Agnus Dei . . .

(The very next rubric is even more telling, it reads: Et sacerdos, *ad altare versus*, secreto dicit: Corpus Christi custodiat me in vitam aeternam.

If the Mass *versus populum* were mandated, this rubric would be purely superfluous, for the priest would always be facing the altar at the same time he is facing the people!

5. Dismissal: Deinde fit dimissio. Sacerdos, versus ad populum, extendens manus, dicit: Dominus vobiscum.