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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is a pleasure to announce that two additional members of the U.S. hierarchy have become Episcopal Advisers of the Latin Liturgy Association. They are the Most Rev. James S. Sullivan, Bishop of Fargo, and the Most Rev. Francis E. George, O.M.I., Bishop of Yakima. We welcome their participation most cordially and express our warm appreciation for their support.

The Most Rev. William G. Connare, Retired Bishop of Greensburg PA, who had been one of the Episcopal Advisers of this Association for almost two decades, passed away in June of this year. The officers of the Association extend our condolences to Bishop Connare's family and loved ones. We have had a Requiem Mass said in Latin for the repose of his soul. *Lux perpetua luceat ei!*

As a result of these changes, the number of Episcopal Advisers of our Association now stands at forty-four.

The Fifth National Convention of the Latin Liturgy Association, held on June 10-11 in Cleveland, was judged a major success by those who participated in it. We appreciate the warm welcome given us by Bishop Pilla when he celebrated our opening Mass, and extend our thanks to the diocese and to the cathedral parish for all the cooperation we received. Thanks also go to the clergy of Immaculate Conception Parish and of St. Stephen Parish, where other convention liturgies were celebrated, as well as to our speakers and celebrants.

Two speakers were added to the program after the convention schedule was printed in the March Newsletter. These were Fr. Paul Carr, F.S.S.P., who delivered an informative overview of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, and Dr. Steven Plank of Oberlin Conservatory of Music, who provided reflections on Gregorian chant which were often droll and unconventional.

The attendance was less than had been hoped, despite heroic efforts at publicity exerted by the local L.L.A. chapter, to whom we are greatly indebted. Special thanks are due to Mr. James Pauer, chairman of the local chapter, who attended to every detail with great care both during and before the weekend.

A report on the first meeting of the National Council of the L.L.A. will be found later in this issue. But let me mention here that it was decided that the next national convention will be held on May 31 and June 1, 1997 (which is the Feast of Corpus Christi, as well as the weekend after the Memorial Day holiday) at St. Agnes Church in St. Paul MN. You are invited to attend! And we thank the Twin Cities chapter, as well as Msgr. Schuler, for the invitation to return (we last met there in 1989).

During the next year the Association needs to build its membership. We are now somewhat smaller than we were in the late 1980's. I ask each of you to invite a friend to become a member. Give him the "pitch," provide him with Scott Calta's address (see above) and mention that dues are \$10 per year.

One more request: please pray for our Association whenever you can. Thank you!

ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS TO THE DIRECTORY OF LATIN MASSES

ALABAMA

Diocese of Birmingham

St. Mark's Church
Birmingham AL
The time of this Mass is now 10 AM on alternate Sundays.

CALIFORNIA

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Monastery of the Angels
Hollywood CA
In addition to the 7 AM Mass on Sundays, the Latin Mass is also celebrated at 6:30 AM on Wednesdays.

St. John Vianney Chapel
Los Angeles CA
The correct address of the chapel is 229 South Detroit Ave. (near 3rd St. & La Brea Ave.). Mass continues on the 4th Sunday of the month and is now said on the 5th Sunday as well.

Diocese of Oakland

St. Margaret Mary Church
Oakland CA
Fr. Kozina has retired and is no longer the celebrant of this Mass.

COLORADO

Diocese of Colorado Springs

See Archdiocese for Military Services.

Archdiocese of Denver

Church of the Holy Ghost
Denver CO
Fr. Anderson has been reassigned and is no longer celebrant of this Mass.

CONNECTICUT

Archdiocese of Hartford

Abbey of Regina Laudis
Bethlehem CT
The celebrant of this Mass is now Rt. Rev. Dom Matthew Stark, O.S.B.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Archdiocese of Washington

Old St. Mary's Church
Washington DC
Fr. Petrini has retired, and the celebrant of this Mass is now Fr. David Conway (pastor).

FLORIDA

Archdiocese of Miami

St. Thomas University Chapel
Miami FL
The celebrants of this Mass include Fr. John J. Kelly, O.S.A. (LLA).

Diocese of St. Augustine

Immaculate Conception Church
Jacksonville FL
The time of this Mass is now 8 AM.

IDAHO

Diocese of Boise

Please add the following location to your Directory:
St. Matthew's Church
500 North Eagle Road
Eagle ID 83616
Sunday at 5 PM
1962
Celebrant: Fr. William Dodgson

IOWA

Diocese of Sioux City

Cathedral of the Epiphany
Sioux City IA
The time of this Mass is now 3 PM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

KANSAS

Archdiocese of Kansas City

Our Lady of Compassion School
Maple Hill KS
The celebrant of this Mass is now Fr. Peter Gee, F.S.S.P.

MARYLAND

Archdiocese of Washington

St. Francis de Sales Church
Benedict MD
The celebrant of this Mass is now Fr. Saverio T. Vitturino (LLA, pastor).

MICHIGAN

Archdiocese of Detroit

Holy Family Church
Detroit MI
The time of the 9 AM Latin Mass has been changed to 9:30. The 11 AM Latin Mass is now said only on special occasions. The weekday Mass at 9 AM is sometimes Hybrid.

St. Joseph's Church
Detroit MI
Fr. Bresnahan has retired; this Mass is now celebrated by Msgr. John J. Schweder (pastor).

**ARCHDIOCESE FOR
MILITARY SERVICES**

Please add the following location to your Directory:
Soldiers Memorial Chapel
U.S. Army Base
Fort Carson CO 80913
2nd Sunday at 7 AM
1962
Celebrant: Fr. Marcin
Mankowski, O.P.
(Fort Carson is located within the Diocese of Colorado Springs.)

NEBRASKA

Archdiocese of Omaha

St. Patrick Church
Omaha NE
In addition to the Sunday Mass, this Mass is now celebrated on all weekdays at 7:30 AM. The celebrant is now Fr. Paul Petko, F.S.S.P.

NEVADA

Diocese of Reno - Las Vegas

Please add the following location to your Directory:
Monastery of Christ in the Mountains
P. O. Box 708
Caliente NV 89008
Daily at 10:45 AM
1970
Celebrant: Fr. Leo Slatterie (LLA)

The Divine Office is also entirely in Latin at this monastery, as follows:
3:20 AM Matins
5:20 AM Lauds
7:00 AM Prime and Terce
10:45 AM Sext and Mass
1:20 PM None
5:10 PM Vespers
7:15 PM Compline

NEW JERSEY

Diocese of Paterson

Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
Pequannock NJ
The 11 AM Mass is a Solemn High Mass every Sunday. There is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 PM to 5 PM every Sunday.

NEW MEXICO

Archdiocese of Santa Fe

St. Thomas Aquinas Church
Rio Rancho NM
The regular celebrant of this Mass, Fr. Ronald Wolf, passed away on August 2nd.

OHIO

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Sacred Heart Church
Cincinnati OH
The time of the Sunday Mass is now 11:30 AM. On Holy Days of Obligation, the Mass is celebrated at 7:30 PM. The celebrant is Fr. Hebert J. Raterman, S.J.

Diocese of Columbus

St. John the Baptist Church
Columbus OH
This Mass is no longer being celebrated.

Diocese of Steubenville

Please add the following location to your Directory:
Chapel of Christ the King
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Franciscan Way
Steubenville OH 43952-6701
1st Sunday of the month, September through May, at 8 AM
Hybrid
Schola Cantorum sings Gregorian chant and classical polyphony.
Celebrants include Fr. Giles Dimock, O.P. Also, a full Latin mass (1970 Missal) is celebrated on one weekday each month.
Upcoming dates: Sept. 21, Oct. 17, Nov. 15, Feb. 20, Mar. 27, Apr. 16.

Diocese of Youngstown

Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel
Vienna OH
Celebrants now include Fr. Mark Fischer, F.S.S.P.

PENNSYLVANIA

Diocese of Allentown

Please add the following location to your Directory:
St. Roch Church
1141 Verona Drive
Pen Argyl PA 18072
1st Sunday at 9:15 AM
1962
Celebrant: Msgr. Charles T. Moss (pastor)
(The church is situated in West Bangor.)

TENNESSEE

Diocese of Memphis

St. Anne Church
Memphis TN
This Mass is no longer being celebrated.

Please add the following location to your Directory:
Blessed Sacrament Church
2564 Hale Avenue
Memphis TN 38112
Sunday at 9:15 AM
1962
Celebrant: Msgr. Edward O. Heymer

TEXAS

Diocese of Dallas

Christ the King Church
Dallas TX
This Mass is no longer being celebrated.

Please add the following location to your Directory:

St. Thomas Aquinas Church
6306 Kenwood Avenue
Dallas TX 75214
Every weekday at 6:30 AM
1962
Celebrant: Fr. Robert Raskauskas, F.S.S.P.

VIRGINIA

Diocese of Arlington

Christendom College
Front Royal VA
The time of the Friday Mass is 7:30 AM.

WASHINGTON

Archdiocese of Seattle

Priory of Our Lady of the Rock
Shaw Island WA
Fr. Steckler is no longer the celebrant of this Mass.

CANADA

ONTARIO

Archdiocese of Ottawa

St. Clement's Church
Ottawa
Latin Vespers are sung on the evening of the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Archdiocese of Toronto

Church of the Holy Family
Toronto
The correct postal code is M6K 1H3. The time of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday is 6 PM. Mass is also celebrated at 11 AM on Christmas Day (in addition to the Midnight Mass) and on the Solemnity of the B.V.M. (New Year's Day). There is also a Latin Mass each year on May 26 (feast of St. Philip Neri). Celebrants include Fr. Martin Hilbert.

FROM OUR EPISCOPAL ADVISERS

1. During discussion and debate at the June 15 meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, two of the Association's Episcopal Advisers made particularly telling comments.

Most Rev. Edward M. Egan, Bishop of Bridgeport:

"We are assuming a duty that is not ours. Some committee in Rome... wrote the original [i.e., the official text of the present Roman Missal]. We have as our duty to translate, to confer their thoughts into our language. If every language group were to do what we're doing, we're going to have a liturgical babble... You can't take 9 out of 22 words in a sentence and say they're unimportant without altering the outcome."

Most Rev. Francis E. George, O.M.I., Bishop of Yakima:

"It seems to me that what people are looking for is a sense of reverence and a sense of the sacredness that the liturgy has always provided them

and that they look for it to continue to provide them. I don't think that even the finest translation will satisfy that hunger.

"Our people are looking for better homilies, they are looking for beauty in the liturgy. They are looking for liturgical texts that are prayerful and uplifting. They are looking for a sense of mystery that many of them have identified that has been replaced..."

"We are pastoring a people at this point in Church history that do not know how to appropriately respond to and name the Eucharistic presence. I think that these problems are much more significant than a translation. I believe that... we see the pastoral problems that face us, and we're thinking that if we have the right words, we'll solve the problem; but the problem is much deeper than the right words."

2. In a letter to the priests of his archdiocese dated June 16, Most Rev. J. Francis

Stafford, Archbishop of Denver, stated that St. Thomas Seminary in Denver (operated by the Vincentians) had closed because it failed in its primary task: preparing good priests. After criticizing the prevailing theological liberalism and lax formation program of the seminary, he observed: "I noted that several of our own Denver priests, all St. Thomas graduates, had recently abandoned their vocations within a few years of their ordination."

The archdiocese plans to establish its own seminary soon.

3. The question of priestly formation was also addressed by the Most Rev. Elden F. Curtiss, Archbishop of Omaha, in his column in the *Catholic Voice* (the archdiocesan newspaper) on May 26. The following is an excerpt:

"I am personally aware of certain vocation directors, vocation teams, and evaluation boards who turn away candidates who do not support the possibility of ordaining women, or who defend the Church's teaching about artificial birth control...

"When there is a determined effort to discourage orthodox candidates from the

priesthood and religious life, then the vocation shortage which results is caused not by a lack of vocations but by deliberate attitudes and policies which deter certain viable candidates. And the same people who precipitate a decline in vocations by their negative action call for the ordination of married men and women to replace the vocations they have discouraged. They have a death wish for the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life as the Church defines them."

One may add that any interest in celebrating the Mass in Latin is sufficient for disqualification at many U.S. seminaries. The problem is a pervasive one, and requires the attention of our shepherds.

4. Our bishops lead by deed as well as by word. On May 19, the Most Rev. George E. Lynch, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Raleigh and an Adviser of this Association since the 1970's, was sentenced to seven days in the Westchester (NY) County Correctional Facility. His "crime": attempting to save the lives of some of America's unborn children. We salute Bishop Lynch for his example and keep him ever in our prayers.

FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

In order to save the Association considerable effort and no small amount of expense, Mr. Calta has devised a new system of notifying members that it is time to renew their membership. Each time you receive an issue of this Newsletter, look at the address label. In the lower left corner there will appear a date (month and year). If that date is past, your membership has expired and you need to send in a check for a year's dues.

The system goes into effect with this Newsletter, so check it now to see if you need to renew. Some members will have the abbreviation "UNK" instead of a date; this indicates that renewal is overdue.

Some members were sent reminder postcards by Mr. Calta over the summer. If you received one and have not yet renewed, please be so kind as to include that reminder postcard (if possible) in the envelope containing your renewal check. This will facilitate our record keeping. All dues go to the Secretary-Treasurer's office, P.O. Box 831150, Miami FL 33283.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. We need to pay our bills, and you are our only means of doing so. If you can afford to donate anything above the \$10 annual fee, it will make a major difference in our efforts.

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A facsimile reproduction of the 1962 edition of the Roman Missal will be published by the end of 1995 by Roman Catholic Books, P.O. Box 2286, Fort Collins CO 80522-2286. The item will retail for \$300 a copy. The project has the blessing of John Cardinal O'Connor.

This is certainly a useful service. Since becoming L.L.A. Chairman, I have received an average of two inquiries per month from clergy and local organizers seeking to obtain copies of this edition. One obstacle to the implementation of *Ecclesia Dei Adflicta* will hereby be removed.

On the other hand, a friend of the Association recently attempted to buy a copy of the current edition of the Roman Missal (the Latin prototype) from its publishers, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, only to be told that the item was out of stock! The Vatican Press can and should do better than this.

2. The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter has announced that it is reprinting the 1961 edition of the Roman Breviary, for use of clergy and religious who have authorization to use the old rites and also by those laity (for example, tertiaries) who prefer to say the Divine Office in Latin using the pre-Conciliar format.

This reprint edition will be available on September 1, 1995, and will retail for \$150 per set. The address: Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, Griffin Road, P. O. Box 196, Elmhurst PA 18416.

3. In the wake of the phenomenal popularity of the two Gregorian chant CDs issued by the Benedictine monks of Silos in Spain, many

others are doing their utmost to get in on the trend.

First, the publication *Inside the Vatican* has re-issued ten recordings of the chant sung by the Monks of Solesmes @ \$13.98 per CD or \$8.98 per cassette, as well as a 30 minute video on the history of Gregorian chant for \$13.95. For details, write *Inside the Vatican*, 3050 Gap Knob Road, New Hope KY 40052, or telephone 1-800-789-9494.

Next, the Benedictine monks of Ampleforth Abbey in England have issued a CD entitled "Vision of Peace," consisting largely of Gregorian chant but including some English texts. It may be obtained for 12.50 pounds sterling from the Classic FM Music Store, telephone 0-181-232-1221.

Finally, even Time-Warner, so roundly censured of late for its contributions to the decline of public morality and Western culture, is trying to cash in by re-issuing "Visions of Gregorian Chant" by the Benedictine monks of St. Wandrille Abbey. No, I'm not going to give their address.

FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

The following is a synopsis of the first meeting of the National Council of the L.L.A., held on June 9, 1995 at the Sheraton City Center in Cleveland. The full text of the minutes is in the possession of Mr. Calta, should any one need to consult them.

Fifteen members attended: Fathers Levis and Skeris, Professors Bentivegna, Hitchcock, Lo Bello, Mahrt, May, and Reeves; Messrs. Calta, Cover, Leininger, Likoudis, Mills, and Pauer; and the Chairman, Professor Edgeworth.

Full reports on the activities of the Association and its officers over the preceding sixteen months were given by the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer. Membership stands at about 1,250. The Association is solvent, but not flush.

The Council accepted the resignation of Mr. John M. Spangler as Vice Chairman, thanking him for his labors on behalf of the L.L.A., and unanimously elected Mr. William J. Leininger as the new Vice Chairman; he will also continue to serve as chairman of the New York chapter.

After much discussion, the Council voted to accept the invitation of our Twin Cities chapter and hold the next national convention on May 31 and

June 1, 1997, at St. Agnes Church in St. Paul MN. Messrs. Leininger and Cherry were asked to look into the possibility of holding a national convention in New York in 1999.

There was extended discussion of the desirability of communicating with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, or with the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship, or both, in regard to the ongoing and extensive revisions of the English translation of the Latin Mass. No consensus emerged on this point, and the Chairman asked Messrs. Cover, Likoudis, and Mahrt to prepare suggestions in written form for later consideration.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of improving the publicizing of the Latin Mass by electronic means, and to general business. The meeting adjourned after expressing its thanks to Mr. James Pauer, chairman of the Cleveland chapter, for handling all of the arrangements for the convention with great success.

The next meeting of the National Council will be held on Friday, May 30, 1997, in St. Paul MN at a site to be announced.

BOOK REVIEWS

Malcolm Drew Donalson, *Jerome's "Chronicon": A Translation and Commentary* (The Edwin Mellen Press, 415 Ridge Street, P. O. Box 450, Lewiston NY 14092-0450; forthcoming).

Reviewed by Robert J. Edgeworth.

This work makes available to the readers of English, for the first time, a highly interesting and significant (though brief) work by St. Jerome.

This Doctor of the Church, best known for producing the Vulgate translation of the Bible into Latin, in about the year 380 took the Chronicle, composed in Greek by Eusebius of Caesarea some 50 years earlier, and translated it into Latin. Not content with this, he added a summary history of his own times, bringing the Chronicle up to date.

Although succinct, the labors of Eusebius and St. Jerome represent a highly significant stage in the development of Christian thought. They are the first attempts at an integrated synopsis of all of human history. The commingling of Biblical, secular, and ecclesiastical events invites the reader to view all of human history as a reflection of the activity of God in the world. Had this step not been taken, the temptation would have been great (during the Christian centuries) to leave the entire classical heritage behind.

Literary history finds its place in these pages, along with battles and emperors, bishops and heresies. Reading the Chronicle takes us back vividly to the violent and tumultuous fourth century.

The work contains the complete Latin text of St. Jerome's extension of the Chronicle, along with Dr. Donalson's English translation. There is a very useful introduction. The commentary, though copious, will be of interest primarily to the historian. The bibliography is ample, and the work should reward its readers.

(Dr. Donalson teaches the Classics in Alabama, and is a member of the Latin Liturgy Association.)

Eileen M. McMahon, *What Parish Are You From? A Chicago Irish Community and Race Relations* (The University Press of Kentucky, Lexington KY 40508-4008). Reviewed by Robert J. Edgeworth. Published 1995; 226 pp.

This fascinating volume examines the life of a once thriving Catholic parish from a sociological standpoint. The parish is St. Sabina on the "South Side" of Chicago; this is the parish in which your chairman was baptized and spent the first twelve years of his life.

The parish was established in 1916 by Archbishop George Mundelein (later Cardinal). It was Mundelein's policy to establish a Catholic church for at least every square mile of that giant city, and he succeeded, earning a reputation as a "brick-and-mortar" bishop as well as a spiritual leader.

Dr. McMahon examines why the parish was so successful for fifty years. She interviewed many of the older parishioners and also clergy who had served there. In brief: the parish ministered fully both to the spiritual and to the social needs of its parishioners.

The author emphasizes the "devotionalism" of traditional Catholicism: eleven Masses every Sunday, with six choirs, five Masses every weekday, seven novenas to the Sorrowful Mother every Friday, with professional ushers having to be hired to control the crowd flow into and out of the church; the block rosary, the Pilgrim Virgin, the Legion of Mary, the parish mission, the Forty Hours, and much more.

But the parish also provided the focus for the social lives of its parishioners. It was said that half of the Catholics on the South Side (which was home to about one million souls) met their future mate at the Sunday night dances at the parish. The men of the parish volunteered to coach a great many athletic teams for the young of the parish. And there was an annual "Roller Show" in which nearly every member of the parish participated in some way. Not to mention the St. Patrick's Day Parade!

An interracial murder in 1965 across the street from the Parish Community Center sparked the flight of most of its residents. Today the parish is home to a small but vigorous African-American Catholic community.

Dr. McMahon has done a fine job, but the University Press of Kentucky needs to hire a better proof-reader. "Marian" devotions are spelled as "Marion" most of the time, "Mass" is usually "mass,"

and so on. (This Newsletter has sometimes experienced similar problems.)

In closing, here are two samples of comments from former parishioners. From Mr. George Hendry: "You felt the magnificence of the Church. The Mass in Latin ... the Latin songs ... Catholics bound themselves together by a universal language. It gave you the feeling that it was holy. That it was Catholic ... And the beauty of it ... its quietude, the solemnity, the reverence ... That's one thing I can't forget."

And from William Hogan: "Back then there was a tremendous uniformity in the Mass. There was no questioning the faith. Today the form of the Mass can vary from parish to parish, resulting in a decline in the shared experience of the Mass and the universal Church."

(Dr. McMahan is Visiting Assistant Professor at Loyola University in Chicago. She is from St. Linus Parish.)

FROM THE LOCAL CHAPTERS

Most of our chapters are taking the summer off, and I don't blame them. But here are a few items.

BATON ROUGE

The Baton Rouge chapter met at St. Agnes Church on July 23 to plan the upcoming Pontifical Latin High Mass (details below). The new pastor of St. Agnes, Msgr. Robert H. Berggreen, attended and welcomed the chapter's initiative.

CHICAGO

Attendance at the Latin Mass at St. Thomas More Parish (two miles west of St. Sabina: see above) has increased since the parish began running a prominent display advertisement for its Latin Mass in the pages of *The New World*, the archdiocesan weekly. Churches experiencing attendance problems at their Mass might wish to consider this course of action.

LOS ANGELES

The chapter met for its regular Latin Mass on Sunday, May 28th, at 12 noon in the Chapel of Santa Teresita Hospital in Duarte. Msgr. Joseph Herres was the celebrant.

By good fortune, the Edgeworths were able to attend the baptism of Andrew Kennedy, third son of Robert and Maria Elena Kennedy, on July 8. The happy parents are the chairman and secretary of the Los Angeles chapter. The ceremony took place at Sts. Felicitas and Perpetua Church in San Marino CA and was performed by Fr. Robert I. Burns, S.J., who is also a member of the L.L.A.

PITTSBURGH

The practice of the local chairman, Dr. Joseph Beierle, in submitting a full written report on the activities of his chapter is one which other chapter chairmen would do well to imitate.

The members of this chapter have been notable for their generosity and vigor. They have been instrumental in purchasing vestments and sacred vessels for use at St. Boniface and by their newly ordained "favorite son." They have advertised the availability of their Mass diligently in many local media outlets, with no small effects.

The Latin Mass Community of Holy Wisdom Parish, of which our chapter members form a vital part, was the host to two major events this summer, on June 11 and on August 13. Details are given below (items #9 and 17).

NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

1. On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, 1994, His Eminence Alfons Cardinal Stickler celebrated a Pontifical Latin Mass at the Church of Gesù e Maria in Rome, which is under the direction of the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest. On that day the members of the Institute made an act of solemn consecration to

Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception. (More on Cardinal Stickler below: item #6.)

The new year was marked by the opening of two new houses of the Institute: one in Munich and the other in Nice. The latter is under the pastoral care of Fr. Joseph le Pautrement.

On March 19, 1995, Fr. Dominic Vattan was ordained a priest of the Institute and was sent to

labor in the Diocese of Mouila in Gabon, where another member, the Rev. Mr. Elio Buck (from Brazil), has been teaching Gregorian chant to the cathedral choir.

2. On April 19, 1995, the Most Rev. Benedict C. Franzetta, Auxiliary Bishop of Youngstown, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel in Vienna OH. The old Sacramentary was used. His Excellency also preached and celebrated Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The chapel is under the direction of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

3. The Cantores in Ecclesia, who sing at the Latin Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in Portland OR, sang the following motets during this year's Easter season: Handl's Stetit Jesus, Lopez Capillas' Dic Nobis Maria, Agazzari's Jubilate Deo, Rovensky's Surrexit Christus Hodie, Phillips' Christus Resurgens Mortuis, Palestrina's Ego Sum Panis Vivus, Byrd's Non Vos Relinquam Orphanos, and Tallis' If You Love Me. The Director, Mr. Dean Applegate, and the singers are to be commended for their ambitious program of sacred music.

4. Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of the late Col. Segundo L. Díaz, who passed away on April 20. A Requiem Mass was sung for him at St. Ann's Church in Washington DC on April 27. The principal celebrant (Fr. David W. Beaubien) and his three concelebrants sang the entire Mass in Latin, including the scripture readings and the Canon. A second Latin Requiem was subsequently sung in Santiago, Chile, where the remains were taken for burial. We extend our condolences to Col. Díaz's son, Dr. Patrick Jacobson, a member of this Association.

5. The month of May was marked by several special liturgies, according to the Summer 1995 issue of *The Latin Mass* magazine.

In Pennsylvania, the Most Rev. James C. Timlin (an Adviser of the L.L.A.) of Scranton administered the sacrament of Confirmation to some 50 young Catholics of his diocese, using the old Sacramentary. He was assisted by Frs. Daniel W. Oppenheimer and Carlos S. Casavantes, both of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

In Virginia, the children of the "quasi-parish" centered on St. Joseph's Villa Church received First Holy Community at a Latin Mass celebrated on May 16.

And at Old St. Mary's Church in Washington DC, Fr. Charles A. Pope solemnized the marriage of Mr. Jonathan Tombes and the former Miss Gretchen Baudhuin. The nuptial Mass was celebrated in Latin, with music by Palestrina and by Purcell sung by the choir. Fr. Pope is a member of the L.L.A.

6. Also in the same month, the visit of Alfons Cardinal Stickler to the U.S. (see last issue, p. 8 #9) was judged a success. His address, delivered at Fort Lee NJ on May 20, was entitled "The Attractiveness of the Tridentine Mass," and is available in *The Latin Mass* magazine as well as other sources.

During the question and answer session following his talk, His Eminence challenged the theological presuppositions behind the continued mistranslation of *pro multis* as "for all" in the following terms: "Naturally the translation should not change, even if the sense is substantially unchanged. Why change it? In order to confuse the meaning for the faithful: 'I am saved because all are saved.' They don't understand any objective possibility to be saved or not saved according to the proper theology."

At this same conference (cosponsored by Christifideles and by Keep the Faith, Inc.) our member Fr. Brian Harrison, O.S., delivered a provocative address entitled "The New Feminist Face of the Roman Liturgy," the text of which is available in *Living Tradition* #58. This journal is edited by another member of the L.L.A., Msgr. John F. McCarthy, and may be ordered from: Oblates of Wisdom, Via Concordia 1, 00183 Rome, Italy.

On this same visit, His Eminence visited the "quasi-parish" of Our Lady of Fatima in Pequannock NJ, celebrated a Solemn High Pontifical Mass at the Church of Our Savior in Manhattan before an overflow congregation, and enjoyed a private visit with Cardinal O'Connor. The conversations at this meeting gave rise to the impression that Cardinal O'Connor intends to say a Latin Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral in the not distant future. Pray for it.

7. Also in this festive month, a Latin Mass was the occasion of the renewal of nuptial vows by two members of the L.L.A., Mr. and Mrs. Manuel (and Graziella) Fernandez. The ceremony took place at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Miami FL on the couple's tenth wedding anniversary. Fr. William F. Myers celebrated the Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal. The

choir sang the Missa de Angelis, and three other L.L.A. members (William Howard, Aileen Di Nino, and Delphine Gabriel) sang Arcadelt's Ave Maria and Lambilotte's Panis Angelicus. L.L.A. Secretary-Treasurer Scott Calta served as Master of Ceremonies. The pastor of this parish, Fr. Juan J. Sosa, who is Executive Director of the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life for the Miami archdiocese, assisted in preparing the choir for the event. Our congratulations to the happy couple!

8. Our congratulations to the family of Mr. Scott Halisky, who graduated this Spring as a member of the first graduating class of St. Gregory's Academy in Elmhurst PA, a new school which has the daily Latin Mass. Mr. Halisky's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jan Halisky of Clearwater FL, who are L.L.A. members of long standing and have been blessed by God with eleven children. Scott plans to serve as an assistant dorm father at the academy this Fall.

9. On Sunday, June 11, the Most Rev. Donald W. Wuerl, Bishop of Pittsburgh, administered the sacrament of Confirmation to several members of Holy Wisdom Parish in Pittsburgh. The ceremony took place in conjunction with a Latin Mass celebrated by our member Fr. Eugene Dougherty. His Excellency presided over the Mass, delivered the homily, imparted the Sacrament, distributed Holy Communion, and celebrated Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Confirmation was conferred in Latin using the current edition of the Sacramentary; the Mass itself was celebrated according to the old edition of the Missal, as is the norm at St. Boniface Church in this parish.

10. A decade ago, before the gradual revival of the Latin Mass, it was a great rarity for a member of the hierarchy to celebrate Mass in Latin in the United States. If memory serves, Bishop Ward in Los Angeles was the only one who did so with regularity.

Tempora mutantur! The practice is becoming almost a common one. On April 23 Archbishop Harry J. Flynn celebrated the Latin Mass in St. Paul MN (see last issue, p. 8 #8). On May 7 the Most Rev. Richard C. Hanifen, Bishop of Colorado Springs, celebrated the Latin Mass in his cathedral (St. Mary's). On June 10, the Most Rev. Anthony M. Pilla, Bishop of Cleveland, celebrated it in his cathedral (St. John the Evangelist) at the

request of the Latin Liturgy Association. On June 18, the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Rev. Walter F. Sullivan, Bishop of Richmond, celebrated it at St. Joseph Villa Church in Richmond. And see also items 13, 15, 16, and 19 below. Is there a trend in the making?

11. That same day, Corpus Christi, was observed by special Latin liturgies in several parts of the country. One of these took place at 12 Noon at St. Wenceslaus Church on the North Side of Chicago. A suitable Mass by Palestrina was sung, with motets by Mozart, Franck, and others. The outdoor Eucharistic procession followed. The pastor is Fr. Eugene R. Winkowski, a member of the L.L.A.

12. Assumption Grotto Church in Detroit observed Corpus Christi with the singing of Mozart's Missa Brevis (K.275) at the 12 Noon Mass. F. William Healy, O.C.D., served as guest homilist. The outdoor Eucharistic procession followed.

This same Mass by Mozart was sung again on the following Friday evening (the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). Vespers were sung at 7 PM, and the Mass, at which Fr. George W. Rutler served as guest homilist, followed at 8 PM. The pastor of Assumption Grotto is Fr. Eduard Perrone, a member of the L.L.A.

13. The Cistercian Abbey of Our Lady of Spring Bank in Sparta WI was the scene of two major liturgical events this summer. First, on that very busy day of June 18, which was the Golden Anniversary of the priestly ordination of Abbot Blaise Fuez, O. Cist. (a member of the L.L.A.), the new monastery and chapel were solemnly blessed by the Most Rev. Raymond L. Burke, Bishop of La Crosse. The Latin Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Burke, Bishop Emeritus John J. Paul, the abbots of Hauterive in Switzerland (another L.L.A. member), Rougemont in Quebec, and Benet Lake in Wisconsin, as well as several priests.

On July 8 Bishop Burke returned and conferred priestly ordination, again at a Latin Mass, upon Fr. Bernard McCoy, O. Cist., a monk of the abbey. Ten priests concelebrated, Cistercians, Benedictines, and secular clergy.

At both Masses the current Latin edition of the Roman Missal was used, as is the norm at this monastery. We offer our congratulations to Abbot Fuez upon his anniversary and to Fr. McCoy upon his ordination. With the completion of the new

building, there is now room for about 80 persons in the chapel, and the construction of guest rooms has made it possible for men to come and live at the monastery for a few days of prayer and reflection, or for private retreats. The schedule of the Mass and Divine Office remains unchanged. The abbey may be contacted by dialing 608-269-8138.

14. July 30 marked the retirement of our member Fr. Thomas J. Bresnahan, who served as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Detroit for many years. The Latin Mass will continue under his successor, Msgr. John F. Schweder. Father Bresnahan resisted innovation by steadfastly keeping his altar in the traditional position for celebration *versus Deum*; the same is true of Father Pataconi at Holy Family Church in this same city.

15. On July 1 five members of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter were ordained to the priesthood at Wigratzbad in Bavaria by the Most Rev. Fabian W. Bruskewitz, Bishop of Lincoln NE. This was the first time an American prelate has performed ordinations at this seminary.

The newly ordained are: Frs. Thibaut Desgrees du Lou (of France), Carlos Encina (Chile), Peter Gee (England), Mark Fischer (USA), and Paul Petko (USA). Three of them have been assigned to priestly labors in the U.S.: Fr. Gee will serve at Our Lady of Compassion School in Maple Hill KS, Fr. Petko at St. Patrick's Church in Omaha NE, and Fr. Fischer at Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel in Vienna OH. (More on Fr. Fischer below: see item #17.)

In addition to the Solemn High Pontifical Mass of Ordination, Bishop Bruskewitz celebrated a Low Mass in Latin at the seminary on July 2. Practice for possible future use?

It is understood that the Fraternity intends to expand its apostolate soon into the Dioceses of Sherbrooke, Canada (just above the Vermont border, which may be a boon to that largely Latinless state), Tulsa OK, and Corpus Christi TX, as well as expanding its presence in the Archdioceses of Atlanta and Oklahoma City.

16. On August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration, the Most Rev. Alfred C. Hughes, Bishop of Baton Rouge, celebrated the Latin Mass at St. Agnes Church in Baton Rouge at the request of the local L.L.A. chapter. The liturgy was well attended, and was followed by a reception in his honor hosted by the chapter.

After the homily, Bishop Hughes formally installed Msgr. Robert H. Berggreen as pastor of St. Agnes. In the ceremony (conducted in English), the new pastor recited the Nicene Creed and then pledged to the bishop and to the entire congregation his fidelity to all the truths proposed by the Catholic Church for belief, whether drawn from scripture or from tradition, whether taught by the extraordinary magisterium or by the ordinary teaching authority of the Church. My impression is that this ceremony has become rare in the U.S.; if revived, it could serve as a wonderful testimony to the fidelity of our pastors to the truths of the Faith.

17. At 11 AM on Sunday, August 13, Father Mark Fischer, F.S.S.P. (see item #15 above), celebrated his first Solemn High Mass at St. Boniface Church in Pittsburgh. Fr. Fischer is the son of Mrs. Virginia Fischer, an active member of the Pittsburgh L.L.A. chapter. We offer our congratulations to Fr. Fischer and his family.

Another member of this chapter, Mr. Ralph Ruggiero, is currently attending the seminary of the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest, near Florence. In addition, a member of the Baton Rouge chapter, Mr. James Badeaux, is moving to Pittsburgh this month to attend Sts. Cyril and Methodius seminary. Let us pray for their vocations, and for those of all who seek the holy priesthood sincerely and faithfully.

18. The second annual Midwest Conference on Sacred Music will take place from September 28 through 30 at the Ancilla Domini Motherhouse in Donaldson IN. Speakers include two members of the L.L.A. National Council, Msgr. Schuler (President of the Church Music Association of America) and Fr. Skeris (Chairman of the Theology Department, Christendom College), as well as Fr. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S., Fr. Stanley Rudcki, Fr. Edward McKenna, Dr. E. Michael Jones, and Mrs. Mary Oberle Hubley. Cost of the conference is \$170. Write to Nicholas-Maria Publishers, 1131 Guilford St., Huntington IN 46750, or telephone Mrs. Mary Hubley at (219) 356-1398.

19. The Most Rev. Frank J. Rodimer, Bishop of Paterson NJ, has agreed to celebrate a Solemn High Pontifical Latin Mass at his cathedral, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, during the month of October. During the Mass he will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon the younger members of the quasi-parish of Our Lady of Fatima.

This will, I believe, be the first Latin Mass at that cathedral since 1970.

20. Our congratulations go to our member, the Very Rev. John V. Anderson, who has been appointed rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver CO.

21. As we go to press, word arrives that the Most Rev. Christoph Schönborn has been appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Vienna. His Excellency, a cultured intellectual who was the principal editor of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, is reported to be sympathetic to the Latin Mass movement. He is the author of *From Death to Life*, available in English translation from Ignatius Press, 33 Oakland Ave., Harrison NY 10528 (tel. 800-651-1531) for \$12.95.

22. Peter's Way International is a commercial venture which specializes in transporting choirs to Europe, both to perform there and to experience some of the best of European Church

music. Of particular interest to our members are two programs to be held in February 1996.

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NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

1. The Summer issue of *The Latin Mass* magazine (p. 9) draws attention to two small congregations in Europe whose liturgical services are entirely in Latin. The first is the Dominicans of St. Vincent Ferrer Priory, Chérmeré-le-Roi (in Normandy), 53340 Ballee, France; these use the Old Dominican Mass, a liturgy which is found in the U.S. only at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Seattle WA. The other group is the Servants of Jesus and Mary, Am Kloster 2, Markt Rettenbach D-87733, Germany. We know little about the former, and nothing about the latter, and would welcome learning details from our well-informed readers.

2. In our last issue (p. 10) we passed on the scanty news about the Latin Mass in Ireland. More details are found in *The Latin Mass*, pp. 36-41.

3. The 400th anniversary of the death of St. Philip Neri, founder of the Congregation of the Oratory, was observed in England on May 29 by a Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated at the Birmingham Oratory by the Most Rev. Luigi Barbarito, Papal Nuncio to Great Britain. The Mass was said entirely in Latin (readings excepted) using the new edition of the Missal. Beethoven's Mass in C was sung, along with such impressive motets and hymns as Elgar's *Ecce Sacerdos Magnus*, Sewell's *Pangamus Nerio*, and Mendelssohn's *Justus ut Palma Florebit*.

4. Pontifical Masses of the new type are also taking place in France. For example, Bishop Gaidon has agreed to celebrate the Latin Mass at Cahors on Sept. 24.

5. Speaking of France, the annual pilgrimage from Paris to Chartres took place during the first weekend in June, culminating in a Solemn High Mass at Chartres Cathedral on Pentecost Monday, June 5. This event is rapidly becoming the principal international gathering of Catholics associated with the "traditional" movement. It is reported that numbers rose 20% over the previous year.

Since not everyone can go to France, Fr. James C. Buckley, F.S.S.P., had the idea of conducting a similar pilgrimage in the U.S. It had its humble beginning on Monday, May 29. Fr. Buckley and his seminarians walked the 50 miles from the tomb of St. Elizabeth Ann Bailey Seton in Emmitsburg MD to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. Will this event come to take on a similar significance for U.S. traditionalists?

6. Tourists to England and France in this year of grace 1995 are fortunate to have the opportunity to attend any of several types of the Latin liturgy. One may experience the new ritual in Latin at, for example, Westminster Cathedral (10:30 AM Sundays) or at the Abbey of St. Joseph at Flavigny in Burgundy, celebrated *versus Deum*. The

old ritual flourishes, for example, at the Abbey of Fontgombault and its daughter houses (two in France, one in Italy; rumors of an impending foundation in the U.S. are rife). We have already mentioned (above, #1) the Old Dominican Rite, used

at the Priory of St. Vincent Ferrer in Normandy. And the Old Carthusian Rite is still in use at the Charterhouse at Parkminster in the south in England; in the U.S. this rite is used only at the Charterhouse in Arlington VT (closed to laity).

FROM THE PRESS

1. As usual, the Spring 1995 issue of *Sacred Music* is filled with articles of interest, this time by our members Msgr. Schuler, Msgr. McCarthy, Fr. Skeris, and by Fr. Dimock on a wide range of issues. In two signed editorials, Msgr. Schuler gives advice on the re-introduction of sung Sunday Vespers into the liturgical life of a parish, and opines that, finally, there are reasons for optimism about the future of the Church's liturgical life. Address: 548 Lafond Ave., St. Paul MN 55103-1672; \$10 annually.

2. In the February 1995 issue of *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*, a major article by Germain Grisez and Russell Shaw, "The Crisis in Eucharistic Faith" (pp. 16-21), contains the following telling observation:

"In fact anything, authorized or not, that lessens the sense of the sacredness of the Eucharist tends to weaken faith. This is the case, for example, with changing the Eucharistic prayer into English, multiplying the forms of the prayer, emphasizing the celebrating community (e.g., the kiss of peace just before Communion), Communion in hand, extraordinary ministers of Communion, and drastically reducing the Communion fast. No doubt there is a case to be made for all of these changes; but it is no help to discussion of the falling-off of eucharistic faith to deny or overlook the fact that these and other authorized changes have had the bad side-effect of contributing to it."

The incontrovertible fact is that faith in the real presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is collapsing. Last year's New York Times/CBS News poll showed that 65% of American Catholics believe that our Lord's presence in the Eucharistic is purely symbolic. For Catholics below the age of 45, the figure is 70%.

This loss of faith has several causes, but Grisez and Shaw are correct in holding that properly authorized liturgical changes have contributed to this loss in a major way. This is a good example of the Law of Unintended Consequences: any sweeping change in a major institution produces numerous results, many of them unanticipated; some of these will be good, others bad. That is why it is essential to check the results of the change from time to time, using objective criteria, and to modify or even cancel those parts of the liturgical reform which are

producing bad effects upon the souls of the worshippers.

This shocking decline in faith does not prove that those who initiated the reform wanted to wreck the Church as part of a secret Masonic conspiracy. Nor does the fact that the intentions of the reformers were good suffice to establish that there have been no avoidable bad results. Both of these opposed errors arise from assuming that only intended results eventuate.

The outright denial that there have been any undesirable results whatsoever arising from the liturgical reform is the most worrisome aspect of the problem. From personal experience I know that such an attitude is common in some diocesan offices of worship. I believe this is what is called "Denial."

3. In the May issue of that same journal, Dr. William J. Sullivan of the University of Florida surveys problems presented by the present English version of the Mass. Examining a sample of the Missal (Ordinary, one Canon and the Preface for Trinity) from a semantic standpoint, he found 103 major errors, that is, points at which the clear intent of the original is misrepresented by the translation. His inference is that most of these errors are not incidental, since they follow certain definite trends, e.g. the de-emphasizing of personal sin and the possibility of damnation. It is an alarming (though not alarmist) indictment.

4. But just what are these "errors"? A representative sample is found in the May issue of the CREDO Newsletter, with comments on each. The address: P. O. Box 7004, Arlington VA 22207.

5. In the May issue of *Christifidelis*, our member Mr. Duane L.C.M. Galles offers "Hymns at Mass: Some observations on what we sing in church" (pp. 1, 7-8). The author does a marvelous job of differentiating the proper roles of popular hymns at Mass as opposed to the role of true *musica sacra*. The address: 11107 Wurzbach #404, San Antonio TX 78230-2553.

6. The May 13 issue of *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution* (pp. E6-7) featured an article by Gayle White entitled "Latin Mass," devoted to the Mass now said on a monthly basis (and soon to be expanded to a weekly basis) at Sacred Heart Church in downtown Atlanta. The article is remarkably free of the usual errors and

misconceptions found in many articles about the Mass in the secular media. The writer quotes several of the worshipers. One of them, Mrs. Lois Nichols, expressed the following opinion: "[Changes in the Mass] broke the hearts of the people. The Church has been reeling ever since.... I'm looking for beauty, poetry, mystery, majesty.... I wouldn't miss this for anything."

7. A recent issue of the *Lake Shore Visitor*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Erie, contained an article by Fred Rapone entitled "Diocese offers two traditional Latin Masses." Of particular interest were the comments made by Fr. David L. Poulson, Ph.D., who is Professor of Medieval philosophy at Gannon University and is one of the celebrants of the Latin Mass at St. Bernadette's Church in Saegertown PA. Fr. Poulson declared:

"There's an emphasis on the vertical relationship between God and man. That's opposed to the Revised Mass where the emphasis is on the horizontal relation between God and man." He went on to add that the traditional Mass has a balance between word and symbolic action that the "too wordy" revised Mass doesn't offer.

8. One effect of the recent national convention was to raise the profile of the L.L.A. in the Cleveland media. A large ad appeared in the *Universe Bulletin* (diocesan newspaper) on June 2. The *Plain Dealer* (major secular paper) ran a preview of the convention on June 3 and published an interview with the L.L.A. Chairman on June 10 (p. E-5). In addition, I was interviewed on a local radio call-in show on Friday, June 9. All of this good publicity was the fruit of the labors of Mr. James Pauer.

9. Finally, the June issue of *National Geographic* contains a two-page photo of Mother Hildegarde George and Mother Therese, two sisters of the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rock on Shaw Island WA. There was similar coverage a few years ago of the nuns of the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem CT. Both abbeys use the Latin liturgy. Evidently nuns in traditional habits are *ipso facto* exotic to today's photographers.

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1. Pope Pius XII, *Mediator Dei* § 64: "The use of the Latin language prevailing in a great part of the Church affords at once an imposing sign of unity and an effective safeguard against the corruption of doctrine." *Vere dictum!* The full text of this great encyclical is available in *Pius XII, Selected Encyclicals and Addresses*, available for \$21.95 in hardcover from: Roman Catholic Books, P. O. Box 2286, Fort Collins CO 80522-2286.

2. An anonymous Catholic priest quoted in the July 20 issue of *The Wanderer*, p. 10: "The present Novus Ordo [in Latin] is certainly truer to the most ancient liturgy than the Tridentine Mass, not that either one falls too far from the tree. Except for the language of the private priestly prayers that were incorporated into the Tridentine Mass, there really isn't much difference.

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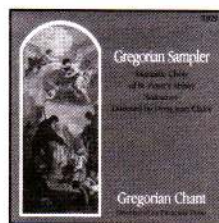
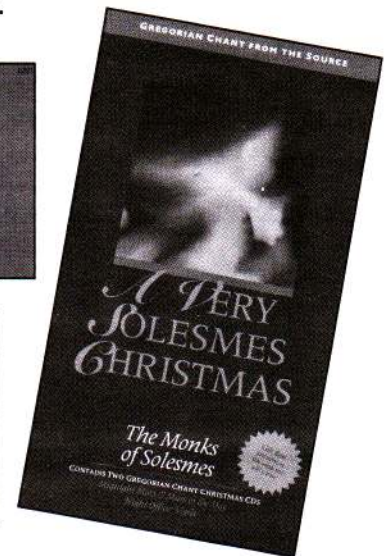
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If I said the Novus Ordo Mass at the high altar with Gregorian chant and simply added the prayers at the foot of the altar, most people in the pew wouldn't be able to tell the difference between the two."

I will only add that I have often received letters from members of this Association, telling me that they have attended "the Tridentine Mass" at places where, as I well know (e.g. at the Brompton Oratory in London), only the new Mass in Latin is said.

3. Regular weekly Mass attendance by Catholics in the U.S. has fallen from 71% in 1963 to 25% in 1993. See item 2 under "From the Press."

4. But on the bright side, one of the wealthiest women in the United States, the former Ann Miller of San Francisco, has pronounced her final vows as Sister Mary Joseph of the Trinity at the convent of Carmelite nuns in Des Plaines IL. This convent has the Latin Mass, but only once a month.

5. In the last issue (p. 13, #7) mention was made of the increased use of Gregorian chant in commercials. The latest instance is a promotional spot now being aired by CBS for their rather sleazy comedy *Cybill*. Not only is the music in chant, but all of the dialogue is in Latin (with English subtitles). Even those who do not appreciate the divine dimension of the Mass find the music, the language, the ambience of the old liturgy attractive.

6. From the August 7 issue of *The New Yorker* (p. 65), the novelist Paul Theroux writing about

the novelist Anthony Burgess: "We had both been raised Catholic, in the age of the Latin Mass, and, as the liturgy had become folksy and English-speaking, with show tunes played after the Consecration instead of the Agnus Dei, and all that hugging and hand-holding, he had lapsed and so had I."

How many more? The liturgical revolution did not cause these men (and so many others) to leave the Church; but the virtual absence of Latin liturgy is a powerful and needless obstacle to their return.

By the way, the reference to "show tunes" is not far fetched; I have recently learned of a priest in the Pacific Northwest who has his congregation sing "Hello Dolly" not just once but several times at each Mass. And when I was a student attending Mass at the Newman Center in Ann Arbor MI, we were required to sing Beatles songs at Mass (e.g., "I get by with a little help from my friends"). Such celebrants seem quite determined to leave not one shred of dignity remaining in the Mass.

7. The last word goes to our Founder, James Hitchcock, who has composed a partial translation of one of the late Elvis Presley's "classics" (see last issue, p. 16). It begins: "Tu es nihil nisi canis, semper clamans." I suggest altering the last word to "latrans"; and may that be my sole contribution to the field of Elvis Latinus Studies.

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