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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

How are the beauty and the richness of Our Lord's immense Eucharistic Sacrifice to be conveyed fully to the minds and hearts of the faithful as they gather at the Master's altar? This is the real, underlying question which besets the liturgical controversies of our own time.

This Association holds as its foundational principle that one of the very best ways to accomplish this is to make the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Latin language readily available to the Catholic people. The case for this contention was always strong, and the growing evidence for its soundness has been chronicled in this Newsletter for twenty years.

Other dimensions of the Catholic experience of the Almighty in His Mass also require attention. At the present date there are no grounds for thinking that the vernacular liturgies will suddenly vanish from the face of the earth. No, they will be with us for a long time, and it is certainly likely that the large majority of Catholics will experience the Eucharist largely or solely in the vernacular for a considerable period. Hence, it is no surprise that the attempt to bring the text of the English language Mass more closely into conformity with the official, Latin, text of the Mass is receiving much attention of late.

During 1995-96 the Wethersfield Institute sponsored a competition, issuing a general invitation to qualified Catholics to submit their own translations of selected portions of the Mass. Over one hundred fifty entries were received -- a figure which in itself is evidence that the demand for a new, more accurate and more uplifting translation has considerable support. The panel of judges was headed by the President of the Institute, Msgr. Eugene V. Clark. (In passing I mention that the Wethersfield Institute was founded by the late Mr. Chauncey Stillman, who was among the founders of the Latin Liturgy Association and served on our original advisory board; and that Msgr. Clark is pastor of St. Agnes Parish in midtown Manhattan, where the Latin Mass is celebrated with great dignity and devotion.)

The winning translation, submitted by Dr. Lauren Pristas (who was awarded a substantial monetary prize), was released in June. There is no question that it represents a high degree of fidelity, respecting the official words of the Mass rather than trying to "improve" them. Of course, opinions are prone to differ; some will quibble that this version makes somewhat excessive concessions to the ICEL version, inasmuch as most of the orations (collects, secrets, and postcommunions) have been broken up into two or more independent sentences in preference to retaining the impressive periodical structure of the original. But such considerations are beside the point, which is: is this the last we are going to see of Dr. Pristas' translation?

Along these same lines, the respected Fellowship of Catholic Scholars is holding its 19th Annual Convention in St. Louis MO on September 20-22. The organizers have seen fit to devote an entire session (all of Saturday afternoon) to a Symposium on Translation. The participants in the symposium are Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J., publisher of *Catholic World Report*; Fr. Francis Martin of the John Paul II Institute on Marriage and the Family; and the Chairman of the L.L.A. More on this in our next issue.

The outcry has not gone unnoticed by the Bishops' Conference, who have invited qualified persons representing diverse viewpoints to take part in a "Forum on Issues involved in the Translations of Sacred Texts." The committee of bishops who are organizing this forum intends to ask the permission of the participants to disseminate their views to the body of bishops and to other interested persons. This is an encouraging development. The forum will take place in June of 1997 in the Midwest, shortly after the L.L.A.'s National Convention is held in Minnesota.

Before closing I must make an important announcement. The year of the Olympic games and of the U.S. Presidential election is also the year in which elections are held for the officers of the Latin Liturgy Association. I hereby call the election. Any dues-paid member is eligible to run for any of the three offices (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer). A member may nominate himself or another person; if nominating another person, that nominee must submit in writing a statement indicating willingness to serve in that office for a term of four years.

Nominations must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than Monday, November 4, 1996. If more than one person is nominated for any office, a ballot will be printed in the December issue of this Newsletter, and the results will be announced in March.

You may send your nominations in written form, if you wish, to our official address: P. O. Box 831150, Miami FL 33283. However, our Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Calta, requests that, whenever possible, nominations be sent to him by electronic mail at:

ScottCalta@aol.com

It would be helpful if members able to do so would use this same e-mail address for notifying us of their changes of address and similar transactions. To facilitate this service, Mr. Calta requests that all members who wish to communicate with him in this way should be so kind as to send him their own e-mail addresses.

Last of all: mark the dates May 31 and June 1 on your 1997 calendar. The Sixth National Convention of the L.L.A. will be held on that date in St. Paul MN. Details and registration materials will appear in the next issue.

ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS TO THE LISTING OF LATIN MASSES

ARIZONA

Diocese of Tucson

Santa Cruz Church

Tucson AZ

This Mass is no longer being celebrated.

Please add the following location to your Directory:

Guadalupe Chapel/Capilla

Guadalupana

401 East 31st Street

South Tucson AZ 85713

Sun at 5 PM

Mon at 12 Noon

1962

Celebrant: Fr. Richard J. Rego

CALIFORNIA

Diocese of San Diego

Please add the following

location to your Directory:

Little Flower Haven

(Carmelite Retirement Home)

8585 La Mesa Boulevard

La Mesa CA 91941

(Tel.: 619-466-3163)

Daily at 7 AM.

ILLINOIS

Diocese of Rockford

Please add the following location to your Directory:

St. Joseph Church

405 St. Joseph Avenue

Aurora IL 60505

Sun at 12:30 PM

1962

Celebrant: Fr. Brian A.T. Bovee

Corpus Christi Monastery

Rockford IL

The time of this Mass is now

9:30 AM.

INDIANA

Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend

Sacred Heart Church

Fort Wayne IN

The time of this Mass is now

11:30 AM on Sundays.

Holy Day schedule unchanged.

Celebrants: Frs. Daniel R.

Leeuw (LLA), Adam Schmitt,

Herman J. Schnurr, and Msgr. --

Joseph.

Archdiocese of Indianapolis

St. John's Church

Indianapolis IN

This Mass is no longer being celebrated.

Please add the following location to your Directory:

St. Patrick's Church

950 Prospect Street (at

Woodlawn Ave.)

Indianapolis IN 46203

2nd Sun at 1:30 PM

1962

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph W.

Dooley.

IOWA

Diocese of Davenport

St. Mary's Church

Fairfield IA

This Mass is no longer being celebrated.

Sacred Heart Church

Ottumwa IA

This Mass is temporarily suspended, but will resume.

LOUISIANA

Diocese of Lake Charles

Please add the following location to your Directory:
St. Mary of the Lake Church
Route 2, Box 342
Big Lake LA 70605
1st and 3rd Sun at 11:30 AM
(sung)
1962
Celebrant: Fr. Maurice Martineau

Chapel of St. Patrick Hospital
Lake Charles LA
This Mass has been discontinued until further notice.

MAINE

Diocese of Portland

Chapel of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Portland ME
This Mass is now celebrated every Sunday.
The time has been changed to 12 Noon.
Celebrant: Fr. Calvin M. Goodwin, S.J.

MARYLAND

Archdiocese of Baltimore

St. Alphonsus Church
Baltimore MD
This Mass is now celebrated at 11:45 AM.

NEW JERSEY

Diocese of Trenton

All Saints Church
Burlington NJ
This Mass is now celebrated at 3 PM.

PENNSYLVANIA

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Please add the following location to your Directory:
St. Francis of Assisi Church
Marshall and Buttonwood Streets
Norristown PA 19401
Sun at 1:15 PM
1962
Celebrants: Frs. George P. Ettore (pastor) and Dominick F. Finn, O.S.F.S.

WISCONSIN

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

St. Mary Help of Christians Church
West Allis WI
Sunday schedule unchanged.
Holy Days 7 PM; 1st Fri 6:30 PM; 1st Sat and secular holidays 9 AM.

CANADA

ALBERTA

Diocese of Calgary

Please add the following location to your directory:
St. Anthony's Church
5340 Fourth Street S.W.
Calgary
1st and 3rd Sun at 11:45 AM
1962

St. Elizabeth Church
Calgary
This Mass is no longer being celebrated.

SASKATCHEWAN

Diocese of Saskatoon

Please add the following location to your Directory:
Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa
20th Street West at Avenue Y South
Saskatoon
Sun at 9 AM
1962

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
Saskatoon
This Mass is no longer being celebrated.

REVIEWS

James Hitchcock. *The Recovery of the Sacred*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1995 (originally published 1974). Pp. 186. \$11.95. ISBN 0-89870-544-4.

No Catholic scholar has better claim to the title of post-Conciliar Cassandra than the L.L.A.'s founder James Hitchcock. This reprint of Prof. Hitchcock's fundamental 1974 study gives us the

pleasure of reading once again the most devastating theoretical critique of the liturgical reforms yet published, while at the same time sadly reflecting on how little influence the author's insights have had in official circles over the last twenty years.

The great achievement of the book is to show that, whatever the Council Fathers may have intended, in practical terms the reforms amounted to

a Maoist Cultural Revolution, a movement based on modernist principles which are inimical not only to the Catholic Faith, but to the natural religious instincts of people everywhere. When the barrier between the sacred and the profane is pushed aside, when worship expresses a "horizontal" relationship of human solidarity rather than a "vertical" turning toward God, then it will not be long before religion in any form is felt to be unnecessary: "...those clergy who threw themselves most eagerly into the quest for a relevant liturgy were among the most likely to leave the priesthood..." (p. 93), with contributors to the journal *Worship* through the '60's being at particular risk for losing the Faith.

I know of no other source where so many true things about the liturgical crisis are brought together in so concise a space. The puritanical, anti-Mediterranean bias of the reforms, the contempt for the laity shown in their ruthless implementation, the childish philistinism of contemporary liturgical artists and musicians -- these and related topics are treated with admirable balance and scholarly detachment. The author is clearly aggrieved, but he is never abusive.

If much of the situation Prof. Hitchcock describes remains painfully familiar, one development he did not foresee complicates some of his positions. I refer to the partial restoration of the Tridentine Rite, which he in fact argues against (p. 181), rather oddly, since his compelling use of evidence from the anthropology of religion and his deep understanding of Catholic piety should have made the Mass of Pope St. Pius V the obvious desire of souls in his judgment. But the reason for this reluctance is not hard to identify: in 1974 insistence on liturgical uniformity was taken for granted as the only bulwark against abuse, and the Council's declarations made specific devotion to the old Mass the province of potential schismatics. Thus the book's last chapter contains an outline for a more successful reform of the Roman liturgy, one presumably coinciding with the aims of the new organization ADOREMUS.

Today, however, we face a different ecclesiastical climate, one in which legitimate

liturgical diversity has become the hope of conservative minded Catholics. It is an unfortunate fact that many of the modernist attitudes brilliantly exposed in this study are by now firmly entrenched in American parish life, and are unlikely to be rooted out by a "joyful cooperation of many lay people" (p. 170) -- many more lay people (and clergy) are all too pleased with the kind of Mass they currently have. In an age when liturgies are created for various ethnic traditions and for children, I suspect that the majority of people who appreciate the great intellectual and cultural force of Prof. Hitchcock's arguments will be happy to declare themselves baroque Catholics, and take enthusiastic advantage of the indulgence. Fr. Bob's Faith Community is just too hard a nut to crack.

But this is surely a book which every member of the L.L.A. should own and attempt to introduce into parish or school discussion groups. It provides the best philosophical grounding we have for the crucial work of liturgical counter-reformation.

Reviewed by David P. Kubiak, Professor of Classics at Wabash College in Crawfordsville IN. The opinions expressed in this review are those of the reviewer.

A "mini-review": In the March issue of this Newsletter (#60, p. 3 #2) mention was made of a series of CDs and/or tapes intended to teach one how to pray the Rosary in Latin. Rev. Martin Morrison of California has now reviewed this set at his Internet site on the World Wide Web. He takes care to point out the usefulness of the series for its stated purpose, but also notes certain drawbacks: the Fatima prayers are not included, the type size used in the accompanying booklet is very small, and so on. The bottom line: "While the purpose of providing practice in the basic Latin prayers to Catholics who are unfamiliar with Latin is a commendable one, this purpose could have been accomplished successfully on one CD, with an insert published in a much more readable font, at less than half the price." (The set costs \$50.)

FROM THE LOCAL CHAPTERS

BATON ROUGE

On Sunday, June 30, the Most Rev. Alfred C. Hughes, Bishop of Baton Rouge, celebrated a pontifical Latin High Mass at 9:30 AM at St. Agnes Church in Baton Rouge, at the invitation of the Baton Rouge L.L.A. chapter and with the gracious cooperation of the pastor, Rev. Msgr. Robert H. Berggreen. This is the third such Mass celebrated by His Excellency since his appointment to his present see. A reception followed in the parish cafeteria.

CHICAGO

One of the members of this chapter is Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago. A sermon preached by him on February 10th and repeated on the 11th is of such significance that it rates special mention below as a "Noteworthy Item" (#3).

The chairman of this chapter is Fr. C. Frank Phillips, C.R., who is pastor of St. John Cantius Parish on the near north side of Chicago. On Saturday, April 13, Fr. Phillips was advanced to the grade of Knight of the Holy Sepulcher of the Second Degree. The ceremony took place at a Latin Mass celebrated in the St. James Chapel of Archbishop Quigley Seminary (your editor's alma mater). The main celebrant was a member of the staff of the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington DC; the other concelebrants were priests of the Chicago Archdiocese. The current edition of the Roman Missal was used. Music (entirely in Latin) was provided by the respected William Ferris Chorale as well as by the choir of the seminary; the Mozart Ave Verum was not omitted.

Fr. Phillips has three Latin Masses at his church every Sunday; two are of the old rite, one of the new. In recent times even the new rite has been celebrated *ad orientem* in this church. Contrary to what is often asserted and believed, the current Missal does not require that Mass be celebrated facing the congregation.

And we offer our heartfelt congratulations to two member of this chapter who celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their ordination to the holy priesthood on April 18: Msgr. Charles N. Meter and Fr. J. Austin Graff. The former is a member of the L.L.A. National Council. This writer has known both gentlemen for some 35 yeas, and is grateful for all they have done for God's people on this earth.

PITTSBURGH

To chronicle the activities of this, our most active chapter, would require a small tome in itself, but I will summarize the highlights. Most of these events are orchestrated by the "Latin Mass Community of St. Boniface Church," in which several of our chapter members play leading roles.

There could have been few churches in the country so well supplied with priests to offer this year's Holy Week services in Latin with proper solemnity. Fathers Dougherty, DeFour, Myers, and Smith took turns offering Solemn High liturgies on Palm Sunday (March 31 this year) as well as on Holy Thursday (complete with Pange Lingua procession), Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Three of these celebrants are members of the L.L.A.

Also in Spring the Port Authority was persuaded to provide bus service from St. Boniface Church to the downtown area at a convenient time after the Latin High Mass. (The public bus service is adequate before Mass.)

On May 12th 32 members of the community, including four of its priests, went by bus to take part in Cardinal Stickler's Mass in New York City. More on this Mass below, Noteworthy Item #10.

June was a month of milestones for our member, Fr. Thomas R. Murphy. On June 4 he celebrated his 85th birthday. On the 14th he celebrated the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination. (1936 was clearly a bumper year for quality ordinations: see "Chicago" above.) And on June 16 these happy events were commemorated in a Solemn High Mass at St. Boniface. Auxiliary Bishop John B. McDowall presided. Fr. Murphy was celebrant, with Fr. DeFour as deacon, Fr. Crawford (see next paragraph) as subdeacon, and Fr. Dougherty as archpriest. Some 350 persons

attended, and a reception followed in Norbert Hall. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Murphy on these events!

Speaking of our member Fr. Canice Crawford, T.O.R., we are happy to report that he has returned to Pittsburgh and is continuing his recovery from heart surgery.

June 23 was the date of the second annual Latin Mass picnic, held in North Park.

On Wednesday, July 10, a Latin Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of Mr. Robert Nau, a parishioner and the uncle of our local chapter chairman, Dr. Joseph Beierle. *Requiescat in pace!*

The following day, Thursday, July 11, a special Holy Hour was held at the request of Bishop Wuerl to pray for an end to abortion and for the reversal of President Clinton's recent veto of an abortion restriction bill.

St. Boniface is blessed with a fine choir (I had the pleasure of hearing them two years ago). But starting July 21, the element of congregational singing has been added to the Mass here. At the outset the congregation is singing the familiar *Missa de Angelis*.

On August 9 the visiting celebrant was Fr. Paul Carr, F.S.S.P., who announced that the local community had awarded a scholarship to Mr. Matthew Talarico to enable him to attend St. Gregory's Academy in Scranton PA. Some of our members will remember the fine talk Fr. Carr presented at last year's L.L.A. convention in Cleveland.

The following week, August 11, the guest celebrant was Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy, O.F.M.Cap., who has agreed to return and give a day of recollection to the community on Saturday, November 9. All our members in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio should consider taking part.

ST. LOUIS

The chapter held a joint meeting with the members of Credo at Archbishop Kenrick Seminary on April 22 (as mentioned last issue). Attention was given to the promotion of a local practice known as the "Canopy of Prayer," a series of Holy Hours

featuring Benediction and a choir festival with Latin hymns and motets. Chapter Vice Chairman Regina Morris is looking into the possibility of sponsoring a joint choir festival program with the Pastoral Musicians Association.

The next meeting (also to be held jointly with Credo) is scheduled for Sunday, September 22, at the parish hall of St. Agatha's Church, immediately following the 10 AM Latin Mass. At this meeting an address will be given by Professor Edgeworth entitled "The Latin Liturgy and the Thirst for Beauty."

St. Agatha is located at 3239 South Ninth Street. Take I-55 to Arsenal. Head east on Arsenal to Ninth. There is ample parking. Father James Rodis, pastor of the parish, was recently quoted in the Catholic media to the effect that, although his parish has only forty registered members within its confines, four thousand persons a month attend Mass there.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

The chairman of this chapter, Professor William Mahrt, presented two courses on Gregorian Chant at the summer session of the Graduate Theological Union during July and August. This was in Berkeley CA.

The St. Ann's Choir, under his direction, continues to present the complete cycle of the Masses of Josquin Des Prez at Stanford Memorial Chapel, in addition to its regular duties at Sunday Mass and Vespers at Stanford University. Special Masses were sung for St. Ann's Day (July 26: Orlando di Lasso, *Missa Sesquialtera*) and for the Assumption (August 15: Cristobal de Morales, *Missa Benedicta Es Caelorum Regina*).

WASHINGTON-ARLINGTON

The chairman of this chapter, M. J. Moses, serves as sacristan, acolyte, and man of all work for the Latin Mass at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Benedict MD. The chapter's newsletter goes out approximately ten times a year to 115 persons, many of whom are clergy of the archdiocese.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of James Hodgson, the former Treasurer of this chapter, who has passed away.

NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

We begin this crowded section with two corrections.

First, in our March issue (#60, p. 6 item 3) we overstated the extent to which Dominicans of the Western US are permitted to use the Old Dominican Rite. Our member Fr. Anthony-M. Patalano, O.P., writes: "The Dominican Provincial has given permission to three members of the Western Province to celebrate the Dominican Rite occasionally and privately. In addition, he has allowed Holy Rosary Parish to use the rite on special occasions, such as solemnities of the Order." Fr. Patalano adds that "a French Dominican liturgist has offered the opinion that the Dominican Rite may be substituted for the 1962 missal when the local ordinary permits the missal's use."

Second, in that same issue (p. 11 item 11) reliance upon inadequate information led us to misstate the situation at the Cistercian Abbey of Hauterive in Switzerland. Thanks to the good offices of an abbot of that venerable order, we are now able to state that the situation there is as follows:

"(1) The readings at Mass are in French, and have been in French ever since this was permissible; (2) during the administration of Dom Bernard Kaul French was adopted for the readings at the nocturns of the Office of Vigils (Matins) and for the short readings of the Day Hours; (3) under the new Abbot, Dom Mauro-Giuseppe, French has been introduced for the Mass, except for the parts in the *Kyriale* and the *Graduale*, which are sung in Latin to Gregorian Chant, as is the *Pater Noster*." Such a liturgy is more properly described as "hybrid" rather than as "vernacular."

In addition: "Dom Bernard consented to becoming Administrator of Val-Dieu [in Belgium] after the community at Val-Dieu, the Abbot President of our Belgian Congregation, and the Abbot General of the Cistercian Order asked that of him." As a good monk, Dom Bernard has accepted this appointment for a term of three years.

We apologize for the errors, both of which were the fault of your editor. And now on to new items.

1. Parishes which lack a regular Latin liturgy may still celebrate one on special occasions. Thus, at the Church of St. Peter in Jefferson City MO, the solemn commemoration of All Souls Day was observed on November 2, 1995, by a Latin

Requiem Mass celebrated by the pastor, Fr. Donald Lammers. The Chorale of St. Peter, under the direction of Stephen M. Becker, sang the Faure Requiem, a beautiful piece of church music, for the occasion.

2. Similarly, on Christmas Eve of 1995 our member, Fr. Daniel R. Leeuw, celebrated the midnight Mass in Latin at St. Paul's Church in Fort Wayne IN (see #17 below) "to a full crowd of people, ever grateful for the beautiful use of the Latin tongue in the Mass." That was in addition to the regularly scheduled Latin Masses at Sacred Heart Church in Fort Wayne.

3. Fr. Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago (and a member of the L.L.A.), delivered an important sermon on February 10 and 11 entitled "Reforming the Reform." The sermon was preached that weekend at three English Masses at St. Rene Goupil Church as well as at a Latin Mass at St. John Cantius Church.

Father began by observing that the Chicago City Council had spent \$17 million in 1979 to transform State Street into a (largely) pedestrian mall, thinking that this would increase commerce at the many businesses located there. The result? Business fell off calamitously. And so the City Council has now decided to spend \$24.5 million dollars to turn the street back into the way it was before. One of those stores is the famous Marshall Field's, which attempted to boost its revenues by "down-marketing" itself into a competitor of the discount houses. Instead, revenues fell seriously; the owners have now issued a public apology and stated that they will turn the store back into the way it was before.

His point: "If politicians and corporate executives can admit mistakes and try to correct them, could not the leaders of the Church be willing to do as much? Recognizing mistakes takes wisdom; admitting them takes humility; correcting them takes prudence, fortitude, and courage. Surely these are virtues possessed by members of the Catholic hierarchy."

Reforms are to be judged by their actual results, not by the intentions of the reformers. If the results are unsatisfactory, it's time to re-think.

4. At a Solemn High Mass celebrated at 9 AM on Saturday, March 23, the Most Rev. James C. Timlin, Bishop of Scranton (and an Episcopal Adviser of this Association) conferred the order of

Deacon on the Rev. Mr. Joseph Poisson, a native of Ontario, and also conferred the minor orders of porter and lector upon four other seminarians. All five are students of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary.

Bishop Timlin was celebrant, Fr. Paul Carr served as deacon, and the Rev. Mr. Dennis Duvelius was the subdeacon (more on Mr. Duvelius below, #17). Serving as Deacons at the Throne were Msgr. Neil Van Loon (Chancellor of the Scranton Diocese) and Fr. Patrick Brannan, S.J. (a professor at the seminary and a member of this Association). The choir sang the Mass *Sitientes*.

5. On Monday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation was observed at St. Francis Xavier Church in Friendsville PA by a special Solemn High Mass in Latin. The pastor of this parish, Fr. William Langan, is also a member of this Association.

6. The liturgy for Easter Sunday this year (April 7) was particularly magnificent at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo in Minneapolis MN. The music included sections of Joseph Mueller's Mass in Honor of St. Benedict, as well as Noel Goemanne's *Gloria*, Pietro Yon's *Vidi Aquam*, Mozart's *Exsultate Justi*, and Franck's *150th Psalm*.

Choirmaster is Mr. Richard D. Byrne; the pastor is Fr. Francis Kittock.

7. Human Life International held its annual conference at the Omni Netherland Hotel in Cincinnati OH on April 10-14. In addition to other Masses, a Latin Mass was celebrated daily by Fr. Raymond Dunn, S.J., of Palo Alto CA. The L.L.A. was represented at this gathering by Messrs. James Pauer (chairman of our Cleveland chapter) and John R. Hackman.

8. On May 4 Fr. Karl Claver, F.S.S.P., led a pilgrimage of Catholics from Ottawa to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape, located in Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec. The Latin Mass was celebrated in the old form at this shrine for the first time in over thirty years on this occasion.

The pilgrims also visited the tomb of Blessed Frederic Jansonne in Trois-Rivières.

9. At 8 PM on Wednesday, May 8, the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami and Chamber Orchestra presented an evening of Latin Church music by the celebrated composer Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). The featured selections were his *Gloria* in D Major and his *Beatus Vir* in C Major (Rv 588 and 597). But think of the irony of it all: the evening was sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables!

10. On the evening of Sunday, May 12 (Mothers Day), a Pontifical Latin Mass was celebrated at the high altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City by His Eminence, Alfons Cardinal Stickler. Although Latin Masses have been celebrated at this altar before (most recently by Cardinal O'Connor on March 17 -- see our last issue, p. 1), this seems to have been the first such occasion at which the old Missal was used.

The event had been well publicized in advance, and the cathedral was filled beyond capacity, with some persons unable to enter the building. The lowest estimate of the attendance which I have seen (and perhaps the most reliable) is 4,000.

About 150 priests and seminarians took part in the entrance procession with His Eminence. Of these about 18 were seated in the sanctuary during the Mass. Among the many priests in attendance were several members of this Association, including (to name only a few) Fr. William Ashley of the Opus Mariae Mediatrix, Fr. Brian Harrison of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, Fr. Timothy Svea of the Institute of Christ the King, Fr. James Rodis of St. Louis MO, Fathers Dougherty, DeFour, Murphy, and Smith of our Pittsburgh chapter, as well as a good many New York area pastors of parishes (e.g. Fr. Thomas Curley of St. Columba's Church in Chester NY).

Cardinal O'Connor gave a formal welcome to His Eminence and to the worshippers, but did not stay for the Mass itself. Archpriest for the occasion was Fr. John Perricone; Master of Ceremonies was Fr. Michel Berger, F.S.S.P. The Knights of Malta and Knights of Columbus attended in full regalia.

The choir sang the *Kyrie*, *Gloria*, and *Sanctus* from Mozart's beautiful Coronation Mass (a favorite of our present Holy Father). Also featured were Bruckner's *Ecce Sacerdos Magnus*, Gregorian chant for the propers ("*Vocem Jucunditatis Annuntiate*," very appropriately) as well as pieces by Liszt and Gabrielli. Press reports state that the congregation "sturdily sang the traditional Latin responses" during the Mass. Director of Music for the occasion was Mr. McNeil Robinson.

Journalist Peter Steinfels of the *New York Times* wrote two enthusiastic pieces on the Mass, one of which appeared on page one of the paper on the Sunday itself, the other on page one of Section B the day after. The coverage was excellent; however, a truncated quotation from Fr. Richard John Neuhaus, celebrated author and convert, seemed

opposed to the Latin liturgy. This was incorrect, and was later corrected in *Catholic New York*.

In addition to the *Times*, the Mass was covered as a news event by CNN, by the three major local television stations, WNBC, WCBS, and WWOR, as well as by WCBS radio and also the Associated Press. Wow! This one event has done more to raise the profile of the Latin Mass movement in the consciousness of the nation than years of striving.

Many of those present spoke eloquently to the media afterwards. We will merely quote one, Julie Ojukwu of Nigeria, quoted as follow on pp. 17-18 of the Summer issue of *The Latin Mass* magazine: "If I could give my life for the traditional Catholic culture I would do it. The Latin language and the Sign of the Cross -- those are the marks of unity."

As a "sidebar," we should add news of interest to those who have been following (in these pages or elsewhere) the ongoing dispute about the Adoremus proposal for a "reform of the reform." On the Saturday evening before this Mass, the principal antagonists in this dispute -- Frs. Joseph Fessio and Brian Harrison, Messrs. Michael Davies and Chris Ferrara -- gathered in the presence of Cardinal Stickler for an amicable discussion of differences. Mr. Steinfels was also present for this meeting. An irenic spirit prevailed, and in the morning Mr. Davies served Fr. Harrison's private Mass.

11. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to our member, Fr. Kevin A. McGrath, O.P., of Albany NY, who was ordained to the sacred priesthood in Washington DC on May 24, 1996. Father will spend the next year completing his theological studies at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington DC.

12. On Monday, May 27, the Most Rev. Francis E. George, O.M.I., was formally installed at St. Mary's Cathedral as Archbishop of Portland OR. Archbishop George was formerly Bishop of Yakima WA and is one of the Episcopal Advisers of this Association.

The archbishop is 59 years old, and grew up in St. Paschal's Parish in the windy city of Chicago. He holds two doctorates: a Ph.D. in philosophy from Tulane University in New Orleans and an S.T.D. in theology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. He serves as a member of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural

Affairs. Our prayers and good wishes accompany him.

13. On that same day, St. Gregory's Academy in Elmhurst PA conducted graduation ceremonies. A Votice Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated by Fr. Paul Carr, F.S.S.P.

14. The liturgy of Corpus Christi was celebrated at Stanford Memorial Chapel at Stanford University on June 6 by Fr. Patrick La Belle, O.P. The St. Ann's Choir provided a magnificent musical dimension to the Mass.

15. On Wednesday evening, June 12, the choir of Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg PA sang at a Latin Mass celebrated as a "send off" for the choir, who were about to leave on a tour of Italy. Great inroads can be made with patience and perseverance: any use of Latin at all at this parish was once vigorously opposed.

16. At 9 AM on Saturday, June 15, at Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa, Ontario, the Most Rev. Marcel Gervais, Archbishop of Ottawa, ordained to the holy priesthood Father Charles A. Van Vliet, F.S.S.P. The ordination service of the old Missal was used. This is the first time that a member of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter has been ordained on Canadian soil. The superior of the Fraternity, Fr. Joseph Bisig, F.S.S.P., flew in from Germany to serve as Archpriest at the ceremony.

Fr. Van Vliet celebrated his first Solemn High Mass on the following day, June 16, at St. Clement's Parish in Ottawa, where he will serve as assistant to Fr. Ryan. The parish is in the care of the Fraternity. Father William Ashley served as Assistant Priest at this Sunday Mass and also preached the sermon. Some 400 persons, most of them parishioners, attended. Father Van Vliet is 25 years of age; may Our Lord grant him a multitude of years of faithful service at the altar.

17. Later that month, on June 29, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, twelve additional members of the Fraternity were ordained to the priesthood: six at Wigratzbad in Germany and the other six at Fontgombault in France. The ordinations at Wigratzbad were performed by His Eminence, Hermann Cardinal Groer, O.S.B., who is Archbishop Emeritus of Vienna.

Among those ordained at Wigratzbad on this day was our member, Fr. Dennis Duvelius, F.S.S.P. Fr. Duvelius, a native of South Bend IN, is known to our members as the author of the English translation of the official rubrics for the 1962 Missal.

(Copies of the rubrics are still available at \$5 from the L.L.A. Secretary-Treasurer.)

Fr. Duvelius returned to the United States shortly after his ordination and celebrated the first Solemn High Mass at St. Paul's Church in Fort Wayne IN. He was assisted by Fr. Peter Gee and the Rev. Mr. George Gabet, both of the Fraternity. His first assignment will be as assistant to the rector of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary.

We offer our warmest congratulations to Father Duvelius, and pray for the continued blessing of Our Lord and Our Lady upon him as he begins his priestly work.

18. Individual chapters of Catholic organizations sometimes show their support for the Latin Mass. For example, in the late Spring the chapter of Catholics United for the Faith established in Mabank TX organized an evening consisting of the recitation of the Rosary, a Latin Mass, and a potluck dinner.

Consider that a Catholic group to which you belong might be receptive to a suggestion along these lines.

19. In an earlier issue we mentioned the Latin Mass celebrated on the occasion of the anniversary of St. Joseph Parish in Wilmette IL. Another parish has followed suit: on July 12 St. John Gualbert Church in Cheektowaga NY observed the parish anniversary by a Latin High Mass of the old form celebrated by Fr. David Bialkowski.

20. July was the month of the Olympic Games in Atlanta. In consideration of the many Catholics coming from all over the world, Sacred Heart Church in downtown Atlanta celebrated a Latin Mass on every Saturday during the games.

21. At 10 AM on Tuesday, July 16, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated in Latin to inaugurate the national headquarters of the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest. The Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in St. Mary's Ridge WI (near Cashton). The celebrant was the head of the Institute, Msgr. Gilles Wach; the North American superior, Fr. Timothy Svea, was deacon, and Fr. Brian Bovee subdeacon. The ordinary of the LaCrosse Diocese, the Most Rev. Raymond L. Burke, preached the sermon, and blessed the Priory of the Immaculate Conception and its chapel. Also in attendance were the diocesan Chancellor and several pastors of parishes. Fr. Svea, who is 33 years old, is a confirmed speaker for the

1997 Latin Liturgy Association convention in St. Paul MN.

22. Five days later these same three priests of the Institute celebrated a Solemn High Mass at Corpus Christi Monastery in Rockford IL on Sunday, July 21. The diocesan ordinary, the Most Rev. Thomas G. Doran, assisted pontifically in the Mass.

As further evidence of the Institute's hope to expand its U.S. apostolate, four seminarians from their seminary in Italy spent the month of July in the United States observing the laying of these apostolic foundations.

23. On this same visit to the United States, Msgr. Wach, accompanied by Fr. Svea and by Fr. Phillippe Mora (director of the Institute's seminary near Florence), visited the headquarters of the American affiliate of the organization known as "Tradition, Family, Property." These headquarters are located in Washington DC and in Spring Grove PA. In conjunction with the latter visit Msgr. Wach was principal celebrant of a Solemn High Latin Mass at the Church of the Annunciation in McSherrystown PA (in the Diocese of Harrisburg).

24. On August 10, the Most Rev. Paul-Marie Guillaume, Bishop of St. Die, ordained two Benedictine monks to the holy priesthood at the Abbey of Ste. Madeleine Le Barroux. One was Father Raphel, the other Fr. Michael, who is the former John Bowman of Richmond VA.

Father Michael celebrated his first Mass on the following day at Le Barroux. He intends to visit the United States during the month of November, and is to celebrate his first Mass in America at 10 AM on Sunday, November 10, at St. Joseph's Villa Church in Richmond VA. One week later, on the 17th, he will celebrate Mass at St. Michael's Church in Scranton PA at 10:15 AM. He will return to France the following day.

All the monks of this abbey celebrate the Holy Mass in Latin.

25. On August 20, our Holy Father the Pope announced the appointment of the Most Rev. J. Francis Stafford, Archbishop of Denver, to succeed Eduardo Cardinal Pironio as the new President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. Archbishop Stafford is one of the Episcopal Advisers of this Association.

The archbishop, who is 64, is already a member of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He will take up his new duties in Rome this November. On behalf of the

Association, we express our congratulations and good wishes to His Excellency as he prepares to meet the challenges of this new task.

26. On that same day, August 20, our member Msgr. Charles Moss celebrated a Latin Mass of the old form at a Rosary Congress held at Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales. Mass was offered in the Brisson Seminary Chapel in Center Valley PA.

27. As we go to press, the Third Annual Midwest Conference on Sacred Music is about to be held at the Ancilla Domini Motherhouse in Donaldson IN. A highlight of the conference will be the presentation of the St. Charles Borromeo Pro Musica Sacra Award to Msgr. Charles N. Meter. Msgr. Meter is a member of the National Council of the Latin Liturgy Association. A former president of the International Pueri Cantores, he resides in Wilmette IL. The award is to be presented by Father Paprocki of Chicago. (The previous winner of this award is also a member of the L.L.A. National Council, Msgr. Richard J. Schuler.)

In addition to Fr. Paprocki, speakers at the event include the Most Rev. Fabian W. Bruskewitz, Bishop of Lincoln NE; Fr. Lawrence Heiman, C.Pp.S.; Fr. Columba Kelly, O.S.B., of St. Meinrad's Archabbey; and Mrs. Mary Oberle Hubley.

28. Your prayers are requested for another of the Association's Episcopal Advisors: the Most Rev. George E. Lynch is to be sentenced on October 17th for the "crime" of attempting to save the lives of children at the "Women's Medical Clinic" in Dobbs Ferry NY. Bishop Lynch is now 78; the Church of God is much indebted to him.

29. At 12:30 PM on Saturday, October 19, a Latin Mass is to be offered by Fr. Edmund Castronovo at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville NY. This Mass will be in conjunction with a pilgrimage to the shrine co-sponsored by the National Coalition of Clergy and Laity and by Una Voce America.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

1. During the year 1995 there were a total of 96 priestly ordinations in France -- the lowest number since 1986. This figure does not include ordinations by schismatic groups. Since France is a country of almost 60 million souls, this trend raises the question of the adequate provision of the sacraments to the faithful in the years to come.

2. Late in 1995 the Most Rev. Salvador L. Lazo, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Fernando in the Philippines, announced his intention of opening a seminary in which the candidates for the priesthood would be trained solely for the celebration of the Mass in Latin according to the old form. If successful, the enterprise could have far reaching consequences for Catholics in the Spanish speaking parts of the world.

3. The activities of the Institute of Christ the King in the United States have been detailed above (items #21-23). They also had a busy year at their European headquarters near Florence. Archbishop Marian Oles, the Apostolic Nuncio to Central Asia, visited the seminary on March 7 and took part in a Solemn Mass. The Institute has expressed an interest in taking on a missionary apostolate (in addition to its present one in the central African nation of Gabon) in isolated

Kirghizstan, a part of the former Soviet Union whose Catholics are almost without priests.

In that same month the Most Rev. Luciano Giovanetti of the Diocese of Fiesole visited and conferred ordination to the diaconate upon the Rev. Mr. Karl Lenhardt of Germany. Finally, on June 27 the Most Rev. Bernard Jacqueline conferred ordination to the priesthood upon Father Helio Buck (a native of Brazil who has spent the summer of 1996 in the United States) and ordination to the diaconate upon the Rev. Mr. Armaund Brillet.

4. From April 30 to May 4 the members of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments met at the Vatican to consider the revision of the martyrology, the final arrangements for the third edition of the Roman Missal in its postconciliar form, and also the general state of the liturgical reform.

On May 3 the Holy Father received the members in audience. Among his comments made to them were the following: "I know that your dicastery is committed to promoting maximum fidelity to liturgical laws...resolutions regarding liturgical matters are subject to the direct responsibility of ecclesiastical authority...it is necessary to reclaim moments of silence that make it possible for God to make His voice heard, and for the soul to understand and embrace His Word."

5. Dr. David Rogers and Mr. Antony Allison are known as the co-authors of *A Catalogue of Catholic Books in English Printed Abroad or Secretly in England 1558-1640*, which is regarded as a landmark work in the field which studies the Catholic resistance to the Protestantization of England.

Both of these gentlemen passed away in 1995. Since both were Trustees of the Catholic Record Society, that society arranged for the offering of a memorial Mass in the Tridentine form for the repose of their souls and that of all deceased members of the C.R.S. This Mass was offered by Fr. Michael Clifton at the Church of Corpus Christi in Maiden Lane (near The Strand) in London on Wednesday, May 8th of this year. May they rest in the Lord's peace.

6. This year's pilgrimage of tradition-minded Catholics from Paris to Chartres was the largest ever: approximately 15,000 in the main pilgrimage and roughly another 5,000 in a separate group organized by the Lefebvrists. A participant says he noted the presence of "hundreds" of priests and seminarians. The closing Mass, offered at the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Chartres on Pentecost Monday, May 27, had as its principal celebrant Dom Gerard Calvet, O.S.B., Abbot of the Monastery of Ste. Madeleine Le Barroux.

7. In June, His Holiness named the Most Rev. Jorge Arturo Medina Estevez, a Chilean prelate, to succeed Antonio Javierre Cardinal Ortas as Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. His Excellency is 69 years old and co-author of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. We wish him well in his new role.

8. On June 13, the episcopal board of the International Commission for the English Liturgy (ICEL), headed by the Most Rev. Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati, an Episcopal Adviser of this Association, met with the Most Rev. Geraldo Majella Agnelo, Secretary of this same Divine Worship dicastery. On the occasion of this meeting, Archbishop Agnelo made a number of remarks which are of interest.

The archbishop stated that *Comme le Prévoit* (a document which guided the process of composing the vernacular liturgies) is now outdated and no longer operative. He conceded that, while the congregation generally does not respond to letter writing campaigns from disgruntled laity, "the eventual weight of so many reactions and the

possible pastoral repercussions" are taken into account.

His Excellency quoted at considerable length from the Pope's apostolic letter of 1988 which, among other points, declared that the time had come "to reflect upon translation difficulties, to remedy defects or translation inaccuracies...and to evaluate the work done by national liturgical commissions."

9. Correspondence received over the summer supplied additional details about the availability of Latin Masses in parts of Europe. Our member Fr. Cassian Folsom, O.S.B., who teaches at the Collegio di Sant' Anselmo (address: Piazza Cavalieri di Malta, 5, in Rome), writes that the Collegio has a Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM which is open to the public and is of the Hybrid type: everything sung is in Latin, everything recited is in Italian. The daily Mass on the other six days is entirely in Latin, but the public is not admitted. Latin Vespers are sung at 7:15 PM every evening. The public is admitted to Vespers, and Fr. Folsom describes them as "usually very well done and quite beautiful." Vespers and the Sunday Mass are not celebrated during the academic vacations.

10. Our member Ken Solak traveled to Belgium, where he found that Latin plays a prominent part in the principal Mass celebrated at 10 AM on Sunday at the Cathedral of Sts. Michael and Gudula in Brussels. Since this is a bilingual country, it is especially suitable that the major portions of the Mass are sung in Latin: the *Vidi Aquam*, the *Kyrie* (Greek), the *Gloria*, the response to the bidding prayers, the *Credo*, the *Pater Noster*, the dismissal. The Gregorian Schola of the cathedral sings the propers, including the sequences when called for. Other portions of the Mass are said in one or both of the local tongues.

In traveling about the country, Mr. Solak found that in several country churches where it is not practical to maintain a choir there is the practice of playing recorded Gregorian chants during the Mass. This is a novel concept, and one which may not commend itself to liturgical purists. Last, at one of the Norbertine Abbeys he found a full scale Gregorian Mass in progress, chanted in Latin by the monks.

11. Our Dutch sister society has released an updated directory of Latin Masses celebrated regularly (in most cases every Sunday) in that country. Twenty-four parishes have a full Latin Mass, while an additional 71 (a large number for a so small a country) have what we would call a "Hybrid" Latin-Dutch Mass. In addition, seventeen

Dutch abbeys or priories have their Divine Office (including Vespers) entirely or partially in Latin.

12. In our March issue (p. 10 #3) mention was made of last year's conference on the liturgy held at Laus in France, the proceedings of which are now available in French. The conference is to be repeated this year on October 8-10 in the same place under the sponsorship of the Centre International des Etudes Liturgiques. All presentations will be in French or German. It is likely that this conference will become an annual one.

13. Christmas 1996 will mark the 1500th anniversary of the baptism of Clovis, King of the Franks. As part of the activities commemorating that event, the Gregorian Choir of Paris and the Gregorian Schola of Prague will jointly chant Solemn Vespers at the Basilica of St. Rémi at Rheims (the site of the baptism) on October 12 and

13 of this year.

14. Finally, one year hence the European Congress of Gregorian Chant will meet at Tours on November 8-11, 1997. The theme of the conference will be: "Gregorian Chant: Road of Spirituality."

15. We close this section with another installment of our listing of Latin Masses available overseas. This listing comes from the Archdiocese of Lyon in France.

Church of St. George

Quai de Saône

F-69005 Lyon

Sun at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (High Mass), and 6:30 PM

Mon through Fri at 7 AM and 6:30 PM

Sat at 9AM

Vespers at 5:30 PM on Sundays and Holy Days

1st Fri: Eucharistic Adoration from 4:30 PM;
chanted Mass at 6:30 PM.

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Recently a set of three interviews entitled "Abbot Boniface on the Liturgy" has been made available on audio cassette. The author (so to speak) is the Right Rev. Boniface Luykx, Abbot of Holy Transfiguration Monastery, a community of Eastern Rite Monks of Mount Tabor situated in Redwood Valley CA. The tapes draw attention to "how the noble ideals of the Liturgical Movement were hijacked after Vatican II." This is not an unusual charge; what is unusual is that Abbot Boniface was a member of the *consilium* appointed after the Council to implement the reform of the Mass. We have not heard the tapes; but they are available from St. Joseph Communications, P. O. Box 720, West Covina CA 91793, tel. 818-331-3549, at \$23.95 per set (includes postage).

2. Now available from the aptly named

Dumb Ox Books is *Let's Read Latin: Introduction to the Language of the Church*. The author is Professor Ralph McNerny of Notre Dame University, a former President of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, known to the general public for his "Father Dowling" mysteries, and a keen Thomist scholar. The 170 page book is accompanied by a 60 minute audio tape. Cost is \$29.95 (postage free). Make checks payable to "Quodlibetal Features." The address is P.O. Box 495, Notre Dame IN 46556.

3. In our September 1995 issue (#58 p. 7) we printed a pre-publication review of *Jerome's Chronicon: A Translation and Commentary*, by Dr. Malcolm D. Donalson. The work has now appeared and may be ordered from the Edwin Mellen Press, 415 Ridge Street, P. O. Box 450, Lewiston NY 14092-0450.

FROM THE PRESS

1. The January 5, 1996 issue of the *Catholic Herald* (published in Britain) featured an extensive article by Antony Bond surveying the present state of the English Province of the Dominican Order. The news is good in most respects, including liturgy. "There is also some hope for the old liturgical rites. Both Malcolm MacMahon, the provincial, and Allen White, the chaplain at Cambridge, mourn the abandonment, in the late 60s, of the Dominican rite of Mass and the

Dominican Office...At the requests of their respective ordinaries the old Roman rites of Mass at least are now regularly said in the priories in London and Newcastle and the Dominican rite still said privately in other Dominican houses." The Master General (world-wide head) of the Dominican Order, Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, is a member of this province.

In addition, the Congregation of St. Vincent Ferrer, an offshoot of the Dominicans whose members offer Mass solely in Latin, now has

acquired some English speaking members. The base of the Congregation is in France.

2. The January issue of *Serviam*, newsletter of the Buffalo NY chapter of Catholics United for the Faith, quotes philosopher Peter Kreeft of Boston College as follows: "Liturgical experts have invented a liturgy that only a professional liturgist could ever love and they've forced it on the common folk in the name of populism. Satan saw that the 'American Church' lacked persecutors so he gave her liturgists."

A severe indictment, to be sure. But one must ask: just what is there about contemporary liturgy that produces such a reaction from a person of such standing in the Catholic intellectual world?

3. In a syndicated column published in March, Fr. Richard P. McBrien bemoaned the supposed state of the laity in the bad old days, with particular reference to their virtual exclusion from participation in the liturgy.

A good refutation was provided by Mr. James F. Pauer, chairman of our Cleveland L.L.A. chapter, who pointed out in a letter published in the March 22 issue of the *Catholic Universe Bulletin* (Cleveland's diocesan paper) the wide range of levels of participation delineated by Pope Pius XII and actually put into practice in the Latin Mass, both yesterday and today. Well done, Jim.

4. The February issue of *Fidelity* magazine included an article by Pat Cunningham on the death of liturgical music. Some good points were made, but in a lengthy and cogent letter published in the April issue of that journal, our member Mr. Lawrence A. Stich of Milwaukee provided an even better blueprint for the restoration of the sense of the sacred in the liturgical experience. He writes: "The canard that 'people just don't understand Latin' is specious, especially given the startling data on grammar and high school children demanding and taking Latin course work in school. Besides, for most of us, an excellent translation was only one column away from the Latin. Latin is particularly necessary if one is to use the Chant for the Introit, Gradual, Alleluia, Offertory, and Communion of the Propers of the Mass."

5. Mention has been made in our last issue (p. 6 #11) of the arrival of Fr. Brian Bovee to say the Latin Mass in the Rockford IL diocese. The diocesan newspaper, *The Observer*, published a

lucid feature story on Fr. Bovee, his Institute, and the Tridentine Mass in its issue of April 5. In the article the Bishop of Rockford, Most Rev. Thomas G. Doran, is quoted as follows: "If the church says it is okay to celebrate this rite, why not reach out to people who want it?" Good question: why not? (See also #10 below.)

6. In April a column by Stephanie Salter appeared in the *Miami Herald*, arguing that there was really no such thing as a natural definition of "marriage" or "family," but merely changing social conventions. This patently absurd argument was soundly refuted by the L.L.A.'s Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Scott Calta, in a letter published in the *Herald* on April 20. This may serve as a reminder to the rest of us of our duty not to permit anti-Catholic and anti-Christian canards to pass unchallenged in the media. An intelligent refutation will usually be printed; the media love controversy.

7. The May issue of *Laywitness*, the national publication of Catholics United for the Faith, contains two articles (pp. 18-20) headed "Bright Spots in the Church." The first deals with Fr. Fessio, Adoremus, and its program for Catholic liturgy; the second is devoted to the Society for Catholic Liturgy and its founder, Msgr. M. Francis Mannion of the Salt Lake City Diocese.

The formation of these groups is a welcome sign. Not all of the problems in today's liturgy arise from problems of language, to be sure, and useful corrections of bad liturgy can be sought or even demanded. But it is this writer's opinion that the other problems of liturgical "impoverishment" will not be successfully addressed while an all-vernacular liturgy remain the norm in the Roman Rite. Of its nature, the vernacular brings a host of problems in its wake, problems far more serious than those which accompanied the celebration of the Mass in Latin. (Yes, there were such problems; but by centuries of experience the Church had found effective ways of coping with them.)

8. When you succeed in securing a Latin Mass in your area, don't forget to tell the world about it through the secular media. An instance of this is seen in connection with the return of the Latin Mass to Clinton IA. The *Clinton Herald* in its issue of May 2 published a front page story on the Latin Mass, in which its celebrant, Fr. Shepler, explained the value of Latin worship quite

clearly. Among his comments: "But a lot of people longed for Latin. When you put something in the vernacular, priests can improvise, that is, not go by what's in the book, but insert their own words. One of the reasons why people like the Latin Mass is that priests can't improvise."

9. Mention has already been made above (Noteworthy Items #10) of Peter Steinfeld's columns of May 12 and 13 on the Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Mr. Brian Caulfield also covered that luminous Mass very ably in the May 16 issue of *Catholic New York*. Again, many moving quotations from worshippers appeared. Among them were the comments of Brother Christopher Lane, O.F.M.I., a Franciscan seminarian at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell CT, who said that he hopes to celebrate the Tridentine Mass as a priest because "everything here is more oriented toward worship of God. The whole Mass is like a progressive procession toward God." (See also #12 below.)

10. You have to hand it to those Latin Mass activists in the Rockford Diocese (see above #5). On May 24 the *Elgin Courier-News* ran a huge article (nearly two full pages, B1 & B7), copiously illustrated, detailing the Latin Mass in Rockford, the Latin Mass at St. Patrick's in New York, and the general picture of the return of Latin worship. Again, quotations from many Mass goers said all that one could wish. (See below, #23.)

11. The *Arlington (VA) Catholic Herald* reported on p. 27 of its issue of May 2 that the Bishop of Arlington, the Most Rev. John R. Keating, and some of his priests paid a visit to the Republic of Latvia where they concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Justs of Riga. The archbishop had labored in Virginia prior to the collapse of the Soviet Union. Of course, the Mass was in Latin.

Bishop Keating is quoted as saying: "We celebrated Mass at the beautiful cathedral on Sunday. We celebrated Mass in Latin and the people respond in Latin. It was a case when Latin was a bond and a help to us because we did not know the vernacular." Exactly! This shows another reason why all seminarians must be taught to offer Mass in Latin -- otherwise such international concelebrations will become an impossibility.

12. In his column, "From My Viewpoint," published in the May 23 issue of

Catholic New York, John Cardinal O'Connor offered some pertinent comments on the language of the Mass. Excerpts follow.

When the Pope celebrates the Mass in Latin according to the new Missal, "people leave his Masses in awe, and never forget them." "I find the Tridentine Mass, properly celebrated, a moving event. I find the Pauline Mass, properly celebrated, a moving event. I abhor seeing any Mass, in any rite, in any language politicized...It is my own judgment that many long for the Tridentine Rite for legitimate reasons. Some, however, see in it the corrective of whatever they find to be unorthodox or inappropriate in the belief and practice of some Catholics in today's Church...It is time to end the hostility and suspicion."

13. In a column published in syndication on June 6, columnist Joseph Sobran returns to the topic of the music sung at vernacular Masses: "It banishes any sense of the sacred from the Mass. The ancient liturgy and its music were the legacy of saints; the new liturgy and music are too obviously the effort of well-meaning bureaucrats. Today's Mass is like a prayer service in a Seven-Eleven. Just pop in and say hi to the Almighty."

14. On June 8 the *Ottawa Citizen* carried an article by Bob Harvey entitled "Ottawa Catholics lead Latin revival." Taking as its starting point the impending ordination of Fr. Van Vliet (see above, Noteworthy Items #16), the theme of the piece is summed up in the following words: "The June 15 ordination also marks a remarkable comeback for the language that so many churchmen have tried to kill.." It seems our movement has suddenly achieved ideal status for sympathetic coverage by the mass media: we are a visible underdog.

The article goes on to paraphrase Fr. Devillers of the Fraternity, agreeing with the comments made earlier by our Adviser Archbishop Curtiss to the effect that the "vocations crisis" was, for the most part, artificially produced by vocations directors who rejected all conservative seminarians in order to bolster their argument that the Church must ordain women and married men. I myself, nearly thirty years ago, heard the dean of a large Catholic seminary make that very case almost in those very words. He achieved his objective: his seminary had almost one thousand students then; today it is closed. Mission accomplished.

15. In the June 10 issue of *The New Yorker*, a memoir by Frank McCourt, "Sorry for Your Troubles," is accompanied by the following quotation under the author's picture on p. 53: "Irish is fine for patriots, English for traitors, but it's the Latin that gains us Heaven." The quotation is ascribed on p. 62 to an old Irish headmaster, Mr. Benson, who may have been more right than even the author realizes.

16. Many newspapers ran articles on Cardinal Stickler's Mass, and some of our members responded to them. Dr. Patricia Bentivegna, a member of our National Council, submitted a thoughtful letter to *The Catholic Register* of the Diocese of Attoona-Johnstown. It was published on June 10. In it she drew attention to the existence of 68 locations in the United States at which the Mass is celebrated regularly in Latin using the new edition of the Roman Missal. The valuable "third option" is often lost sight of in discussions of old versus new, Latin versus English. One may have both new and Latin: the Pope does so quite regularly.

A second letter from her vivid pen was published on July 22. On this occasion she drew attention to several of the more striking "howlers" in the translation of Catholic hymns. For instance, a line in the Stabat Mater is rendered "only she could flaunt the Roman" ("exhibiting a blissful ignorance of the difference between 'flaunt' and 'flout'"). And apparently a new, politically correct stanza has been added to "Faith of Our Fathers," which complains about the "oppressed Mothers" of the congregation. Come again?

17. On Saturday, June 22, an article by Eileen McClelland entitled "A Sense of the Sacred: Latin Mass has faithful followers" appeared on pages D1 and D4 of *The Stuart News* and *The Port St. Lucie News* in Florida. It begins with a lovely color photo of Fr. Rynne, celebrant of the Latin Mass in Jensen Beach FL (Diocese of Palm Beach). Journalists seem to be finally backing away from their old habit of asserting "the Second Vatican Council banned the use of Latin" and similar inaccuracies.

Do such articles affect attendance? You bet! The typical congregation at the Latin Mass at St. Martin de Porres had been 80 to 90; on the day after this article appeared, it was 200. Events such as this

shed light on the question of the discrepancy between the number of Catholics who tell pollsters that they would like to attend a Latin Mass (about half) and the numbers who are actually attending: many simply do not know such Masses are available near them.

18. On June 24, the *Western Catholic Reporter* (Archdiocese of Edmonton in Canada) carried a story by Ramon Gonzalez entitled "Five Years of Latin Mass," which described the vicissitudes of the local Latin Mass congregation from 250 in 1991 down to 40, then back up to 75. However, the article ended by mentioning that the Latin Mass group was sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Albert (patron of the Province of Alberta) on July 1st, and that about 100 were expected to attend. In fact over 300 were present, due no doubt to the reference in the paper.

19. *The Atlanta Journal and Constitution* published a column on June 25 by Michael Skube entitled "This Lapsed Catholic Would Prefer His Mass Straight Up, Thank You." The author wrote movingly of his sense of disappointment when he returned to the practice of his Faith only to find that the Mass "had become a kind of folk concert...I missed the mysticism." He went on to complain, quite justifiably, about those Masses where one's neighbors grip your hands and raise them up during certain portions of the Mass (I have seen this done during the Pater Noster in some churches), and will not let them go, even when asked, thereby forcing an inauthentic form of worship upon one's neighbor. But he concluded as follows: "I have not attended, but several months ago I tried to attend a Latin Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Buckhead. I arrived late that time, too, and couldn't get in the door. The place was packed. What explains this? I think it's a fair guess that many people...are bored by the blandness of what passes these days for religion."

20. In our March issue (pp. 3-4) our member Fr. Michael Gilligan reviewed Msgr. Peter J. Elliot's *Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite*, noting points worthy of praise and others of criticism. Contrast this with the savage hatchet job to which this work is subjected under the guise of a review by Conrad L. Kraus in the August/September issue of *Liturgy 90*. The reviewer is unwilling to concede even a single good quality to the book, and

is clearly outraged that it was published at all. Such a screed exemplifies a reason why some liturgists who pride themselves on being perfectly "up to date" lack credibility in the eyes of those outside their immediate circles: they either cannot or will not see that the other side has some valid insights, too.

21. The Summer issue of *The Latin Mass* contains, as usual, music that is of interest. The reader's eye is caught by the graphs (pp. 43-45) prepared by Mr. Kenneth Jones which show the quantitative decline in the Church in the U.S.A. during the period of 1945 to 1995 -- an era in which total Catholics almost doubled. The collapse is especially precipitous in numbers of seminarians, less so in total numbers of priests. Many "Boomers" became priests, are now in their forties, and will carry on for another quarter of a century. And after that?

22. Of particular interest in the Summer issue of *Sursum Corda!* magazine are the following:

(a) an interview with John Cardinal O'Connor, in which he declares (p. 24) that there is "absolutely" no reason why the Latin liturgy and the vernacular cannot co-exist in the same parish;

(b) an article on the Monastery of St. Gertrud, located in Alexanderdorf, about twenty miles from the southern outskirts of Berlin, whose Benedictine sisters have kept the Latin liturgy alive under Nazism, Communism, and Modernism;

(c) an interview with Mr. Michael Davies, head of *Una Voce* (more on this below in #25); and

(d) an article by Dan Cusick, adapted from *The Scranton Times*, on the teaching of Gregorian chant at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary.

23. Kudos again to those Rockford IL enthusiasts (see #10 above), who saw to it that the Solemn High Mass of July 21st (Noteworthy Items #22) was announced in the *Elgin Courier-News* on July 19, along with reference to the new Latin Mass in Aurora IL.

24. Over the summer quite a stir was created in Britain by the publication of *Serpent on the Rock*, a non-fiction work by successful British novelist Alice Thomas Ellis. The author reveals that she ceased going to Mass at all due to the improprieties, and above all to the lack of dignity, which she found had come over the Mass. She writes: "It is as though one's revered, dignified, and

darling old mother had slapped on a miniskirt and fishnet tights and started ogling strangers. A kind of menopausal madness, a sudden yearning to be attractive to all."

How many souls have withdrawn from the waters of Life because of offensive liturgy? Why was so little provision made to secure at least some Masses to which such souls might take refuge?

25. In an interview given to an Australian Catholic journal in May, Mr. Michael Davies gave voice to the following opinion on the Lefebvrist schism:

"As I have said, I would have wished at the time, that Msgr. Lefebve had waited for August 15, but I think the overall result of his taking the decision to consecrate bishops without a Papal mandate has definitely proved not simply to be beneficial for the traditionalist movement, but it has proved to be beneficial for the entire Church."

In an interview referred to in #22(c) above, the following exchange occurred: "Just before Christmas I had dinner with several dozen [!] young priests who say the traditional Mass at every opportunity." Interviewer: "And they have no problem as regards permission?" Davies: "If they do not ask they do not have a problem."

In these two passages a reader might be excused for inferring that, in Mr. Davies' view, if a restriction of Church law seems contrary to the good of the Church in the eyes of a particular young priest (or retired archbishop), he should simply disregard the restriction and follow his private judgment.

If this is indeed the author's view, one hopes to learn subsequently how to distinguish it, in principle, from the root principle of Protestantism: private judgment above the Church's authorities. And would not such a principle authorize the numerous radical priests (and an archbishop or two) to follow their private judgment and, for example, join in the "ordination" of women priests?

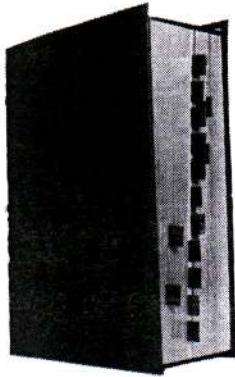
In this editor's opinion, there was only one *felix culpa*, and it was not the Econe consecrations.

26. On September 12 *The Wanderer* published (on p. 12) an interview with Dr. Thomas Fleming, editor of *Chronicles* (formerly *Chronicles*

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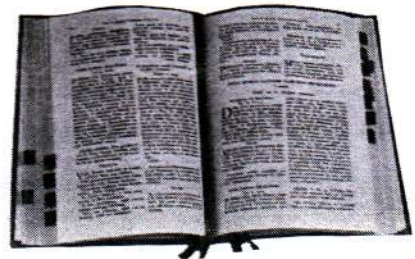
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of Culture) and a recent convert to the Catholic Faith. Some of his comments on the Catholic liturgy speak volumes about the reasons why the rate of conversions to Catholicism is relatively low.

Dr. Fleming: "It is still possible to find a reverent and solemn Anglican service, but the first time I went to a Catholic Mass, I began to laugh. It was Methodism of the worst variety. The translation of the liturgy into coarse English and fuzzy theology was grating; then there were the ...chaos and disorder in the conduct of the liturgy which would scandalize a Quaker."

He continued: "It was a work of great barbarism to give up Latin, without an apparent thought of the consequences. A language that was the language of the Church, and of civilization for 2,000 years, not just in the Mass, not just in hymns, but also in theology, history, and literature.

"Abandoning Latin implied an enormous break with the past.

"The revival of Latin and the revival of the Traditional Mass is a great sign of hope. Latin is a vital civilizing influence for us, and our children should learn it." Yes, they should and must.

MISCELLANY

1. Another excerpt from Cardinal O'Connor's sermon of March 17 (see last issue p. 1): "Latin was the tradition of the Church for many centuries. Interestingly, it is coming back in a number of ways today...Apparently there is a certain hunger on the part of the young, as on the part of many others, to share this magnificent language."

2. In previous issues we have mentioned the activities of members of our Chicago chapter in teaching evening courses in the Latin language to parishioners of St. John Cantius Parish. This is being done elsewhere, too. In Ottawa Fr. Charles Ryan, F.S.S.P., teaches both junior and senior level Latin courses at St. Clement's Parish every Wednesday evening. And a similar course is offered by his confrere, Fr. Karl Pikus, F.S.S.P., in Rapid City SD every Thursday evening.

3. As part of our continuing "Chant Is Everywhere -- Except in Our Parishes" series, a member writes to report that the background played on ESPN (the all-sports channel) during their wrap up on College World Series was -- you guessed it! -- Gregorian chant.

4. Another member writes to bring our attention to Shoreless Lake School, a boarding and day school for boys and girls in grades 5 through 12. The boys' division is in the old St. Paul the Apostle Elementary School building on Raritan Avenue in Highland Park NJ; the girls' is in the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel School building in New Brunswick NJ. The school is new (founded 1992), small, operated by the Society of Christ the Priest, and features a "classic" Catholic education, including a place of proper honor for the study of Latin. The address: Shoreless Lake School, 52 W. Somerset St., Raritan NJ 08869; tel. 800-826-1650.

5. In late spring the wire services carried the news of a Catholic parish in Connecticut (St. Joseph in North Grosvenordale, wrongly

identified as in Thompson in some accounts) which returned a \$5,000 donation from U. S. Senator Christopher Dodd because of his pro-abortion voting record. The media did not mention the fact that this is a parish which has the Latin Mass every Sunday.

6. The July-August issue of *The American Enterprise* magazine reported (p. 10) that actor-director Mel Gibson arranged to have the Latin Mass celebrated every day on the set of *Braveheart* for the benefit of the cast and crew.

7. But the September-October issue of that same journal states (p. 8): "Thomas Bird, Professor of Yiddish and long-time advocate for Soviet Jewry, quit his new post as head of Queens College's Jewish Studies program after being attacked as unfit because he is Gentile." Dr. Bird, whose major area of specialization is Slavic languages, is a member of the National Council of the L.L.A. and a confirmed speaker at our 1997 convention.

The Jewish Studies program at Tulane University in New Orleans had as its founding head Dr. Dennis Kehoe, who is a Catholic; the selection aroused little or no outcry.

8. The final word this time is one of "Thanks" to our member Fr. Jerry Pokorsky of Virginia for sending us a delightful book, *Sing Along in Roman Latin* by Vernon L. Meyer, with accompaniments by Jan Kern. The songs contained are all old familiar favorites such as "The Sidewalks of New York" and "On Top of Old Smokey." The work dates from the Sixties and is probably no longer available. Members who would like to receive photocopied selections for use by their students (or their local chapters) should send \$3 to the Chairman.

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