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As SPRING RUSHES ON TO ITS VERDANT CONCLUSION AND SUMMER'S ARRIVAL LOOMS UPON THE HORIZON, we find we have so many reasons to rejoice.

Ordinations are about to take place which will consecrate into the sacred priesthood, or into the lesser orders leading up to it, zealous and dedicated young men who are so eager to give their lives to the service of Christ and His Church. Many of these young men are being ordained to religious communities pledged by rule to celebrate the Mass in Latin exclusively. And the seminaries of these noble apostolates are full to overflowing — a remarkable sign of God's favor in these materialistic times. We congratulate these young men and their families. They will be there to meet the great needs of the Church in the century which is about to dawn.

The Latin Liturgy Association, too, is showing signs of life. Recently the Association has been advertising in the pages of several journals: the *National Catholic Register*, *The Wanderer*, and *National Review*. Further ads have been placed in the *Catholic World Report* and in the *New Oxford Review*, and will probably have appeared by the time you read these words. The response has been heartening, so much so that we will continue advertising so long as our limited

funds permit. Each new member brings a special set of talents and abilities; no one can foresee in what ways we shall be blessed — but we shall indeed be blessed.

And so I take a moment now to thank you, our members and Advisers, and especially those who have stuck with us from the time of the "lean years" of the Seventies and early Eighties. Many of those from that era are with us yet. You have supported us by your prayers and your donations, and we have done our best not to disappoint you. Our contribution to the improvement of the Church's liturgy is something to be proud of. This is not an exercise in self-praise: our Holy Father himself said so when he granted us his Apostolic Benediction in 1991.

Twenty years ago I used to worry that the Latin Mass might forever vanish from the face of the earth, a tragedy far greater than the destruction of the Parthenon or of the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris. But now I feel that its future is secure: it will never disappear, and will become more widespread at a pace which is determined by the mysterious plans of the Almighty far more than by our own lowly efforts.

I can say now what Churchill said at a key moment in the Second World War: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is the end of the beginning."

May Our Lord bless and keep you close to His Sacred Heart.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**ADDITIONS
&
REVISIONS
TO THE LISTING OF
LATIN
MASSES**

ALABAMA

Diocese of Birmingham
St. Theresa Church
Leeds AL
This Mass is now offered every
Sunday at 3 PM.

ALASKA

Diocese of Fairbanks
Chapel of St. Therese of Lisieux
Fairbanks AK
This Mass is now offered every
Sunday at 10 AM.

ARKANSAS

Diocese of Little Rock
Chapel of St. John's Seminary
Little Rock AR
This Mass has been discontinued.

Church of St. Peter the
Fisherman
Mountain Home AR
Times of Masses are now:
Sun at 5 PM
Mon at 8 AM

Please add the following loca-
tion to your Directory:
St. Mary Church
1516 Parker Street
North Little Rock AR 72114
Sun at 8:30 AM
Tue & Thu at 6 PM
Wed & Fri at 1 PM
Sat at 8:30 AM
1962

CALIFORNIA

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Please add the following loca-
tion to your Directory:
Chapel of the Little Sisters of
the Poor
2100 South Western Avenue
San Pedro CA 90732
1st Sun at 11:30 AM
1962

COLORADO

Archdiocese of Denver
Chapel of Colorado Catholic
Academy
Wheat Ridge CO
Sunday Mass times are now
7:30 AM and 9 AM.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Archdiocese of Washington

Church of the Epiphany
Washington DC
This Mass is now Hybrid, and
is offered at 12:30 PM Sundays.
Contact: Mrs. Kitty Y. Smith
(703-276-1074).

ILLINOIS

Archdiocese of Chicago
St. Peter Church
Antioch IL
This Mass has been discontinued.

Please add the following loca-
tion to your Directory:
St. Peter Church
West Highway 120
Volo IL 60073
Sun at 12 Noon (usually sung)
1962

Diocese of Peoria
St. Patrick's Church
Bloomington IL
This Mass has been discontinued.

Diocese of Rockford
St. Joseph Church
Aurora IL
This Mass has been discontinued.

KANSAS

Archdiocese of Kansas City
Church of St. Mary
and St. Anthony
Kansas City KS
This Mass has been discontinued.

Please add the following loca-
tion to your Directory:
Blessed Sacrament Church
2203 Parallel Avenue
Kansas City KS 66104
Sun at 10:45 AM
Also Holy Days (time varies).
1962

LOUISIANA

Archdiocese of New Orleans
St. Patrick's Church
New Orleans LA
Time of this Mass is now 9:45
AM.

MASSACHUSETTS

Diocese of Worcester

St. Ann's House
Still River MA
The correct address of this
Mass center is:
254 Still River Road (Route 110)
Still River MA 01467
Sun at 9:30 AM (sung)
and 11 AM
Weekdays usually at 7:30 AM.
Sunday Masses are open to the
public. If you wish to attend
during the week, you must phone
in advance: (978) 456-8017.
1962

MICHIGAN

Diocese of Grand Rapids
Sts. Peter and Paul Church
Grand Rapids MI
Time of this Mass is now
12:30 PM.

NEW YORK

Diocese of Buffalo
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Bemus Point NY
This Mass has been discontinued.

Archdiocese of New York
Please add the following loca-
tion to your directory:
St. Jean Baptiste Church
184 East 76th Street
New York, NY 10021
Sun at 12 Noon (sung)
Hybrid

Diocese of Syracuse
St. Joseph Church
Oswego NY
Time of this Sunday Mass is
now 5 PM.

NORTH CAROLINA

Diocese of Charlotte
Basilica of St. Lawrence
Asheville NC
This Mass has been discontinued.

OHIO

Diocese of Cleveland
St. Rose of Lima Church
Cleveland OH
Time of this Mass is now 10
AM on Sundays, Christmas,
and New Year's (usually sung);
on other Holy Days it is 7 AM
(Low).

TEXAS

Diocese of Galveston-Houston
Please add the following loca-
tion to your Directory:
Our Lady of Walsingham
Church
7809 Shadyvilla Lane
Houston, TX 77055
Fri at 12:15 PM
1970

WISCONSIN

Diocese of La Crosse
Please add the following loca-
tion to your Directory:
St. Mary of Czestochowa Church
Coperhaven Road
Czestochowa WI
(3 miles north of Hwy. 29, near
Thorp WI)
1st Sun at 11 AM
1962

Please update your listing for
Peplin WI as follows:
St. John the Baptist Church
State Highway 153
Peplin WI 54455
(6 miles east of Central
Wisconsin Airport)
2nd and 4th Sun, at 11 AM
Sept.-Apr.; at 9 AM May-Aug.

Please add the following loca-
tion to your Directory:
St. James Church
Highway 27
Rising Sun WI
(south of Viroqua WI)
3rd Sun at 9 AM
1962

ST. ANDREW DAILY MISSAL WITH VESPERS FOR SUNDAYS AND FEASTS, *By Dom Gaspar Lefebvre, O.S.B. of the Abbey of St. Andre, Belgium. Originally published by E. M. Lohmann, St. Paul MN, 1952. Reprinted 1998 by St. Bonaventure Publications, 324 Central Avenue, Suite 105, Great Falls, MT 59401-3114; (406) 452-5452, relbooks@mcn.net, www.Libers.com \$42.00, plus \$4.50 shipping, 1904 pages + xxx + [126] Semi-hardbound black cover with red-edged pages and 5 ribbons.*

St. Bonaventure Publications, which has already reprinted the indispensable Liber Usualis for singing the Gregorian chant of the Traditional Latin Mass and Divine Office, has now reprinted the single most complete traditional handmissal: the St. Andrew Daily Missal with Vespers for Sundays and Feasts, which has been out of print since 1962. This is a reprint of the 1952 edition; therefore, it contains the full rites of Holy Week, before their abridgment and modification in 1956.

The St. Andrew is a veritable treasure-trove of riches about the traditional Roman Rite that has no peer. It contains both the Latin and the English for all of the Mass and Vespers, whereas many handmissals skip on the Latin for the Epistle and Gospel, or other parts of the Proper. More than that, it contains the texts, again in both Latin and English for the Blessing of the Holy Water, the Asperges and Vidi Aquam, the Sacraments, the Litanies, and much more than can be enumerated here.

As if this richness were not enough, the St. Andrew contains some of the most detailed traditional liturgical commentary available in the USA. Extensive Liturgical and Doctrinal Notes are provided for every season of the year and on many special subjects, such as the Fourteen Auxiliary Saints and the Stational Churches of Rome.

The St. Andrew is replete with explanatory tables and a large treasury of devotional prayers in Latin and English. Even musical notation (modern) is provided for the sequences of the Mass and the hymns of the Divine Office.

Illustrations in the form of black-and-white woodcuts abound throughout, illustrating the ancient symbology of the Church. The Ordinary of the Mass is printed in black with red rubrics (in English only). This magnificent tome concludes with a detailed index.

With its reappearance, the St. Andrew now becomes the most complete missal in print. I enthusiastically recommend it above all other handmissals for its completeness and seemingly limitless treasury of texts and commentary.

Reviewed by Fr M. E. Morrison of San Lorenzo, CA. Views expressed are those of the reviewer.

LATIN MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES, *Cynthia Kaldis, Wauconda, Illinois, Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, Inc., 1991, Pp. 67 + xli, Paperback \$15.00. ISBN: 0-86516-242-5 with accompanying cassette featuring the Lafayette Chamber Singers directed by Dr. Clayton Lein, \$15.00. ISBN 0-86516-249-2.*

This book contains the Latin words of 16 songs, motets, anthems, antiphons, or hymns and one macaronic song in English and Latin. The Latin texts are printed with translations (from previously published sources or, in a few cases, by the author herself) and with selected Latin-English vocabulary lists. Biographical information on the composers and background on the social and historical significance of each selection are also provided. There are drawings reproduced from woodcuts on religious and secular topics related to the musical selections. Eight pages of bibliography and five pages of acknowledgments list additional source material.

In the long Preface the author, a high school Latin teacher, explains her desire to share with her students the beauties of "Latin music" over the centuries and her good fortune in coming in contact with the Lafayette Chamber Singers who specialize in this type of music. She comments on the comfort classicists derived "from the thought that Latin was being kept 'alive' within the Roman Catholic tradition" (p. xii). Further she states: "If a non-Catholic classicist silently mourns the loss of this liturgical life line, I wonder how the Roman Catholic

Church is coping with the loss of its historic linguistic oneness."

In her wide-ranging Introduction she acknowledges the difficulties of condensing the development of Latin sacred and secular verse of the Middle Ages (p. xv). She starts with influence of the ancient pagan Roman world and a discussion of the link between Jewish synagogue practice and early Christian hymn singing. The developments of Gregorian chant and the great Latin hymns and sequences are summarized. There is also a discussion of carols. In reference to the 20th century composers she worries that these "may be the final chapter of Latin sacred choral music." (p. xi). She deals with sacred and secular verse, but the treatment of secular verse is much briefer, centering on the Goliards. Accentual verse is contrasted with quantitative verse, and summary of the ecclesiastical pronunciation of Latin given. She quotes in extenso many primary and secondary sources.

The selections in the main body of the book span the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and modern times. Some texts are fairly well known, e.g., Ave Regina Caelorum, Ubi Caritas, Ave Verum, O Sacrum Convivium, Non Nobis Domine, O Vos Omnes. Other texts are perhaps less well known, e.g., the Virgin's Cradle Hymn, the Song of the Nuns of Chester. There are four secular texts, viz., the love song Dulcis Amica, verses by the late Roman poet

REVIEWS

BOOKS, VIDEO etc.

Maximianus, a drinking song entitled *Poculum Elevatum*, and the amusing macaronic song *Amo, Amas, I Love a Lass*, popularized by the Catch Club of London.

The accompanying cassette provides an a cappella version of each selection in the book by the composer indicated. Composers include Jacob Handl, Guillelms Dufay, Hildegard of Bingen, Francis Poulenc, Maurice Duruflé, William Byrd, Olivier Messiaen, and Pablo Casals. The singing is done by the Lafayette Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Clayton Lein of Purdue University.

As with all florilegia one may question why these selections were made rather than others. One might also wish for dual numeration of the psalms (Latin Vulgate number and Hebrew number) to avoid confusion. I noted a few small errors. For example, Christ's Circumcision and the Presentation in the Temple are conflated (p. 18). The seasonal assignment of the four final Marian antiphons (p. 22) should refer only to the old *Breviarium Romanum*. The "modern church usage" in the new *Liturgia Horarum* is that any of the antiphons may be used in any season except that a truncated version of the *Regina Caeli* is reserved for Easter time. Also in "modern church usage" the *Sub tuum praesidium* is among the antiphons, and other antiphons approved by the Episcopal Conferences are permitted.

The singing on the cassette is very beautiful and provides a pleasant gateway to the book. Listen to the music several times before reading the book. The book itself provides a stimulating and pleasant introduction to a very broad subject. Though it resembles an expanded version of the notes that usually accompany compact disk musical recordings or even a term paper, it will repay careful reading.

Reviewed by: Dr. Rudolph Masciantonio, Chairman of the Philadelphia Chapter of the L.L.A. The views expressed are those of the reviewer.

NEW LATIN MASS VIDEO ENTERS THE ARENA

Over the past 14 years, many of us who have been active in the Latin Liturgy movement have had occasion to watch tapes of Latin Masses, usually the Traditional Mass, but occasionally the *Novus Ordo*. Some of these Latin Mass videos were bad copies of movies recorded in the late 1930's and 1940's for Catechetical purposes, to instruct priests, etc. A new and reasonably priced video of the traditional Solemn High Mass has been published. The background is quite interesting. Television writer/producer Jack Cashill, who is reputed to have been awarded an Emmy Award, did a short news feature on the Latin Mass for the NBC TV Station in Kansas City, Missouri. It proved highly popular and the station received many telephone calls expressing interest in the Traditional Latin Mass. This apparently made Mr. Cashill realize that there was still a considerable amount of interest in the Traditional Mass. Mr. Cashill approached the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter and on January 23, 1998, the Priestly Fraternity celebrated a Solemn High Mass at the beautiful old church known as the Church of St. Mary/St. Anthony. The video includes

many close-ups of the Celebrant, as well as the Deacon and Sub-deacon and is generally done quite well. Multiple cameras were used to maintain visual interest. The choir, while fairly small, nevertheless did a good job of singing the Propers and leading the congregation in the Ordinary of the Mass. At the Offertory, the choir leads the congregation in singing *O Sanctissima*.

This new video, which is called "Tradition: The Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant," is being heavily advertised as "the best film of the Latin Mass ever produced." Other advertising describes it as "the most beautiful and inspiring Latin Mass ever recorded." Since I was somewhat skeptical about this advertising hype, I found another video, produced by the Priestly Fraternity, which depicts a Solemn High Latin Mass offered in Scranton, PA in late 1992, with Bishop Timlin presiding.

In my opinion, the 1992 video is slightly superior to this new video. The choir sings better in the earlier video and the earlier video also seems to have a slightly sharper focus than the new video. Moreover, unlike some of the other Traditional Mass videos, which have been marketed for \$29.99 - \$39.99, this video is being sold at a fairly reasonable price of \$19.95. Those who wish to purchase it may call (888) 411-MASS. One particularly inviting reason for purchasing this particular Mass video is that a portion of the proceeds will be shared with the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, although the information sheet enclosed with the video does not say exactly how much of each purchase price will go to the Priestly Fraternity. All in all, it is an attractive video of the Traditional Mass and if you do not already own one of its competitor videos, I urge you to purchase it. You will have a modern, up-to-date video which can be loaned to friends or relatives who may have never attended a Traditional Latin Mass, and at least to some extent, you will be supporting the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, which is expanding so quickly and which certainly needs the funds. On the other hand, if you already have a video of the Traditional Latin High Mass produced within the past few years, you may want to pass up this new video as duplicative - all the advertising hype notwithstanding!

Reviewed by: William J. Leininger, Chairman of the New York Chapter of the L.L.A. Views expressed are those of the reviewer.

We have three books in the hopper awaiting review. If any of them appeal to you and you wish to be a reviewer, please send a note to the L.L.A. Chairman outlining your qualifications. The books are:

THE MASS: A STUDY OF THE ROMAN LITURGY, by Fr. Adrian Fortescue (reprint of 1912 edition);

LATINE CANTEMUS: CANTICA POPULARIA LATINE REDDITA, by Franz Schlosser (mostly for younger readers, but two appendices are devoted to Church music); and

QUEST FOR GOD, by British historian and philosopher Paul Johnson.

FROM THE LOCAL CHAPTERS

BATON ROUGE

The Baton Rouge chapter held its regular meeting on Sunday, April 19th at St. Agnes Parish in Baton Rouge. Plans were discussed for the three major events which the chapter is planning for this summer. These are: (1) two retreats at Ponchatoula, to be given by Fr. James Buckley, F.S.S.P.; (2) celebration of the Tridentine High Mass by the ordinary, Bishop Hughes, on August 16th; and (3) a probable visit by the North American superior of one of the Church's "Latin Mass" orders, with appropriate public and private events, at a date to be set.

We take this opportunity to offer congratulations to two members of this chapter who have recently attained major milestones. First, congratulations to Miss Therese Schneider, who received first Holy Communion at the Latin Mass at St. Agnes on Sunday, May 17th — and also to her parents, our members Mark and Trisha Schneider. And second, congratulations to Mrs. Althea Ashe of Louisiana State University, who received the prestigious Amoco Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching. She is currently away completing her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia; we look forward to her return.

CHICAGO

At St. John Cantius Church on the Near North Side, the Stations of the Cross were celebrated entirely in Latin on Friday, March 27th, under the direction of Fr. Thomas Paprocki, Chancellor of the Chicago Archdiocese and a member of the L.L.A. This is certainly an unusual event; in fact, I cannot remember attending an all-Latin Via Crucis at any time, even before the Council.

On Good Friday, April 10th, three professional singers sang the tripartite Passion according to St. John entirely in Latin. This is a moving religious experience which is difficult to do well. The pastor of this parish, Fr. Frank Phillips, C.R., who is chaplain of the Chicago chapter, maintains high standards both in liturgy and in music.

At this same parish, Fr. Paprocki was celebrant of a Solemn High Tridentine Mass offered to the Lord on Easter Sunday, April 12th. The devotion of these priests, and others like them, to the strengthening of the Latin liturgy deserves —and receives! — our heartfelt thanks.

DETROIT

On Saturday, March 21st, Assumption Grotto Church (which is the meeting place of our Detroit chapter) present-

ed an impressive colloquium entitled "A Blending of the Old and New: Perspectives on the Liturgy." Featured speakers included Professor Duncan Stroik of Notre Dame University, Mary Oberle Hubley, Charles Fantazzi, and Fr. Eduard Perrone (pastor of Assumption and chaplain of our Detroit chapter). The proceedings were concluded with the celebration of the Latin Mass (new form). The Mass chosen was Mozart's *Missa Brevis* in B-flat (K.275), with choir and orchestra. What a splendid event!

PHILADELPHIA

Our congratulations go to our member, Fr. Edward P. Burke, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a special Mass offered at 2:30 PM on Sunday, April 26th, at historic All Saints Church in the Bridesburg district of Philadelphia. Fr. Burke is the pastor of All Saints. He is also one of the rotating celebrants who offer the Latin Mass (new form) at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, as well as one of the rotating celebrants who offer the Latin Mass (old form) at Our Lady of Consolation Church in the Tacony district. He has had Latin Masses from time to time at All Saints (e.g. on All Souls Day).

The anniversary Mass was offered in English (with Greek Kyrie and Latin *Agnus Dei*). It was celebrated "ad Deum" (that is, the priest[s] and the congregation all face in the same direction). The booklet prepared for the occasion devotes a full page to the benefits of celebrating Mass in this manner; special stress is placed upon the "facelessness" of the celebrant -- a liturgical virtue to which inadequate attention is given in seminaries today. Fr. Burke correctly points out that no decree of the Council or law of the Church requires celebrant and congregation to face each other when the new Missal is used (in any language). He is certainly right; but I may add that certain diocesan liturgy commissions in this country have issued directives which require it. Whether they have legitimate authority to impose such a rule is another question.

By the way, the phrase "ad Deum" means the same thing as "versus Deum." Some people avoid the latter phrase, perhaps because to American ears "versus" implies "against" (as in *Kramer versus Kramer*, or *Roe versus Wade*). But in reality it is the participle of the Latin verb "vertor," and means "having turned [toward]". In most churches a Mass said in this manner is also being offered "ad Orientem," that is, facing the East, which is the traditional Catholic posture in liturgical prayer.

PITTSBURGH

On Sunday, February 8th, the Bishop of Pittsburgh, the Most Rev. Donald Wuerl, celebrated the tenth anniversary of his incumbency with a special Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral followed by a reception at Oakland Catholic High School. Wisely, the Latin Mass community of the diocese was well represented at these events. They gave the bishop a letter of thanks and enrolled him in the Perpetual

Mass Society of the Fraternity of St. Peter.

Editor's comment: If more Latin Mass groups would quit grouching about their bishop and start showing him some genuine friendship and love, the current situation would likely show a dramatic improvement.

On April 5th and 12th (Palm Sunday and Easter) camera crews from WPXI-TV (channel 11) filmed portions of the Latin High Mass. Excerpts from this coverage were then re-broadcast repeatedly on PCNC (Pittsburgh Cable News Channel). Did this have any effect on attendance? Well, it didn't hurt: attendance at the Latin Masses on Easter Sunday was 900 persons — the highest to date.

Our congratulations to two members of this chapter: seminarians James Badeaux and Ralph Ruggiero. Mr. Badeaux was ordained a deacon of the Holy Catholic Church on Sunday, May 17th, by the Most Rev. Andre Pataki. As we go to press, Mr. Ruggiero is about to be ordained a subdeacon. In this capacity he will sing the Epistle at the High Mass at St. Boniface during his summer vacation. Our prayers and good wishes are extended to these two fine men and their families.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Despite adverse circumstances and an uncertain future (for details, see below under "From the Press"), the Choir of St. Ann Chapel at Stanford University continue to provide some of the finest in sacred music to be found on this continent.

This year, in addition to the classic Tenebrae service (anticipated on the evening of Spy Wednesday), the entire Sacred Triduum was presented in Gregorian chant with polyphonic music, culminating in Lasso's Missa Osculetur Me on Easter morning.

In addition, the Vespers of St. Ursula, composed by Hildegard of Bingen, were sung at Stanford Memorial Church on March 28th and again on May 15th. The choir is under the direction of Professor William Mart, chairman of this local chapter.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

April 8, 1998

Dear Dr. Edgeworth,

I write first to congratulate you on the excellent job you are doing as editor of our LLA Newsletter. . .

With regard to our continuing efforts to make many in the Church, including bishops, realize the importance of a revival of Latin throughout the Church, I think we need to derive our arguments from, among other sources, the Apostolic Constitution *Veterum Sapientia* of Pope John XXIII. I doubt whether an important papal document, especially an apostolic constitution, has ever been so ignored, not to say treated with contempt, at least in some quarters. But Our Lord does not allow His Vicars to be ignored indefinitely. That is why I am convinced, on the basis of *Veterum Sapientia* alone, that, sooner or later, there will be a revival of Latin throughout the Church, beginning hopefully with our seminaries.

Wishing you a Happy Easter in Domino,

Father James O'Reilly, M.S.
Hartford CT 06106

In our last issue (p.17 # 11) we made mention of the Immaculate Conception Chapter of the Dominican Third Order in Washington DC. The prioress, Fran Griffin, T.O.P., wrote on April 9th to point out that the members of the chapter chant the Divine Office in Latin at every meeting. *Huzzah!*

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NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

1. Last August ('97) one of our clergy members, Fr. Dennis Duvelius, F.S.S.P., was appointed Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Scranton PA. Father has been a member of the Association for a good many years, and is the author of the English translation of the official rubrics of the Tridentine Mass, a copy of which may be ordered from the L.L.A. Secretary (P.O. Box 831150, Miami FL 33283) for \$5.

In addition to his responsibilities as Vocations Director for the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, Father Duvelius directs the educational programs at St. Michael's and assists the pastor, Fr. Louis Campbell, F.S.S.P. Fr. Campbell is a former Augustinian from Nova Scotia.

2. On Sunday, March 1st, the superior of the Priestly Fraternity in North America, Fr. Arnaud Devillers, F.S.S.P., offered the Latin Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Lighthouse Point FL. This was one week after his visit to Miami (see last issue, p.13 #25). In the intervening week he had a number of amicable visits with bishops in the southeastern United States.

3. Early on the morning of Wednesday, March 4th, Fr. Alfred J. Kunz, Pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Dane WI, was found murdered. The outpouring of grief consequent upon this tragedy attested to the immense respect and affection in which this model pastor was held, not only by the local community but also by priests and laity in several adjacent states. His death is a major loss to the Church.

Fr. Kunz had been pastor in Dane for 31 years, during which time he had celebrated the Tridentine Latin Mass every Sunday morning at 10 AM. This Mass was never listed in the L.L.A.'s Directory. We were well aware of it, but Fr. Kunz had asked the Chairman of the L.L.A. to refrain from any mention of it, in order to minimize the likelihood of any friction with the diocesan authorities. We respected his wishes.

His funeral Mass was offered (in English) on Saturday, March 14th, at St. John the Baptist Church in Waunakee WI, by the Most Rev. William H. Bullock, Bishop of Madison, along with ten concelebrants. It is not known whether the Latin Mass will continue at St. Michael's.

The identity of the murderer is unknown. He is still at large. We pray for the repose of Fr. Kunz's soul, as well as for justice upon the perpetrator.

4. On Saturday, March 28th, the Most Rev. James C. Timlin, Bishop of Scranton, conferred ordination to the subdiaconate upon Messrs. Mario Portella and Paul Roman. In the same ceremony the four minor orders were conferred upon other seminarians of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. The ceremony took place in St. Veronica's Church, not far from the seminary's temporary location.

Speaking of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary: this Spring it was announced that the Priestly Fraternity has abandoned its efforts to buy an existing seminary property somewhere in North America. They will instead construct

their own seminary from scratch somewhere in the Scranton diocese. This will be a difficult undertaking, and considerable funds will have to be obtained. We pray that the laity will be generous in supporting this worthy effort.

5. At 4 PM on Sunday, March 29th, a concert of Sacred Music was presented by the Cathedral Choir at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Baton Rouge, LA. The bill included: Tallis' O Lux Nata de Lumine, Palestrina's Sicut Cervus, de Victoria's O Vos Omnes, and Lotti's Crucifixus. The concert was followed by Vespers celebrated by Fr. Gerard F. Young, Rector of the Cathedral.

6. One of the persons thanked in the remarks "From the Chairman" earlier in this issue is Sister Priscilla Simmons, O.S.F., who has sustained several L.L.A. chairmen by her powerful prayers. This Spring she was assigned the task of producing what is believed to be the first translation into English of the papal bull declaring the canonization of St. Colette (herself a Franciscan sister). The bull-- 14 pages in the standard edition -- was issued in 1807 by His Holiness Pius VII. Congratulations on a job well done!

7. Children of the Latin Mass community in Jackson MI received their First Holy Communion on Easter Sunday, April 12th, at the Latin Mass offered at 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart Chapel by Fr. Germano Pegoraro, S.C.

8. The following day, Easter Monday, it was announced that the Opus Mariae Mediatrix (headed by Fr. William F. Ashley) has come into possession of a large property in the Camden diocese which is to serve as the organization's headquarters. It is located at 261 Cross Keys Road, Berlin, NJ 08009, and covers some 32,000 square feet. The work of restoring and renovating the facility has already begun. Fr. Ashley comments: "The new center will provide us with a location to begin the formation of future priests and care for the needs of the faithful."

9. On Friday, April 17th, the Tallis Scholars presented a concert of sacred music at St. Ignatius Church, 84th and Park Avenue in New York City. The program featured de Victoria's Requiem and included works by Guerrero, Vivanco, Lobo, and Morales.

The following Tuesday, April 21st, St. Ignatius was the site of another concert, this time by combined church choirs, featuring the Dona Nobis Pacem of Ralph Vaughan Williams.

10. The Latin Mass community of the Rockford Diocese held a seminar on Saturday, April 25th, on "The Restoration of All Things in Christ." Speakers included: Dr. Gerry Matatics, Michael Matt of *The Remnant*, and Christopher Ferrara (all known as "hard liners" in Catholic circles), as well as Msgr. Isidro Puente Ochoa of the Diocese of Tijuana, Mexico. The conference opened and closed with the Tridentine Mass offered by Fr. Brian Bovee of the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest.

Speaking of the Institute, this Spring it was announced that this new religious congregation has been accepted into a third U.S. diocese (in addition to Rockford IL and LaCrosse WI): that of Green Bay WI. This is the diocese which kept alive a daily Tridentine Mass by special diocesan indult even before the issuance of the 1984 papal indult on the use of the old edition of the Roman Missal.

11. The month of May witnessed the adminis-

tration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Latin using the 1962 rite by two ordinaries who are among the Episcopal Advisers of this Association. They are the Most Rev. James C. Timlin, Bishop of Scranton (see # 4 above) on Saturday, May 2nd, and the Most Rev. John F. Donoghue, Archbishop of Atlanta (see also under "From the Press" below) on Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 PM.

12. Also on Saturday, May 2nd, a Latin nuptial Mass of unusual grandeur was celebrated at St. Agnes Church in Boston MA. The ceremony was a Solemn High Mass using the old Missal. There were two choirs: a Gregorian schola to chant the Propers and a polyphonic one to sing Palestrina's Missa Brevis. The prelude to Charpentier's Te Deum was performed by organ and trumpet as a processional. The names of the happy couple are not known to your editor.

Although they are not usually so lavish in their musical dimension, Tridentine weddings are no longer unusual. I am aware of one planned for Miami in June and another for Baton Rouge in September. Members of this Association should be aware of this, and not accept "the brush off" in planning their own weddings.

We have come a far way from 1972, when the (then) Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago forbade the celebration of any marriage at a Latin Mass, even if the new Missal was being used. (Yes, it really happened.)

13. It was a Memorial Day weekend to remember!

In our last issue (p.12 # 19) we drew attention to the new Society of St. John, established to contribute to the building up of the Church through several means, including very prominently the use of the old Missal and sacraments.

On Sunday, May 24th, Bishop Timlin (see above, # 4 and 11) was celebrant of a Solemn High Tridentine Mass offered at 3 PM at his own cathedral, that of St. Peter the Apostle in Scranton PA.

During the course of the Mass, His Excellency publicly and canonically established the Priestly Society of St. John as a society of diocesan right. Of the various groups dedicated to the spirituality inculcated so well by the Latin Mass, this is the second to have been founded on the North American continent. (Your editor predicts that it will not be the last.)

Following the Mass, an outdoor reception was held on the grounds of St. Gregory's Academy in nearby Elmhurst. In the three months since our last issue, the Society's numbers have grown from 8 to 15. May the Lord bring to fulfillment that which He has begun in them.

14. The recent changes in the production of this Newsletter have extended the lead-time for its contents. Consequently, as I write I cannot be sure whether the following announcement will reach you before or after the event. So consider it as either an invitation or a news item.

The Bronx chapter of Una Voce will sponsor a special event on Saturday, June 20th, at Santa Maria Church, 2352 St. Raymond Avenue in the Bronx. The featured speaker is Fr. Richard Trezza, O.F.M. (Fr. Trezza is a member of the L.L.A.) The Latin Mass will be offered at 1:30 PM. At 2:30 there will be a buffet lunch (\$10), followed by Fr. Trezza's talk on the Traditional Mass Apostolate. For additional information contact Charles Taibi at 718-823-4857.

15. On that same weekend the Buffalo chapter of Una Voce will be busy hosting a visit from Fr. William Ashley (see # 8 above). On the evening of Friday, June 19th, he will deliver a talk on the Opus Mariae Apostolate to the chapter; on the following day, from 10:30 AM to 6 PM, he will offer a day of recollection along traditional lines (\$34 per person) at Mercygrove in Leroy NY.

16. An international conference on "Evangelization and Renewal" is to be held at the Chicago Ramada O'Hare on September 18th-20th of this year. Although liturgical considerations do not seem to be in the forefront of the topics to be addressed, the speakers are of very high caliber, including no less than three of the L.L.A.'s Episcopal Advisers: Cardinal George, Cardinal Stafford, and Bishop Surniach. For information: 1-800-654-7945.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

1. In his address to the International Eucharistic Congress held in Bologna last September, His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger made pointed reference to the conversion of Vladimir, Grand Duke of Kiev, in the 10th century. Struggling to choose among Islam, Western Christianity, and Eastern Christianity, he chose the last of these because his ambassadors told him that attending the Byzantine liturgy was like a visit to Heaven.

His Eminence's point (I summarize it in my own words) was that the notion, so prevalent for the last 50 [sic] years, that the liturgy is primarily catechetical and that all elements of the mysterious must be excluded from it, rests upon a grave anthropological error.

2. A recent poll indicated that the Catholic Faith has fallen upon hard times in France. Of those Frenchmen who claim to be Catholic, only 71% believe that there is a God[!], only 46% believe that Christ rose from the dead, and only 38% (slightly better than the U.S. figure) believe that Christ is really present in the Blessed Sacrament.

But all is not lost. Good liturgy and sound catechesis may still be found in a number of places. One of these is the Benedictine Abbey of Rosheim (a suburb of Strasbourg in Alsace), where the liturgy is celebrated in Latin using the new liturgical books. The Latin Mass is offered at 9:30 AM on Sundays and major feasts (at 9 AM on all other days), and Latin Vespers is sung every day at 5:30 PM. Lauds are sung at 7 AM daily, in Latin on Sundays and major feasts, in French on all other days.

In addition, new religious congregations pledged to the Latin liturgy are being founded in Europe as well as in the U.S. (see above, "Noteworthy Items" #13). The newest one in France is the Canons Regular of the Mother of God. Their founding abbot is Fr. Wladimir-Marie de St.-Jean. We will provide more details when we have them.

3. On Sunday, February 8th, the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter took official charge of the Church of San Gregorio dei Muratori in the city of Rome. The church is located in the Via Leccosa, on the south bank of the Tiber.

The occasion was marked by a Solemn High Tridentine Mass offered by Msgr. Camille Perl (of the Ecclesia Dei Commission), Fr. Joseph Bisig, F.S.S.P. (head of the Priestly Fraternity), and Fr. Timothy McDonnell, I.C.R. The Master of Ceremonies was Fr. John Berg, F.S.S.P., a native of the U.S.

The Latin Mass is now celebrated at San Gregorio at 7:30 AM Monday through Friday and at 6:30 PM on First Friday and First Saturday. Vespers and Benediction are celebrated every Sunday at 4:30 PM. The Sunday morning Latin Mass, however, is offered not in this church but rather at 10:00 AM in the Church of Gesù e Maria (on the Corso) and at 11:30 AM by the Institute of Christ the King at the Oratorio del Caravita.

San Gregorio replaces the previous church used by the Priestly Fraternity in Rome, that of Sts. Luca e Martina in the Roman Forum, which has been undergoing repairs and restoration for some time. A lovely pictorial presentation of this historic church appears in the February 1998 issue of *Inside the Vatican* (pp.62-65).

4. We need to correct an error in our report of the Tridentine Mass offered in the Cathedral in Melbourne, Australia, on February 21st (last issue, p.15 # 15). The celebrant was actually the Most Rev. Dennis Hart, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne and Vicar General of the archdiocese. His Grace Archbishop Pell presided from the throne.

5. The most visited Catholic shrine in Mexico is the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, situated just outside Mexico City. Although Latin Masses of both types have been offered there privately from time to time, the Sunday morning Masses are offered in Spanish.

But on Sunday, February 22nd, the regularly scheduled 10 AM Sunday Mass in this new basilica was offered in Latin, using the old Missal, by Fr. James B. Buckley, F.S.S.P. About eight thousand persons [sic] attended this Mass. The day was Quinquagesima Sunday, and some 54 American pilgrims were present among the huge crowd. The local choir sang the Greek Kyrie "flawlessly."

6. On Saturday, February 28th, those cardinals who had been newly elevated the previous week received their assignments. Among these were two of the Episcopal Advisers of the L.L.A., Cardinal George and Cardinal Stafford.

Cardinal George was made a member of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacraments (hurray!) and of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (logical; he himself is an Oblate). Cardinal Stafford was reappointed to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (hurray!) and also appointed to the Congregation for Bishops (hurray!).

Editor's comment: Christmas in February.

7. Fr. Edward Wesolek served for a number of years as a Jesuit in Poland and as the head of the Church's apostolate to the Gypsies in that part of the world. Recently he associated himself with the followers of the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. In January he was severed from his order, and in April he was suspended from his priestly faculties.

Fr. Andrzej Koproski, S.J., Provincial of the Jesuits in Poland, was quoted as follows by the Catholic News Service: "He has been suspended as a Catholic priest, and there can be no doubt that Father Wesolek is now outside the Church."

8. The International Federation of Gregorian Chant met at Francheville (near Lyons in France) on May 2nd and 3rd. On Sunday the 3rd a Pontifical Latin High Mass was celebrated at 10:30 AM at St. Bonaventure's Church, and Vespers were chanted there at 3:30 PM. The new liturgical books were used.

9. On Saturday, May 16th, the Association for Latin Liturgy (in England) held its Spring meeting at the Church of St. Mary and St. Ethelburga in Barking. The Latin Mass was offered at noon in honor of Our Lady. The new Missal was used. The members of the A.L.L. are quite happy that the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have granted the Association the right to use the phrase "Under the patronage of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales." It will go on their letterhead. Relations with the hierarchy appear to have improved since the designation of Bishop Brewer of Lancaster as the Episcopal Adviser of their Association (see issue 66 p.12 # 4). Bishop Brewer is scheduled to celebrate their 30th anniversary Mass on October 16th of 1999.

The Annual General meeting of the A.L.L. will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs in Cambridge.

10. On Saturday, June 27th, at 9 AM, in the Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame in Ottawa, His Grace the Most Rev. Marcel Gervais, Archbishop of Ottawa, is to ordain three members of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter to the holy priesthood. Your prayers are requested for these three ordinandi, who are: Revs. Philip Creurer, William Richardson, and Alfredo Reyes-Barrios.

Fortunate are they who will be able to attend this memorable event!

The Fraternity's parish in Ottawa is St. Clement's (see last issue, p.14 # 11). Our member Mr. Duane Galles informs me that two of the lay members of this parish were made members of the Order of St. Gregory last fall. The honors were presented in the Cathedral Basilica. Both recipients are activists in the promotion of the Latin liturgy, so the awards possess singular significance.

11. Members of the Latin Liturgy associations of France, England, and the Netherlands will hold an unprecedented joint meeting this August 30 through September 1 at the Abbey of St. Peter at Solesmes. Those present will attend the Latin Masses and Divine Office customarily sung (very ably) at this famous abbey, which uses the new liturgical books. Talks will be in a variety of languages. So far as I know, Americans are eligible to attend.

12. One of the churches in the Netherlands which has the Latin Mass every Sunday (in this case at 9:30 AM) is St. Lambert's Church in Hengelo. This church is about to be made a Minor Basilica, and in commemoration of the event His Eminence Adrian Cardinal Simonis will offer a Pontifical Latin High Mass at the church on Sunday, September 27th. The new Missal will be used.

Speaking of the Dutch, their Latin Liturgy association has just brought out a new and fully updated Latin Mass Directory for their country. If you are planning to visit there, you can obtain a copy by contacting them via e-mail at schrurer@euronet.nl or by fax at 020-641-8586. The Secretary is fluent in English.

13. We have already mentioned (last issue, p.15 # 17) the impending festivities to be held in Rome this October 24th and 25th in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Motu Proprio Ecclesia Dei Adflicta and of the foundation of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. It now seems fairly clear that every effort is being made to gather a huge crowd of supporters of the old form of the Mass in Rome on this occasion, possibly large enough to dwarf even Cardinal Stickler's memorable Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Three Roman cardinals have already pledged to offer the Tridentine Mass during the weekend. Dare one hope that the Holy Father himself might be persuaded to take a role in the liturgical observances? The probabilities are against it; but this is a very surprising pontiff.

FROM THE PRESS

1. Georgia loves us!

The newspaper of the Atlanta Archdiocese is *The Georgia Bulletin*. Its issue of February 12th featured a long (it took up nearly the whole of the first three pages) and upbeat article by Kathi Stears entitled "Introibo ad Altare Dei." It profiled the Latin Mass community of the archdiocese, and provided a lucid explanation of the form and purpose of such worship.

In the following issue there were a number of letters from readers who took a dim view of the Latin Mass. (I have not seen the letters.)

In response, the issue of March 12th featured a long and clear letter from the ordinary, Archbishop Donoghue (an Adviser of the L.L.A.; see above, "Noteworthy Items" # 11) defending the Latin Mass. His Excellency wrote:

"As to the use of Latin: the preservation of spoken Latin prayer as well as the offering of the Latin Mass are suitable means by which the historic foundations of our particular rite within the Catholic (universal) Church are preserved. This is the will of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council who wrote, 'The use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites.' The study, preparation, and practice of the traditional Latin Mass, in accordance with the indult of the Holy Father, fulfills this wish of the Council Fathers perfectly."

2. Miss Eleanor Nemeth is a sophomore attending Oakland Catholic High School in Pittsburgh PA. Recently she wrote to several well-known Americans and asked their opinions of the value of studying Latin. Nearly all were positive. Messrs. Patrick Buchanan, William Bennett, George McGovern, and Justice Clarence Thomas all replied that they had benefited greatly from the study of Latin. Justice O'Connor replied that she had always regretted not studying it.

The Pittsburgh Times-Review published an article on her project (we don't have the date, but it must have been around Holy Week) which prompted a good many letters to the editor, several of which dealt with the value of the Latin Mass. Most were positive; one negative one was refuted nicely by local activists Donna Bezier and Chuck Pavlik. (Just can't keep these guys down...)

At about the same time the Governor of Louisiana, Murphy Foster, received a similar letter from a girl in Illinois. I believe his reply was along the line of Justice O'Connor's.

3. They love us in Wisconsin, too.

Earlier this Spring the Most Rev. Raymond Burke, Bishop of La Crosse, wrote and published an article in the *Times Review* (the diocesan paper) explaining the value of, and the rationale for, the celebration of the Mass in Latin. At present the Latin Mass is being offered at least once a

month in three churches of his diocese through the good offices of the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest.

4. The April 16th issue of *The Wanderer* contained a letter from Fr. Gregory C. Mikula, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Streator IL. Father wrote: "In the near future, in fact, I will be working with a Vatican-approved traditional society of priests and using the Traditional sacramental rites, including first and foremost the Traditional rite of Mass exclusively." We understand that Fr. Mikula has been given leave of absence by his bishop and is now working in Green Bay WI.

5. On April 25th the *Sacramento Bee* (a secular paper) published an article by Paul Clegg entitled "Language Barrier" which reports effectively on the apostolate of Fr. John Rizzo, F.S.S.P., who has been celebrating the Latin Mass here. Predictable comments are quoted from the local Lefebvrists, but on the whole the coverage was certainly advantageous to our movement.

6. One of our favorite Catholic journalists, Kathleen Howley, is back with an interesting piece on contemporary pilgrimages (read: very long walks) and their connection to the Latin Mass movement, especially for those who identify themselves as "traditionalists." It's "A Tradition Revived," p. 64 of the May issue of *Catholic World Report*.

7. The first Chairman of the Latin Liturgy Association was James Hitchcock, Professor of History at St. Louis University. In April and May the National Catholic Register ran a three-part series of articles by him on the changing relationships between religion and universities. He's still in top form.

8. In its May 7th issue, *The Wanderer* reprinted from the newsletter *Serviam* a hard-hitting but fair syllabus of the failings of contemporary liturgy (pp.4 & 8). The author is James Likoudis, a member of the L.L.A.'s National Council.

Mr. Likoudis includes an interesting quotation from Fr. Fabian Duggan (an Australian cleric): "It is rather curious that 'liturgical experts' made a big issue of tearing down altar rails in many churches on the pretext that they were a barrier between priests and people. Yet almost immediately they substituted an even greater barrier, the altar itself being placed between the priest and the congregation, with the priest standing half-observed like a shopkeeper behind his counter."



PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A few years ago we recommended the video cassettes of three very beautiful Latin Masses celebrated at St. Agnes Church in St. Paul MN. The Masses were: Mozart's Coronation Mass (offered on Christmas Day), Hayden's Paukenmesse (offered on Easter), and Gounod's Mass in Honor of St. Cecilia (offered on Pentecost).

Good news! These three have now been re-released in compact disk form. Mr. Duane Galles (of the L.L.A.'s National Council) writes: "The CDs include only the music of the Mass -- propers and ordinaries -- but they are wonderful and the listener can spend the better part of an afternoon listening to the glories of sacred music, both plainchant and sacred polyphony!"

The CDs may be ordered from: Leaflet Missal Company, 976 West Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul MN 55104. For prices, inquire by telephone at 612-487-2818.

2. Last autumn was the 50th anniversary of the issuance of Pius XII's great encyclical on the liturgy, *Mediator Dei*. This event did not receive the attention it deserved, but it did serve as the topic for a fine symposium on the liturgy held in New York City on November 22nd, 1997. The speakers were: Fr. Aidan Nichols, O.P. (of Cambridge University), Msgr. Richard J. Schuler, and Fr. Robert Skeris. (The last two are members of the L.L.A.'s National Council.)

Audio cassettes of these three talks are available for \$25 from Keep the Faith, Inc., 10 Audrey Place, Fairfield NJ 07004. Postage is included.

3. Persons interested in the new Mass video, "Tradition: The Latin Mass with Gregorian Chant," should consult the review by Mr. William Leininger earlier in this issue.

4. This May the Catholic media carried advertisements for a production available on cassette or as a CD. The title is "Sacro Song," and it is described in the advertisements as "A Foot Stompin', Soul-Stirrin', In Ya Face Mystical Cathecesis [sic] 100% Catholic Rap Album" by Fr. Stan Fortuna, C.F.R. (Honest. I am not making this up. Contemporary "sacred song" is impossible to satirize.) Contents include: yet another re-write of that all-time favorite, "Kumbaya" (my godmother once asked me in puzzlement, "But what does Goombaya have to do with the Baby Jesus?"); a song with the interesting title "The Zipper Zone"; and a rap version of Psalm 51.

The album may be ordered from ... oh, we seem to have misplaced the address.

M I S C E L L A N Y

1. Mr. Joseph Gazarik, a sophomore at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh PA, attends the Latin Mass every Sunday and recently wrote an account of the genesis of his interest in the Latin Mass. It came from looking at the "beautiful pictures of the way the Church and the Mass used to be," particularly the "illustrated instruction on the Mass" found in the special 1954 Marian Year edition of the Confraternity Bible."

That's easy to understand. I have a copy of that edition (having begged my mother to buy it in 1957), and it contains a sixteen-page absolutely gorgeous photographic explanation of the rite of the (old) Mass. (The celebrant bears a definite resemblance to the young Bob Hope.)

This gives rise to a suggestion: If some Latin Mass group with greater financial resources than the L.L.A. were to buy the rights to those sixteen pages and reproduce them in living color, what an impetus that would give both to an understanding of the Mass and to the formation of the priestly vocations among the young men who might read it. Anybody interested?

2. Human Life International, a great pro-life organization, held its 17th World Conference on Love, Life, and the Family at the Marriott Hotel in Houston TX on April 15th to 19th. Although not formally a Church organization, the Catholic element is predominant, and many priests were among the 2,000 persons in attendance.

The Most Rev. John Onaiyekan, Archbishop of Abuja in Nigeria, offered the opening Mass, and Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J., was homilist at the closing Mass.

Of interest to our members is the following fact. A room in the Marriott was temporarily transformed into a chapel for the meeting. According to one person who attended the conference, most of the many clergy in attendance chose to offer individual Masses rather than to celebrate; and, of the individual Masses, a majority were said in Latin using the old Missal.

3. In our last issue (p.19 # 7) I mentioned that good liturgical books were available from Preserving Press. I should also have mentioned that most of these same books, as well as hundreds of others, are available from Preserving Christian Publications, Inc., a book service which is run by members of this Association. To obtain a copy of their catalogue, you may contact them at P.O. Box 221, Boonville NY 13309-0221, or by e-mail at 105521.1574@Compuserve.com.

4. There she is, pictured on p.28 of the May issue of *Catholic World Report*: our member Tillie Weber, peacefully protesting outside an abortion clinic in Pittsburgh. It all starts with the Mass, but it doesn't stop there.

5. From time to time we receive requests from Catholics overseas who are interested in receiving used rosaries and the like. April's mail brought an unusual

request from a gentleman in the Philippines who works primarily among Catholic convicts. He is asking for used videos of the Latin Mass. He has made arrangements to show these to those prisoners who still wish to practice their Catholic faith, in order to interest them in traditional modes of worship. (And he will certainly have a captive audience.)

If you wish to contact him, the address is:

Sr. Manuel Navoa
c/o Luz Lugay
Matatalaib, Tarlac
Tarlac, Philippines.

6. We also receive mail regularly from groups which are so attached to the traditional liturgy that they advocate breaking current Church law in order to promote it

The policy of this Association, however, is to observe all the laws of the Church, including the ones we may not agree with; to utilize more fully the opportunities already existing for the celebration of the Latin liturgy; and to pray and to work for a removal of obstacles (both of law and of attitude) to the frequent celebration of the Latin Mass.

In this connection it is valuable to bear in mind the words of one of the great Doctors of the Church, St. Catherine of Siena, who wrote as follows in her Dialogue:

"[Our Lord] left you this sweet key of obedience; for, as thou knowest, He left His vicar, the Christ on earth, whom you are all obliged to obey until death, and whoever is outside his obedience is in a state of damnation . . . The whole of your faith is founded upon obedience, for by it you prove your fidelity."

7. The Last Word this time concerns Mother Angelica. Much attention has been devoted in the Catholic media to the fact that earlier this year she was cured of a long-standing affliction of the spine and legs under circumstances which strongly suggest the workings of God's miraculous power.

What has not been much mentioned, however (we only learned of it in the February issue of *Inside the Vatican*, p.66), is the precise activity in which Mother was engaged at the moment when the cure came upon her. She was saying the decades of the Rosary ... IN LATIN!

Think about it. Or better yet, go thou and do in like manner.



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