

• NEWSLETTER

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To begin, apologies are in order to our members for the tardiness of this newsletter. Because we are an all-volunteer organization, the newsletter's production is subject to the circumstances of those involved in producing it. A number of problems have prevented the timely appearance of the newsletter in its usual format. This current situation has caused a re-examination of the newsletter's format. Over the years, longer articles and features have been appearing, which have increased the bulk of the newsletter. Faced with higher production and mailing costs, the decision has been made to streamline the mailing version of the newsletter in order to control these costs. Plans are also in progress to place additional features—including lengthier ones—that will be of interest to our members on our LLA website. Many organizations are now doing this in order to control costs and to make more timely information available. Look for additional information in the next newsletter and, in a few weeks, on the LLA's web site: www.latinliturgy.com. For now, here is our current newsletter. Expect more chapter and local news in the next installment. All existing LLA memberships have been extended by 6 months since newsletters have been delayed.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the past several months in the Catholic and secular press, there has been much anticipation concerning the expected release of the Holy Father's *motu proprio* that would address the status of the 1962 Missal in the Church. Reports of the document's impending release have continued without any additional official comment. The reported expectations of those who favor of a wider use and of those who expressed opposition or reservation have only fueled additional speculation. What exactly will it say about the use of the old Missal? How will additional permission for its use be granted? What is expected of those additional Catholics who would choose to use this Missal?

When the indult was first expanded in 1984 (there were various *ad personem* indults given beginning with Paul VI), the LLA was somewhat surprised. The Association's expectations and efforts had hitherto been directed toward support of use of the later Missal in Latin. There was confusion and disagreement within the LLA concerning the appropriateness of the 1962 Missal in a post-Vatican II world. Ultimately, the wisdom of the Holy Father's decision was recognized as an appropriate action to accommodate the needs of the Faithful. There remained disagreement as to how long these needs might continue and whether it was appropriate to promote the 1962 Missal equally alongside its later version.

Here are some of the most significant points being reported in the media concerning the expected *motu proprio*:

- By means of a *motu proprio*, the Holy Father would speak with his own voice of papal authority in a way that does not require the assent of other church bodies, making his position known despite widespread opposition.
- The tone in the press, both Catholic and secular, is in some cases reflecting a different perspective which sees the Tridentine Mass not merely as an older norm for worship but as a ritual that speaks to today's Catholics. This is something that we in the LLA have been saying for years.
- Because of a more widespread interest in the 1962 Missal, it is beginning to be perceived as more than a way to effect reconciliation with those who are using it beyond the regular ecclesiastical jurisdictions—although it is still hoped that this reconciliation will also happen.
- If the 1962 Missal is given equal status with the later liturgical books, the description “indult” might no longer be accurate for what would then be a *de facto* normative status for both ritual forms.
- There remain those who are reacting adversely to the idea of a more widespread availability of the 1962 Missal, typically objecting because they do not share the perspective described in the preceding points. Rather, they are stuck in a mindset which sees the liturgical norms put in place by Vatican II as some sort of watershed event in the Church's history which precludes any recognition of earlier liturgical tradition.
- Still others just don't like the idea of Mass in Latin because they have come to expect Mass only in the vernacular and see Latin as an imposition. In many cases, they have not only never heard Mass in Latin, but have never heard that Latin remains the official language of the Church, including her liturgy.

Let us pray that the increased availability of the Tridentine Mass will touch the hearts of Catholics who will recognize it as their own heritage.

This spring, members of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter, the Institute of Christ the King, and the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius were ordained to the priesthood. The LLA extends prayerful best wishes and congratulations to all the newly ordained.

On May 12 the Most Rev. Fabian Bruskewitz of Lincoln, NE, ordained to the priesthood three members of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter: Federico Masutti, FSSP, of Buenos Aires, Argentina; Daniel Geddes, FSSP, of Kincardine, Ontario; and Matthew McNeely of Lincoln. During the ceremony, Fr. John Berg, FSSP, the superior general of the Fraternity, was the assistant priest and the assistant deacons were Fr. George Gabet, FSSP, the North American district superior of the Fraternity, and Msgr. Timothy Thorburn, the vicar general of the Diocese of Lincoln. The three newly ordained are the first class to complete all seven years of their formation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, NE. The seminary, which at its inception in the fall of 1993 shared facilities with St. Gregory's Academy in Elmhurst, PA, moved to Denton in the fall of 2000. Since June of 2001, thirty-five of its students – an average of five a year – have been ordained priests of the Fraternity.

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, MO, was the site of ordinations to the priesthood in the traditional Latin rite. The Most Rev. Archbishop Raymond L. Burke presided at this ceremony, in which two deacons of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest were ordained priests. The ceremony on June 15 marked the first time that priests of the Institute of Christ the King were ordained in the United States. Usually, the ordinations take place at their seminary in Gricigliano, near Florence. On June 16, Father Matthew Talarico celebrated his first Mass at St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis and there on the following day was the first Mass of Father William Avis.

Fr. Karl Lenhardt, rector of St. Francis de Sales Oratory, commented: "All the members of the institute and faithful who attend our several churches around the country are very much looking forward to this special event. We are especially grateful to His Grace, Archbishop Raymond Burke, for having the ceremony at his own cathedral basilica, and above all for his kindness to the Institute throughout so many years."

(Archbishop Burke accepted the LLA's *Domus Dei* award last summer in St. Louis when our convention was held at the historic St. Francis de Sales Oratory, which has been in the care of the Institute since 2005.)

The May 31 ordination rite at St. John Cantius Church in Chicago was the *Missa Normativa* in Latin with the Mozart *Missa Brevis* in C (Orgel Solo) and the Sine Nomine Choir and Orchestra. Brother Scott A. Haynes, SJC, was ordained to the priesthood and Brother Anthony J. Rice, SJC, was ordained to the diaconate by His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago, as members of The Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Three auxiliary bishops from Chicago were in attendance at this Mass: Bishop Perry, Bishop Manz, and Bishop Paprocki. Newly-ordained Fr. Scott Haynes, SJC, celebrated his first solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on June 2 at St. John Cantius Church, Chicago. A notable feature of this celebration is the fact that the musical setting for the Mass was composed by the celebrant, his *Missa Benedicta Sit Sancta Trinitas*.

On May 16, Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos, President of the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei* and a member of the Fifth General Conference of Latin American Bishops, gave an address (in Spanish) in Aparecida, Brazil, concerning the expected papal *motu proprio* regarding the indult for the 1962 Missal. A number of websites immediately reported the text of his address, including *New Catholic*. Here is an excerpt from the address which describes the Holy Father's intentions while considering the extended indult and the work of the Papal Commission *Ecclesia Dei*:

"Nowadays, the activity of the [*Ecclesia Dei*] Commission is not limited to the service of those faithful who, at that time, wished to remain in full communion with the Church, nor to the efforts made to put an end to the painful schismatic situation and to attain the return of these brothers of the Saint Pius X fraternity to full communion. By the will of the Holy Father, this Dicastery extends its service, moreover, to satisfy the just aspirations of those who, due to a particular sensibility, and not having kept links to the above-mentioned groups, wish to keep alive the ancient Latin Liturgy in the celebration of the Eucharist and of the other Sacraments. ... Undoubtedly, the most important effort, which concerns the entire Church, is the search for an end to the schismatic action and to rebuild the full communion, without ambiguities. The Holy Father, who was for some years a member of this Commission, wishes it to become an organ of the Holy See with the proper and distinct end of preserving and maintaining the worth of the Traditional Latin Liturgy. Yet it must be said with all clarity that it is not a turning back, a return to the time before the 1970 reform. It is, instead, a generous offer of the Vicar of Christ who, as an expression of his pastoral will, wishes to put at the disposal of the whole Church all the treasures of the Latin Liturgy which for centuries has nourished the spiritual life of so many generations of Catholic faithful. The Holy Father wishes to preserve the immense spiritual, cultural, and aesthetic treasures linked to the Ancient Liturgy. The retrieval of this wealth is linked to the no less precious one of the current Liturgy of the Church."

It is with sadness that the LLA notes the passing of longtime National Council Member Msgr. Richard Schuler, pastor of St. Agnes Church in St. Paul, MN, until his retirement in 2001, who died April 20 at the age of 87. He founded the Church Music Association of America and pioneered the use of large-scale polyphony and symphonic sung Masses after the Second Vatican Council. *Requiescat in pace*. A month's mind Mass was offered for Monsignor by Bishop Thomas Paprocki (LLA), auxiliary bishop of Chicago.

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ORATIO PRO MISSA LATINE CELEBRANDA
PRAYER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE MASS IN LATIN

(Official Prayer of the Latin Liturgy Association)

**O MUNDI REGNATOR, QUI TE OMNI LINGUA HOMINUM ANGELORUMQUE LAUDARI VOLUISTI;
TRIBUE, QUÆSUMUS, UT ETIAM IN DIEBUS NOSTRIS SACRIFICIUM DILECTI FILII TUI
IMMACULATUM ASSIDUE LINGUA ROMANA IN ORATORII GENTIS NOSTRAE OMNIUMQUE PERMULTIS
TIBI OFFERATUR A POPULO AD TE TOTO CORDE CONVERSO: PER CHRISTUM DOMINUM NOSTRUM
AMEN.**

OMaster of the Universe, who have willed that you be praised in every tongue of men and angels, grant that in our day too, the perfect sacrifice of your beloved Son may continue to be offered to you in the tongue of the Romans in many churches of our land and every land by a people who have turned to you with all their heart; this we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cum licentia Ordinarii:
Baton Rouge, LA
August 8, 1994