

## From the President

I think we all know that we are living in historic times. Between the publishing of this Newsletter (Exaltation of the Holy Cross) and the next (Immaculate Conception), there will be a presidential election in our country, and God knows what else.

It is important for each of us to stay close to the Cross, pray the Rosary daily (in Latin or in English), and pray for the strength “that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.” I have been reflecting on those words lately, thinking about them in a new way...Perhaps we will be “made worthy” by trials and persecutions that were unimaginable when I was a child. I remember the good sisters confidently reassuring us that any martyrdom that we might endure would be “white” martyrdom—since they thought that religious persecution of Catholics had been relegated to the past. I do not tell my students that anymore.

In preparing this newsletter, I came across a comment from someone (I do not remember who) who thought that it has become easier to advance the Extraordinary Form of the Mass in various locations, than to provide celebrations of the Ordinary Form that incorporate traditional practices (like the *ad orientem* posture, discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, and Communion on the tongue, while kneeling). That opinion certainly gives us food for thought. Our association will continue to promote the use of Latin in ALL approved forms/rites of the Church.

*Memor et fidelis,*  
Regina P. Morris, President

## News from the Chapters

### *From the Chicago Chapter*

On Saturday evening, August 27, 2016, over one thousand people processed down Chicago Avenue (which had to be closed for the procession) from St. John Cantius Church to Elkhart Park. This was a procession for peace, with the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima, held aloft by local police officers, as the Rosary was prayed. The event was covered by local news media outlets.

On August 15, 2016, Brother Nathan Ford professed his perpetual vows in the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius. Three other brothers took temporary vows for one year, and two others received the habit and began their novitiate. All ask to be remembered in your prayers.

On Sept. 24, 2016 a short sacred liturgy conference for laity will be offered by Father Dennis Kolinski, SJC, at St. John Cantius Church. He will speak on “How We Put Christ at the Center of the Liturgy.” A Latin Mass (EF) and Confession will follow. Call 1-800-838-3006 for details.

The annual benefit dinner for the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016 at the Cathedral Hall of the University Club of Chicago. Go to [www.canons-regular.org](http://www.canons-regular.org) for details.

St. John Cantius Church is sponsoring organ recitals throughout the fall months. Go to [www.cantius.org](http://www.cantius.org) for dates, performing artists, and details.

### *From the Cleveland Chapter*

In response to the most recent blasphemies during a “Black Mass” conducted in Oklahoma City this past August 15, there was offered a Solemn High Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on August 22 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Euclid, OH. This Holy Mass was offered as a special act of reparation for the most serious sins of sacrilege against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and against our Blessed Mother Mary. Mass was preceded by recitation of

the Rosary and concluded with Benediction.

*From the Detroit Chapter*

The big news in Detroit is that, at the invitation of Archbishop Vigneron, the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest will take over St. Joseph Church in Detroit, effective October 15, 2016. It will be called St. Joseph Oratory, and will be a personal parish. It will be the first fully traditional Latin Mass parish in the Detroit archdiocese. However, an English Ordinary Form Mass will be celebrated weekly on Saturday afternoons by an outside priest, for those parishioners who still prefer the Ordinary Form. The traditional Latin Masses that are currently being offered at other locations in the archdiocese will also continue. In fact, there are two new locations:

- Beginning on Sept. 4, a new monthly First Sunday TLM will be offered at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in southwest Detroit.
- Beginning Sunday October 2, 2016 at 10:00 am., the TLM will be offered “occasionally” at St. Paul Albanian Church in Rochester Hills.

On Monday, Oct. 3, at 7:00 pm a solemn High Latin Mass will be offered at Royal Oak’s National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, in honor of the feast day of St. Terese.

The Prayer Pilgrimages Bus Tour will visit churches in St. Louis, MO from Tues., Oct. 4 through Friday, Oct. 7. For more information see [www.prayerpilgrimages.com](http://www.prayerpilgrimages.com) or call 248-250-6005

On August 7, 2016, Archbishop Vigneron celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation according to the Extraordinary Form at St. Edward on the Lake Parish in Lakeport, MI.

*From the Los Angeles Chapter*

Charles Coulombe, son of Colonel and Mrs. Andre Coulombe (all LLA family members) entered the seminary in August, 2016. Charles has been facilitating the web page for Latin Masses in the Los Angeles area at [www.latinmass-la.org](http://www.latinmass-la.org) and is looking for assistance with this task while he is in the seminary. Contact information can be found at the web site. We ask our members to keep Charles in their prayers, as he begins his seminary education.

*From the Philadelphia Chapter*

The sixteenth annual Assumption Mass took place in the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul on August 15, 2016. A video of the Offertory, showing both the altar and the music is posted on Youtube as “Assumption Mass 2016 Offertory”. The music is Monteverdi’s Sonata sopra Sancta Maria from the 1610 Vespers.

*From the Pittsburgh Chapter*

The ninth annual “Battle of Lepanto Mass and Dinner” will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at 6:00 pm at St. Titus Church in Aliquippa, PA. A traditional Latin Pontifical Low Mass will be offered, followed by dinner in the Church Hall. The featured speaker will be Bishop Athanasius Schneider, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Mary Most Holy, in Astana, Kazakhstan. For more information, please see [www.KnightsOfColumbusLatinMass.blogspot.com](http://www.KnightsOfColumbusLatinMass.blogspot.com) .

*From the St. Louis-Belleville Chapter*

The next chapter meeting will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at St. Mary of Victories Church, in St. Louis. A *Missa Cantata* will be offered at 9:00 am, followed by a presentation on St. Teresa of Avila in the Parish Hall. A short business meeting will follow the presentation.

St. Francis de Sales Oratory will host a silent retreat for men on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016. The retreat master will be Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial Superior for the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest. For more information, call 573-459-5531.

A Sacred Music Workshop with Canon Wulfran Lebocq is planned for March 10-11, 2017, at St. Francis de Sales Oratory. It will conclude with a Solemn High Mass at 12:15 pm on March 11. More details will be available in the LLA December Newsletter.

A Solemn High Mass was offered at the Shrine of the Black Madonna in Pacific, MO on Sept. 3, 2016, for the members of

*Juventutem* St. Louis. A video of the full Mass can be found on YouTube, under the title, “*Missa Solemnis* for the Feat of St. Pius X”.

### **News from Northeast Missouri**

The Latin Mass Society of Northeast Missouri has continued in their mission of offering one traditional Latin Mass every month at St. Rose of Lima Church in Novinger, MO. In preparing for the Masses, society members discovered that there was no altar stone in the altar, on which Mass was being offered. In August, 2016, Monsignor David Cox from nearby Mary Immaculate Parish was able to secure an altar stone, and assist in its proper installation in the altar at St. Rose.

### **News from Star of the Sea Church, San Francisco**

LLA Life member Kenneth Solak reports that about 600 people, including Archbishop Cordileone, attended an EF *Missa Solemnis* on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (6/29). The occasion was the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Joseph Illo, the Administrator of the parish. The Jubilee Mass was celebrated at the new Carrara marble altar in a sanctuary with newly laid porcelain tile. After Mass over 400 attended the Jubilee banquet. Star of the Sea has a Traditional Latin Mass every weekday but Saturday, and twice on Sundays and Holy Days. It is also beginning the first public Perpetual Adoration Chapel in the City by the Bay. For more:

<http://starparish.com/>

### **News from the ALL (Association for Latin Liturgy, UK)**

The biggest news from the ALL is the *Sacra Liturgia* conference held recently, where Cardinal Sarah spoke and recommended the return to “*ad orientem*” posture at Masses in the Ordinary Form. The ALL has long espoused the “*ad orientem*” posture.

The ALL is joining with the Diocese of East Anglia Office for Sacred Music to sponsor a “Gregorian Chant Day” on Saturday, September 17, 2016. The event will take place at St. John the Baptist Cathedral on Earlham Rd. in Norwich, UK. There is no charge to participants. It will culminate in a Latin Mass (Ordinary Form) using Mass parts from the *Missa Alma Pater* and *Missa cum Jubilo*. The propers of the Mass will be from both the *Graduale Romanum* and the *Graduale Parvum*.

The annual Solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form) of the ALL will take place at noon on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at St. Mary Moorfields, Eldon St., London EC2. Mass will be followed by a series of talks, refreshments, and Vespers and Benediction. There is no charge for this event.

For details regarding the above events, go to ALL’s web site at [www.latin-liturgy.org](http://www.latin-liturgy.org)

### **Phyllis Schlafly, R.I.P.**

Phyllis Schlafly, former Latin Liturgy Association member and author of over twenty books, went to her eternal reward on Monday, Sept. 5, 2016. Much has been written about her, and will most likely continue for some time in the future. Yes, what a difference one person can make! President Morris had the privilege of seeing Mrs. Schlafly in her younger years in one of her famous “live” debates with a liberal “feminist”. Mrs. Morris also had the rare honor of sitting next to Mrs. Schlafly at a “Credo of the Catholic Laity” dinner in St. Louis just this past June.

The world may judge Mrs. Schlafly’s efforts to stem the tide of social change a failure, because most of what she fought against in the Equal Rights Amendment has come to pass through judicial activism at the Supreme Court, and executive orders from the Executive Branch of our government. However, the legacy that she has left within the hearts and minds of the men and women who have met her or who have read her books (especially The Power of the Positive Woman and The Power of the Christian Woman) may be the foundation that God will use to rebuild a society that honors Christ as the true King of our hearts.

### **Some Recommended Bibles in English**

In response to an inquiry on the above topic from a non-LLA member, several of our LLA officers, and our newsletter editor gave their suggestions on possible options, both on-line and in print. We thought that perhaps LLA members might enjoy exploring these options, also.

Haydock's Catholic Bible Commentary, 1859 edition is available on-line at <http://haydock1859.tripod.com/>

A leather-bound Haydock Bible in medium size print (12 point) is available to purchase from Amazon.com for \$116.00. Notes and commentary take up half the page, on average.

The New Advent Bible uses the Knox translation, and can be found on the New Advent web site at <http://www.newadvent.org/bible/gen001.htm> This version actually contains the Greek, English and Latin in a side-by-side format.

If you are looking for a discussion on the Douay-Rheims-Challoner Bible with some bible and commentary resources, you might like to go here: <http://www.marianland.com/bible20.html>

If you would like to purchase a Douay Rheims Challoner edition, they are available here: <https://www.baroniuspress.com/book.php?wid=56&bid=6#tab=tab-1> The Douay Rheims translation is based on Jerome's Latin Vulgate. The Latin in Genesis says "Be light made." This is a command of divine power, rather than the more commonly used, "Let there be light."

Ignatius Press has a series of books as part of their Catholic Study Bible. Their "Ignatius Catholic Study Bible New Testament, Second Catholic Edition" has extensive footnotes and explanatory material. The typeface is a medium size. It is available to order on-line directly from Ignatius Press, or from Amazon.com. The books of the Old Testament each are sold separately

The "New Jerusalem Bible" is available on-line at [www.Catholic.org/bible/](http://www.Catholic.org/bible/). The site is very well organized, and you can click on which book of the Bible you would like to see. Then you can click on each chapter, to view it. Many words are highlighted as hot-links, which is helpful for further understanding.

### ***Una Voce America***

President Morris has just received an update from *Una Voce America*. They have discontinued their print newsletter due to cost of production and duplication of information, due to the on-line presence of many of their fifty active local chapters. They have put a moratorium on collection of dues, for the present. They are in the process of updating their website, which is sorely needed. Their intention is to produce an online bulletin, accessible through their web site. Donations are still being accepted for defraying the cost of these technological changes. The mailing address for donations is *Una Voce America*, P. O. Box 1159, St Charles, MO 63302-1159.

### **Society for Catholic Liturgy**

The annual conference for the Society for Catholic Liturgy will be held at Los Angeles' Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral and Conference Center from September 29-October 1, 2016. The theme for the conference is "The Liturgy and the New Evangelization". Speakers include Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, who will speak on "The New Evangelization, Popular Piety and the Liturgy" and Bishop Elias Zaidan, who will speak on "The Liturgy and the Church Persecuted." Liturgies during the conference will include a Pontifical Mass in the Ordinary Form, a Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form, and a Divine Liturgy using the Maronite Rite. There will be three tracks during the conference: Academic, Pastoral, and Spanish. For more information see <http://liturgysociety.org/conference/>

The Society for Catholic Liturgy publishes a journal, "Antiphon" three times a year. The articles within the journal are made available for free on the Society's website after three years. Thus, the 2013 issues are now available for your perusal and edification. LLA member William P. Mahrt is a member of the editorial board of "Antiphon."

### **CMAA News**

The Church Music Association of America (CMAA) has released some of the dates for their upcoming events. The Fall Sacred Music Retreat, October 7-8, 2016 will be held at the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater in Vancouver, WA. This two-day retreat will feature Scott Powell, director of the St. James *Collegium Musicum* and Andrew Steele, vocal

coach. The cost is only \$20, and group rates are available. See [www.protocathedral.org/sacred-music](http://www.protocathedral.org/sacred-music) for more details.

The Winter Sacred Music event will be held Jan. 2-6, 2017, in Birmingham, AL and will feature Dr. William Mahrt, Scott Turkington, Bruce Ludwick and Nick Botkins. The 2017 Summer Colloquium will be held in St. Paul, MN (June 19-24, 2017). The 2017 Summer Chant Intensive and Ward Courses will be offered at Duquesne University in Pittsburg, PA (June 26-30, 2017). For more information, see [www.musicasacra.com](http://www.musicasacra.com)

### **Extraordinary Faith TV**

Extraordinary Faith TV continues to travel around the US and abroad to document the work of so many individuals, who are working to promote the Latin Mass and the Catholic Faith. This fall, EWTN will continue to broadcast episodes on Chicago, Miami, San Francisco, New Church Architecture, and Church Restoration. Generally speaking these are broadcast on Monday afternoons at 4:00 pm and Wednesday mornings at 4:30 am (Yes, you read that correctly.) Please go to EWTN's web site for the exact dates. These episodes are not broadcast every week. For viewing episodes 1-7 on your own computer, go to [www.extraordinaryfaith.tv](http://www.extraordinaryfaith.tv) The filming crew has been busy and anticipates "Season Two" to begin sometime in 2017. There are many hours of editing and complying with network approval procedures before each episode is accepted for broadcast.

### **High Mass at Fort Hood, TX**

On August 15, 2016, a *Missa Cantata* (High Mass in Latin) was offered at the Old Post Chapel, Fort Hood, TX. This was the first *Missa Cantata* to be offered on any US Army post since Vatican II. The Latin Mass Choir from St. Mary Cathedral in Austin, TX, provided the music. The film crew from "Extraordinary Faith" was on hand. They expect that this Mass will be included in Episode 20, to be broadcast on EWTN sometime in late 2017. "Church Militant" interviewed some of the individuals involved in the efforts to promote the Latin Mass at Fort Hood. Because of the continuing attendance at the Latin Mass at Fort Hood, the Old Post Chapel has been given over to the Latin Mass community there.

### **How to Introduce *Ad Orientem* to Your Parish**

[excerpted from [www.chantcafe.com](http://www.chantcafe.com) by Fr. Christopher Smith]

Robert Cardinal Sarah's recent landmark address to *Sacra Liturgia* UK has pastors all over the world wondering how they might introduce this practice to their parish. The months leading up to Advent can be a powerful time for catechesis. Be gentle, but firm. It is important to underline that this position in the Ordinary Form is generally taken up only at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when the prayers are addressed to the Father, through the Son and the Holy Spirit, with the Cross on the altar as a focal point for the entire assembly. You can also mention that, in St. Peter's in Rome, Mass is celebrated in both directions every day—at side altars with the altar against the wall, with priest and people facing the same direction—as well as behind the altar, facing towards the people, in the case of the Altar of the Chair and the Papal Altar. Pope Francis has celebrated the Ordinary Form *ad orientem* at the Altar of St. John Paul II at St Peter's.

Daily Mass: Often your daily Mass crowd can give you a very good read on the reactions in the parish. Doing the position at some or all daily Masses, while tailoring catechesis to those Masses is a way to start.

School Mass: Catechizing school faculty, staff, parents and children through workshops, classes, and letters is next. It also means that children will grow up in an environment where the position does not carry the same baggage as previous generations carried about it.

Principal Mass. After doing both of the above, maybe during Lent, is a good time to do the position at the principal Mass and not at the other Sunday Masses. This is especially appropriate if the Mass tends towards the "High Mass" variety with choir, incense and a serious complement of altar servers. It introduces the idea to Sunday worship while still giving options to those faithful who are not ready for the transition.

Holy Day Masses and Holy Week: Doing the position for those days highlights their solemnity by making them different, and the position can always be brought into the homily on that occasion.

All Masses. Repeat all of the catechesis again before doing this. Still keep a "safety valve" Mass, the one where the oldest crowd, that might have more trouble receiving this change, go.

Create a pew resource that explains to visitors and parishioners why what they may see, hear and experience is "different". Give the resource to all new families when they register, and excerpt it in the bulletin on a regular basis. Invite people at Christmas and Easter to take the resource home, to learn more.



Keep Masses with the Bishop or visiting celebrants *versus populum*. Instead of making an issue of the contrary position, it can be presented as making the celebration special when someone comes like the Bishop, or as an act of hospitality to visiting celebrants who might not be used to it. The occasional reversion to *versus populum* will cause people to reflect on the differences between the two positions and will motivate them to explore the reasons for them, as well as their own reactions.

As more parishes experience *ad orientem* worship and more Catholics see that Vatican II is not undone, and the sky does not fall, *ad orientem* will move from the fringes of the life of the Church, where it has been unjustly exiled, back to the heart of the Church.

### **Bishop in Madison, WI to Begin Using *ad orientem* Position**

During his homily on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016, Most Reverend Robert Morlino, Bishop of the diocese of Madison, WI, announced that starting in October, 2016, he would utilize the *ad orientem* position for all of his Masses at the cathedral parish church. An audio recording of the full homily is posted at [www.wdtpis.com](http://www.wdtpis.com). A transcription of the pertinent parts of the homily can be found at [www.badgercatholic.blogspot.com](http://www.badgercatholic.blogspot.com). Bishop Morlino is not going to force any diocesan priest to adopt the position. He will just lead by example.

### **World Youth Day, 2016**

The sacred liturgies at “World Youth Day” that were organized for English speakers on the Tuesday through Friday of the week preceding the weekend events with Pope Francis, were directed by the Dominican Liturgical Center of Krakow, Poland. The daily Masses were offered at Tauran Arena in Krakow (temporarily named Mercy Centre) for 15,000 to 20,000 youthful pilgrims. Father Lukasz Misko, OP was the director of music. Christopher Mueller conducted the youthful choir of 35 voices and a small youth orchestra of 8 instrumentalists. Interestingly enough, the Ordinary Mass parts were in Latin (*Missa Orientalis* by Jacek Sykulski), and the *Pater Noster* was chanted in Latin. Choir music used included Gregorian Alleluias, and polyphonic compositions by Palestrina, Hassler, Allegri and others. On Friday, Mr. Mueller and his wife led a breakout session during the day entitled, “How to Promote Chant and Polyphony in Your Parish.” For a full listing of all the music used at the daily Masses, go to [www.benesonarium.com/world-youth-day-krakow/](http://www.benesonarium.com/world-youth-day-krakow/)

### **Adult Coloring Book on the Mysteries of the Rosary**

Ave Maria Press has just released an “adult” coloring book focused on the traditional mysteries of the Rosary. Renowned artist Daniel Mitsui provided the illustrations, suitable for meditative coloring and reflecting on the lives of Jesus and the Blessed Mother. Cost is \$9.95. Another such coloring book is planned to be released in time for Christmas gift-giving, focusing on particular saints of the Church.

### **Mass of the Roman Rite (Jungmann) Available on-line**

For many people, Father Joseph A. Jungmann, S J., is the ultimate authority on the traditional Latin Mass. His two-volume set, *Mass of the Roman Rite (Missarum Sollemnia)*, has been out of print for some time. There is a single volume option, from 1951, (contains no footnotes) published by Beringer Brothers, available on Amazon.com for \$300.00—somewhat above my budget! There are also “abridged” versions available on Amazon, for under \$50. But I could not discern what was omitted from these versions.

<http://www.ccwatershed.org/blog/2014/jan/25/josef-jungmann-study-roman-rite-mass-pdf/>

is the link you need to find Father Jungmann’s full book at the Corpus Christi Watershed web site. Be advised that if you download the first option (the entire book at once) it takes a LONG time (about a half-hour on my computer). There is an option to download sections at a time, which may be more useful for some people.

### **Index Lectionum Now Available**

Have you ever wondered what happened to certain scriptural texts that are found in the Extraordinary Form Latin Masses, but seem to have vanished in the Ordinary Form? Have you wondered on what Sundays both forms are using the same Epistle and/or Gospel?

Now you can find the answers to these and many more fascinating comparisons in a new book, just published this year, *Index Lectionum, A Comparative Table of Readings for the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms of the Roman Rite.* This

book was compiled by Matthew P. Hazell. Mr. Hazell runs the website, "Lectionary Study Aids", and lives in Sheffield, UK.

LLA President Morris was able to purchase the book on-line from Amazon.com and can tell already that it will be a reference that will be often used. The book also clearly points out which scriptural passages are only to be found in the Ordinary Form, with Years A, B, and C clearly delineated.

### ***Ordae Missae* Latin Supplement for 2011 Roman Missal Now Available**

With the new (2011) English translation of the Roman Missal, most of the previously included Latin language options were omitted from the English version of the Missal. This has made it difficult for those priests who might wish to alternate freely between Latin and English during the Mass (Ordinary Form). This difficulty has been solved with the new Latin Supplement, c. 2015, by Rev. Peter M. J. Stravinskis. If you order it through Newman House Press, it is called *Ordae Missae*. If you order it through Ignatius Press, it is called "Altar Missal Supplement" for the standard size, and "Chapel Missal Supplement" for the chapel size. Cost is \$15.00 (currently on sale at Ignatius Press for \$12.71). The supplement is designed to be inserted at the back of the Missal with adhesive strips. It comes with tabs to mark key sections of the Mass. The Latin supplement includes the entire Ordinary (with chant), as well as prefaces and a selection of commonly used propers.

### **From the Webmaster**

Thanks to LLA members Brian Morgan and Robert Starszack, the LLA now has a Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/latinliturgyassociation> We have also a link to it from the website Home Page.

The Directory for *Novus Ordo* Masses in Latin has been reviewed and validated for the first time in many years thanks to President Morris. To see the revised result visit: <http://latinliturgy.com/id6.htm>

Unfortunately from our LLA point of view, it has experienced a 40% reduction in the number of entries – from 101 to 59 in the US and Canada. Latin usage in the *Novus Ordo* appears to be significantly declining.

On the bright side, the number of entries for Traditional Latin Masses (EF) enumerated by our friends at the Coalition for *Ecclesia Dei* continues to rise after *Summorum Pontificum*.: <http://www.ecclesiadei.org/masses.cfm>

In fact, according to their annual newsletter of November last year:

"The number of such Sunday Masses in the US has grown by over 170 since July, 2007, (the promulgation of *Summorum Pontificum*) to over 400 offered each week. In 46 dioceses, the (Traditional Latin) Mass is now said where none was offered before *Summorum Pontificum*, for a total of 161 dioceses out of 184."

Based upon these trends, I am inclined to agree with whomever President Morris was talking to regarding the ease of promotion of the Traditional Latin Mass compared to the promotion of the *Novus Ordo* in Latin, or *ad orientem*, or other changes that might enhance the sense of the sacred.

### **From the Editor**

While on the subject, the implementation of *Summorum Pontificum* is now 9 years old – the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in 2007. I was looking at the archives of LLA Newsletters and found the following in the September, 1987 issue (exactly 20 years before *Summorum Pontificum*). I will comment in line on this article using (*parentheses and italics*).

### **Guidelines for the Celebration of the Tridentine Mass in the Diocese of Buffalo, NY**

The following guidelines have been developed in accord with the provisions of the Decree of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship (Oct. 3, 1984), which permits the granting of indulgences for the celebration of the Tridentine Mass. These guidelines have been approved by Bishop Edward D Head, D. D. in consultation with the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

(The word "indulgent" derives from the Latin *indulgero* – to grant, allow, indulge, exercise forbearance – it also has the connotation of something temporary.)

1. Those individuals or groups, who wish to request the celebration of a Tridentine Latin Mass must complete the official diocesan request form to insure that the conditions established by the Congregation for Divine Worship are met. Additional forms may be obtained from the Diocesan Office of Worship.
2. The following conditions **must be met** (*emphasis in the original*) before permission for the celebration of the Tridentine Mass will be considered (*much less allowed*):
  - a) The reason for seeking the celebration of the Tridentine Mass must be stated on the official diocesan request form.
  - b) There must be clear evidence that those requesting the Tridentine Mass accept as lawful and doctrinally sound the Roman Mass promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1970.
  - c) Those people who request the indult (*will be labeled "indult Catholics"*), and can legitimately claim to have formed an attachment to the Tridentine Mass must sign the form provided. (*So that we have a list of the personae non gratae?*) The Mass may not be celebrated until official written permission is granted by the Bishop.
  - d) Participation in the celebration will be limited to those whose names appear in the formal petition. (*Lest we multiply? Don't bring your children?*)
  - e) The Mass is to be celebrated according to the full ritual of the Missal of 1962 and must be in Latin. Only this form of the rite may be used, and there may be no mixing of the 1962 rite with more recent forms.
  - f) The priest who will celebrate the Mass must be a priest in good standing with the Diocese of Buffalo. He must also be competent to celebrate the 1962 form of the Tridentine Mass. (*This was getting more difficult with the passing of time and the failure to teach Latin much less the "suppressed" form in our seminaries.*)
  - g) In order to conform to the desire of the Holy See that the permission not prejudice "the liturgical reform that is to be observed in the life of each ecclesial community," permission for the Tridentine Mass will on occasion and by way of exception be given for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, or for regularly scheduled celebrations. (*That is, you are more likely to receive permission for a Mass on irregular weekdays of the month. In St. Louis, this meant the first Saturday of the month – at least it was regular – but it did not apply to your Sunday obligation.*) The Tridentine Mass may take place "only on those days and in those circumstances approved by the Bishop." (*In case you missed that in c. above.*)
  - h) The place of celebration must be in a church or oratory, but only in extraordinary circumstances can it take place in a parish church. (*So, plan to drive somewhere not in your neighborhood. After all, it must not become a fixture in any parish of this diocese.*)
  - i) Permission will not be granted for those specific occasions when a considerable number of the faithful are in attendance, or when another sacrament is being celebrated within Mass (e.g., Ritual Masses such as Confirmation, Nuptial Masses, Christian Burial, etc.) (*We certainly do not want a "considerable number" to see this archaism. And don't ask for a Requiem for your father.*)
3. It is important to emphasize that the Congregation for Sacraments and Divine Worship has made it clear that the indult was not designed to foster perpetuation of the officially suppressed (*but never "abrogated"*) form, but is to be used as a means of demonstrating the Church's pastoral concern for those experiencing difficulties in adjusting to the renewed Eucharistic liturgy. (*Note, it is not called the "Sacrifice of the Mass" anymore.*) The impression is not to be given that the Tridentine Mass is a permanently approved form of the liturgy for anyone who prefers it. (*There are only a few grains of "pastoral concern" in the hourglass.*) It is an interim privilege during a time of adjustment, not a permanent privilege.

Issued with the endorsement of Most Rev. Edward D. Head, D.D. Bishop of Buffalo and Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Cunningham, Chancellor on May 15, 1986.

This niggardly implementation of the 1984 Indult was indeed the intent of the Congregation, but not of Pope Saint John Paul II. Consequently, four years later, in 1988, when he expelled Archbishop Lefebvre and the other four bishops of SSPX, he also exhorted the entire episcopacy as follows:

"To all those Catholic faithful who feel attached to some previous liturgical and disciplinary forms of the Latin tradition I wish to manifest my will to facilitate their ecclesial communion by means of the necessary measures to guarantee respect for their rightful aspirations. In this matter I ask for the support of the bishops and of all those engaged in the pastoral ministry in the Church....

moreover, respect must everywhere be shown for the feelings of all those who are attached to the Latin liturgical tradition, by a wide and generous application of the directives already issued some time ago by the Apostolic See for the use of the Roman Missal according to the typical edition of 1962."

And he followed through with the establishment of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter and the Institute of the Christ the King, dedicated to the celebration of the TLM. Benedict XVI completed the legal framework in 2007 for the "Extraordinary Form of the Latin Rite" and we celebrate this event in our Newsletter on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



As an “Indult Catholic” and someone who lived through the even bleaker years before the “Indult” (1970 – 84), I can attest we have come a long way indeed. *Deo gratias.*

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**Oratio pro Missa Latine Celebranda**

O mundi Regnator, qui te omni lingua hominum angelorumque laudari voluisti; tribue, quaesumus, ut etiam in diebus nostris, sacrificium dilecti Filii tui immaculatum assidue lingua Romana in oratoriis gentis nostrae omniumque permultis tibi offeratur a populo ad te toto corde converso: per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

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

**Prayer for the Celebration of the Mass in Latin**

O Sovereign of the world, who have willed that you be praised in every language of men and of angels; grant we beseech you, that now too in our days, the unblemished sacrifice of your beloved Son may be incessantly offered to you in the language of the Romans in many churches of our land and of every land by a people turned to you with all their heart. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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