

From the President

This June is especially memorable for me, since I am now retired from my elementary school music teaching position. After 23 years, I will not be planning a Christmas program during summer “vacation.” With six grandchildren in various locations, my husband and I hope to be able to travel more frequently to visit. Along the way, I hope to visit more Latin Mass communities, and meet more of our LLA members personally. I also hope to update our member database, and delete past members who no longer are interested in rejoining our association.

Memor et fidelis

Regina Morris, President
Latin Liturgy Association
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News from the Chapters

Chicago Chapter

The second annual St. John’s Ball, sponsored by the *Quo Vadis* Young Adults from St. John Cantius Church will take place on Friday, June 29, 2018. A 30-piece orchestra and spacious dance floor will be featured at the South Shore Cultural Center. The \$100 per person ticket price (\$175 per couple) includes free dance lessons (8-9 p.m.), wine and hors d’oeuvres.

Spaces are still available for the 2020 Oberammergau Pilgrimage.

A pilgrimage to Poland is set for Sept 3-14, 2018, with Father Dennis Kolinski.

Monthly outdoor Fatima Rosary processions are scheduled for July 11, August 15, and Sept 12, 2018, following the evening Traditional Latin Mass at the church.

On July 14, Mark Nowakowski will speak on “Quality and the Discernment of an Authentic Catholic Aesthetic” in the Parish Hall.

From July 16-21, 2018, the Catholic Art Guild will offer a one-week intensive workshop on the medieval illumination of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The cost is \$375.

On Sept 30, 2018, a benefit dinner for the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius will be held at the Drake Hotel.

For more information on all of the above events, go to www.cantius.org

Cleveland Chapter:

Father Frank Godic, pastor of Immaculate Conception parish in Cleveland, celebrated the 45th anniversary of his priestly ordination by offering a Latin Solemn High Mass on June 9, 2018.

St. Stephen Catholic Church (Cleveland) participated in World Language Week by offering a Traditional Latin Low Mass on April 17, 2018, at 7:00 am.

Detroit Chapter:

Original Word documents of the Latin-English handouts used by the local Latin Mass community have recently been made available to anyone who would like to use them. Go to www.windsorlatinmass.org/latub/proper.htm for the list of links.

The format is somewhat different than other worship aids that are available elsewhere.

Bus tours of historic churches are planned as follows: July 1-7: Montreal and Quebec City, and Nov. 8-15 Rome and Assisi. Contact www.prayerpilgrimages.com or (248) 250-6005.

Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter

A summer Choir Camp for students entering grades 4-12 will be held July 9-13, 2018, at Transfiguration Catholic Church. The basics of the role of music in Catholic liturgies will be the focus and will include Gregorian Chant and sung Mass responses. The fee is \$50 per student. Email mdemko@transfigurationmn.org for more information.

Philadelphia Chapter

On August 1, 2018, St. Mary Parish in Conshohocken will become a quasi-parish for Catholics who attend the Latin Mass. It will be staffed by priests from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. Currently there are six locations within the Philadelphia archdiocese who offer at least monthly Traditional Latin Masses.

Immaculate Conception Church continues to have a Traditional Latin Mass every First Friday at 7:00 pm. and First Saturday at 9:00 am. These Masses are not posted on the Mass schedule of the Church web site. However, they are listed in the church bulletin of the Sunday prior to First Friday and First Saturday.

Pittsburgh Chapter

St. James Catholic Church (Society of St. Pius X) will sponsor a 25th anniversary pilgrimage to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs on September 8, 2018. Please contact the church directly for details at (412) 875-6323.

Thank you to Dr. Beierle for noticing the misspellings in the last issue: Pittsburgh always should have an “h” at the end; Duquesne University is the correct spelling of the location of the CMMA workshops this summer.

On April 2, 2018, a baptism in the Traditional Latin Rite took place at St. Titus Church in Aliquippa. This the first time in nearly 50 years that such a baptism was performed.

Monthly Traditional Latin Masses at St. Titus Church will take place at noon on July 15, August 19, and September 16.

St. John XXIII quasi-parish celebrated the First Holy Communion of 5 members on May 6, 2018. A beautiful colored worship aid was produced. The choir sang Palestrina’s *Missa Regina Coeli* and Viadana’s *Exultate Justi* at the Offertory. The Communion motets were *Hoc Corpus* (Robledo) and *Sicut Cervus* (Palestrina)

The Diocese of Pittsburgh announced on April 28, 2018, that His Excellency, the Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh, is inviting the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest to serve in southwestern Pennsylvania. This new apostolate of the Institute will begin in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on October 15, 2018. The exact location has yet to be determined.

St. Louis-Bellefonte Chapter

On April 13, Raymond de Souza, KM gave a presentation at St. Mary of Victories on, “Good or Evil—Who Decides?” Some of the interesting points Mr. de Souza made include: In a democracy, we elect people, not ideas (party platforms notwithstanding). Ideas are either true or not true—truth is not decided by majority vote. However, what is actually legal in a particular country may change (e.g., slavery in the US). Therefore, what is legal is not necessarily moral. As Catholics, we should be guided by Catholic principles, not political parties. Three powers given by Jesus to the Apostles were to preach, teach, and forgive sins. The power of forgiving sins is directly related to knowing what is good and what is evil. This power, given to the Church, enables us to know good from evil. One definition of “good” is that “a creature is doing what he is supposed to do.” In other words, he is fulfilling the purpose for which he was created. The mystery of iniquity is: Why did Satan rebel when he knew that he would be punished?

Credo of the Catholic Laity offered a Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 24th, at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church. Edifying talks were given by Monsignor Eugene Morris, LLA member Father Brian Harrison, O.S., S.T.D., and Father Ambrose Bennet. Confession and spiritual direction were available throughout the day. Of particular interest to LLA members was the TLM sponsored by *Juventutem* St. Louis, a beautiful and uplifting component of this day of preparation for Holy Week.

News from Members

LLA member, **Dr. Joseph Daly**, advised that **The Second Annual Latin Mass Pilgrimage** in the Diocese of Paterson, NJ, is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 9:30 am. A Pontifical Latin High Mass will be offered in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist by Bishop Arthur Seratelli. Last year's Mass packed the Cathedral with people coming from five states. All are invited to this Mass. A reception will follow. For information, contact Dr. Daly at 973-464-2954 or jrdaly74@hotmail.com.

LLA member, **Joseph Beierle**, sent President Morris a copy of the worship aid from the Pontifical Solemn Mass at the Throne, commemorating the 10th anniversary of *Summorum Pontificum*, held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The Mass was offered on the high altar of the Upper Church on Saturday, April 28, 2018, by Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample, Archbishop of Portland, OR. Priests from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest, as well as diocesan priests had active ministerial roles. The Offertory collection was for the Shrine. Musicians included the *Schola Cantorum* from the Lyceum School in South Euclid, OH; the *Schola Cantorum* of St. John the Baptist Church in Allentown, NJ; the choir of the Basilica; the Washington Cornett and Sackbutt Ensemble; and the *Schola* of St. Mary, Mother of God, Church in Washington, DC. The Mass offered was the Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Eastertide (*Adeamus*). The sung Ordinary was *Missa Salve Regina a8* by Victoria. The Paulus Institute for the Propagation of Sacred Liturgy sponsored the Mass.

LLA member, **Carl Moore**, found a newspaper article about St. Alphonsus Church in Baltimore, MD, which is the only Catholic Church in Baltimore to offer an approved Traditional Latin Mass every Sunday. Go to <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-md-latin-church-advent-20171205-story.html>. Carl also found Gregorian chant in the last 30 seconds of this video about a Major League Baseball player, Mark Appel. Listen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EIZbf96QMY&feature=youtu.be>

LLA member, **Brian Pouliot**, owner of Preserving Christian Publication, Inc. has just released Catalog 184, May-June 2018. This printed catalog features many newly acquired titles. There is also a web site that contains much of the cataloged inventory (5,000 titles). Of particular interest to LLA members are two books by Fr. Adrian Fortescue – [Ceremonies of the Roman Rite Described](#) (1937) and [The Mass: A Study of the Roman Liturgy](#) (2007 reprint of 1930 edition). There are also several books in Latin, French, Italian, German, Greek and Polish. Call 315-942-6338 or go to www.pcpbooks.net for more information

News from the Association for Latin Liturgy (UK)

On Saturday, April 21, 2018, the *Graduale Parvum* was officially launched. This work, a product of the ALL, contains Introits for the Ordinary Form Latin Masses for all Sundays and Holy Days, in both Latin and English. The format is a simplified rendition of the chants from the *Graduale Romanum*, in the same modes as the original. The first printing has sold out, but a second printing is in process. To order, email treasurer@latin-liturgy.org

On Sept. 29, 2018, the annual general meeting of the ALL will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Norwich.

News from Vereniging Voor/Latijnse Liturgie (Netherlands)

This is the Dutch Association for Latin Liturgy. Their bulletin (in Dutch) is published three times a year, with past issues available on-line at <https://www.latijnseliturgie.nl/>. Their last general meeting was held on May 12, 2018, at the Basilica minor, St. Georgius, in Almelo. It began with a Mass in the Extraordinary Form and concluded with Vespers in the Ordinary Form.

News from CMAA (Church Music Association of America)

The 4th annual Southeastern Sacred Music Workshop will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Charlotte, NC, July 27-28, 2018. The cost is \$75. For more information, go to <https://southeasternsacredmusic.com>

News from Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest

On Thursday, August 2, 2018, at St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis, the sacrament of Holy Orders, according to the Traditional Latin Rite will be conferred by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke on several transitional deacons of the Institute. Their names have still not been officially released. All friends and faithful are welcome to attend this solemn

ceremony. The exact time has still not been made public—but the service will be in the morning, that day.

News from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP)

Opportunities for two international pilgrimages still remain in 2018: Poland/Czech Republic (Aug 13-27, 2018); and the Holy Land (Nov 25-Dec 10, 2018). Contact Orbis Catholicus at 800-675-9088 for more information.

News from the Jubilee Museum, Columbus, OH

The Lego® Vatican is now currently on display at the Museum. This 14 ft. long by 7 ft. wide model uses \$10,000 worth of Lego® bricks. It was created by Father Bob Simon of the Diocese of Scranton, PA. It took him ten months to build, and took three people two full days to reassemble it at the museum. The model is expected to be on display through the month of September, 2018. You may contact the museum by email at info@jubileemuseum.org or by phone at 614-600-0054. Don't miss it!

News from Adoremus

A subscription to the bimonthly "Adoremus Bulletin" (print edition) now includes an online version, at no extra cost to subscribers. The online version is usually available at least one week prior to the mailing of the print edition. A newly inaugurated monthly electronic newsletter, "AB Insight" is now also included in the subscription.

R.I.P. His Eminence Dario Cardinal Castrillon Hoyos

On May 18, 2018, at the age of 88, His Eminence Dario Cardinal Castrillon Hoyos went to his eternal reward. His Eminence spoke 8 languages and earned a doctorate in Canon Law. He is probably most well-known as the president of the *Ecclesia Dei* Commission from 2000-2009. He was well-known as a champion of the Traditional Latin Mass. When His Eminence offered a Solemn Pontifical Mass (Extraordinary Form) at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in 2003, it was the first time that such a Mass had been offered in ANY of the major basilicas in Rome, since the liturgical changes of Pope Paul VI. "This kind of worship is so noble, so beautiful," he said. "The worship, the music, the architecture, the painting, makes a whole that is a treasure. The Holy Father is willing to offer to all the people this possibility, not only for the few groups who demand it, but so that everybody knows this way of celebrating the Eucharist in the Catholic Church." Many people credit the Cardinal with being instrumental in the issuance of *Summorum Pontificum* in 2007. He wanted all seminarians to learn how to offer this Mass; he thought every Catholic parish should offer at least one Traditional Latin Mass.

R.I.P. Father Columba Kelly, OSB

Earlier this month, we learned of the death of Father Columba Kelly, on June 9, 2018, at age 87. Father Kelly was a Benedictine monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, and a well-known composer and teacher of Gregorian Chant. Some his works are available as free downloads at <http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/the-monastery/liturgical-music/downloads/> His funeral liturgy and burial were June 13, 2018. Fr. Columba Kelly was to be honored this year by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. He was to receive the *Jubilare Deo* Award, which honors his significant contribution to the liturgical life of the Church. The *Jubilare Deo* Award will be presented to Fr. Columba Kelly posthumously and accepted by Fr. Jeremy King, OSB, at the upcoming NPM Convention in Baltimore.

R.I.P. Margaret-Mary Rose

President Morris was recently notified by the family of LLA Life Member, Mrs. Margaret-Mary Rose that she had passed away on Dec. 21, 2017, at age 71 from complications from end-stage Parkinson's Disease. Mrs. Rose had attended the Traditional Latin Mass at Old St. Mary's in Washington, D.C., where a Latin *Requiem* Mass was offered for the repose of her soul on Dec. 27, 2017. Her father was Chief Justice Warren E. Burger. Mrs. Rose converted to Catholicism in 1966 and had a career with the FBI.

May the souls of His Eminence Dario Cardinal Castrillon Hoyos, Fr. Columba Kelly, OSB, Margaret-Mary Rose, and all of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

"Un-wreckovation" (Is that a word?)

Whether there is such a word in the dictionary or not, the truth is that several more churches have successfully raised money and renovated their interiors, with an eye toward re-establishing reverence, beauty, and traditional Catholic values.

Consider the following examples:

Annunciation Church in Brazil, IN, recently spent a million dollars on a 1 ½ year project that included re-installing the high altar and Communion rail, and moving the organ to the choir loft. The church website has several photos of the work as it progressed.

<http://annunciationbrazil.org/giving/restoration-project>

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Sterling Heights, MI, was built in 1979. Its recent renovation added classical artwork, quasi-side altars, and a Communion rail. These elements had never been part of the church when it was originally built. One of parishoners posted these photos on the church's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Our-Lady-of-Czestochowa/134181186632781>

St. Stephen the Martyr Church in Columbus, OH, was originally built in 1963 as a temporary church in a school building. Various renovations in the intervening years left something to be desired. The parish most recently removed the carpeting, added tiling, Communion rails, a new ceiling, a fixed canopy above the new altar, with a new crucifix.

For before and after photos, go here:

<http://www.heyerarchitect.com/sacred/st-stephen-martyr/>

St. Barnabas Church in O'Fallon, MO suffered from a fire in 1981. Necessary repairs were made as quickly as possible to minimize "down time." After a weekly Traditional Latin Mass was begun in January, 2015, the shortcomings of the existing design became more and more apparent. Obtaining a communion rail and ambo from a closed church in Connecticut, and re-purposing a rood screen from an Episcopal Church in Maine were only some of the detailed work that went into the "makeover" at St. Barnabas. For more details, see the recent article in the St. Louis Review (Archdiocesan newspaper)

<http://stlouisreview.com/article/2018-05-03/sanctuary-makeover>

and, for those who follow Fr. Z -

<http://wdtprs.com/blog/2018/05/brick-by-brick-in-archstl-a-lesson-in-commonsense-prayer-and-elbow-grease/>

and the photo below:



St. Barnabas, Apostle

Sistine Chapel Choir 2018 USA Tour Canceled

On June 8, 2018, AEG Presents announced that the 2018 Sistine Chapel Choir tour has been canceled due to “logistics.” Not all ticket-holders have been informed yet. Refunds should be requested from the point of purchase. This news comes only a month after the Choir performed for the controversial MET Gala in New York City on May 7, 2018. The group of 16 boys (aged 9-13) and 10 men gave a surprise twenty-minute performance at the conclusion of the tour of the exhibit by the attendees. Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan introduced the choir and asked for quiet respect during the performance. The background was a projected image of the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

Westminster Cathedral Choir Concert in St. Louis

The St. Louis Cathedral Basilica Concert Series recently announced that on Friday, October 19, 2018, the Westminster Cathedral Choir (London, UK) will sing in concert at the basilica. This choir is the only Catholic Cathedral Choir in the world that sings daily Mass and Vespers and still maintains an active concert schedule. At this time, no other concert locations have been made public.

Extraordinary Faith TV

Episodes 1-11 are available to watch on Extraordinary Faith YouTube Channel. Episodes 12-16 debuted on EWTN from April 30-May 10, 2018. Rebroadcasts are not yet posted on the EWTN website. Episode 12 is about Windsor, Ontario; Episodes 13 and 14 about Detroit, MI; Episode 15 is about Westminster Cathedral in London, UK; Episode 16 is about Brompton Oratory in London, UK.

Traditional Carmelites Building New Monastery

The traditional Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Fairfield, PA, (Diocese of Harrisburg) has embarked upon a building program after outgrowing their original monastery. These cloistered sisters wear the full habit and assist at the Traditional Latin Mass. They enjoy the full approval of the local ordinary, the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg. However, the diocese gives them no monetary funds. The sisters rely upon the fruits of their (farm) labor and the generosity of outside donors. For more information about the Carmel, and ways that you can support this endeavor, go to <https://www.fairfieldcarmelites.org/>

Avila Institute Summer Retreat Has Waiting List

Due to an enthusiastic reception, registration for the Avila Institute Summer Retreat at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL, is now in a waiting list status while capacity is being reviewed to see if more participants can be accommodated. The Retreat is scheduled for July 13-15, 2018. Featured speakers will include Francis Cardinal Arinze and Father Cassian Folson. The focus is “The Saving Power of Liturgy.”

Shelby County, OH, Civil War Living History Weekend 2018

The dates for the 2018 Living History Weekend in Sidney, OH, have been announced—Sept. 15-16, 2018. The Catholic Mass is scheduled for Sunday morning at 7:15 am. in the Education Tent. When this event was held in 2016, a Traditional Latin Mass was part of the weekend. Such a Mass added particular accuracy to the religious services as they were conducted “in the field” during the war. However, this year’s schedule does not specify that the Mass will be a Traditional Latin Mass.

Angelus Press Conference: “Fifty Years since *Humanae Vitae*”

Registration is now open for the 2018 *Angelus* Press Conference. It will be held October 12-14 in Kansas City, MO. Bishop Bernard Fellay will be the keynote speaker. The focus is – “Fifty Years since *Humanae Vitae*.” For more information go to <https://angeluspress.org> and click on “Conferences.”

What is a “quasi-parish”?

Since several Latin Mass communities have been organized as a “quasi-parish” it would be good to know where this concept comes from. According to the 1983 Code of Canon Law: Can. 516 §1. “Unless the law provides otherwise, a quasi-parish is equivalent to a parish; a quasi-parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful in a particular church, entrusted to a priest as its proper pastor but not yet erected as a parish because of particular circumstances.”

Ten Things You Miss By Going to the Traditional Latin Mass

(excerpted from Brian Williams posting at Liturgyguy.com)

1. Altar girls
2. Lay readers
3. Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers
4. Communion in the hand
5. Mass *versus populum*
6. Bad Music
7. a. Standing during the entire Credo (no genuflection)
b. Standing to receive Communion
c. Standing for the final blessing
8. Improvisation by the “celebrant”
9. The Sign of Peace in the congregation
10. Vernacular

The President observes that none of them are required elements of the Ordinary Form of the Mass. As LLA members know, the Ordinary Form can be celebrated in a very reverent way, in Latin, with Gregorian Chant, *ad orientem*, with male servers. Communion may always be received on the tongue, in either form. A number of churches are re-installing Communion rails (see “Un-wreckovation” above). The Sign of Peace is actually part of the Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form, where it is only exchanged among the sacred ministers on the altar.

However, the point that Mr. Williams is making is that when you attend an Ordinary Form Mass at any particular church,

you cannot be sure of what you will experience. When you attend an Extraordinary Form Mass, you can be sure!

Although the number of approved Traditional Latin Masses is continuing to increase, it is also our responsibility as members of the LLA, to assist churches and individual Catholics we may know, in increased reverence and devotion at every Mass, regardless of its form.

Veiling at Mass

[Excerpted from www.veilsbylily.com posted May 31, 2018]

Has the idea of wearing a veil at Mass been on your heart lately? Have you thought about it but so far haven't started? Maybe you started, but then stopped. Some women become nervous about what other people will think. Others have doubts whether they should do something that draws attention to themselves. Some even love the idea of the chapel veil, but feel that beauty of the veil will distract them from praying.

But what if I told you it isn't just about you anymore? What if I told you that wearing a veil at Mass - or anytime you find yourself in the presence of the Eucharist in the tabernacle or in the monstrance - could be a work of mercy?

Not explicitly, no. But what if wearing the veil - as well as receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, or kneeling for Holy Communion, or any other act of reverence for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist - what if these were actually works of mercy whereby we silently **instruct the ignorant** and **comfort the sorrowful** of heart, both of whom may feel that God is nowhere to be found?

By our very action of quietly but visibly acknowledging the Real Presence, we give witness to the world that, yes, God is here! He is closer than we can even imagine! He is really, truly, substantially present in that little Host! It is not a metaphor! It is not an illusion! He is truly there, and we know it, and that is why we veil in His presence!

For those who are wondering, the equivalent sign of respect for men is to remove their hats. It is not discriminatory - all of us, both men and women, make an act of humbling ourselves, acknowledging that we are in the presence of the Almighty.

So it's not just about you anymore. Point to Jesus. Wear the veil, receive Him on the tongue while kneeling (if you can), and be willing to give Him all as you silently witness to His presence.

Remember, as St. John Paul II [says](#), "There can be no danger of excess in our care for this mystery, for 'in this sacrament is recapitulated the whole mystery of our salvation.'"

Why Johnny Stopped Going to Church (part 1)

[excerpted <https://newmansociety.org/why-johnny-stopped-going-to-church-part-1/>]

In Australia, a national study showed that a mere 3 percent of recent grads from publicly-supported Catholic schools attend Mass immediately after graduation – and most believe that religious beliefs are “purely personal lifestyle choices.” The causes, of course, are complex – human freedom, our culture’s attack on the family, state-mandated aggressive “non-judgmentalism,” and the poisonous melodies of Lady Gaga and company. But a new book ([Education in Christ: A Practical Handbook for Developing the Catholic Faith from Childhood to Adolescence](#), by Gerard O’Shea) encourages us to consider yet another source, often overlooked by educators: **flawed theories of learning**. Our pedagogy has sometimes directly undermined Johnny’s motives for attending. The educational theory of Radical Constructivism, advanced by Ernst von Glasserfeld and others, states that “Knowledge is the result of an individual’s construction—NOT a commodity that can be conveyed.” Once such a view of “knowledge” is embraced, any system or organization (such as the Catholic Church) that claims to teach “truth” must, of necessity, come to be regarded as an instrument of aggression, an agent oppressively forcing its ideology upon an essentially free will. Think about this: What if our engineering departments suddenly decided that knowledge and meaning were categories we “imposed” upon the world? How many bridges would have to fall before we hauled out the professors and called them to account? Well, in Catholic schools, the bridges have been falling for a long time now.

Why Johnny Stopped Going to Church (part 2)

[excerpted <https://newmansociety.org/why-johnny-stopped-going-to-church-part-2/>]

In my previous article I suggested that dominant secular theories of learning and catechesis presume that Christian doctrine has no foundation in reason. Did Johnny stop going to church because he received bad ideas? Or did he accept bad ideas because his Catholic school closed and his older siblings didn’t bother marrying and his parents stopped going to church? The precise order of causality is somewhat of a moot point. The takeaway for those of us in the business of

teaching – bishops, pastors, teachers, parents – seems clear enough: Catholicism only survives if it is presented consistently as a total way of life and thought. Where structures fail, faith flounders; where faith fails, structures flounder.

Catholic culture in North America in the 20th century was supported by **three legs**: the **parish, the family, and the Catholic school**. As one falters, so do the others. If Johnny is to come back to the Church, if our schools are to survive into the next generation, we cannot continue as though it were business as usual. Our children deserve better. Our faith demands more. The Church stands as one of the last defenders of reason. Catholic teachers of the future will need to be better equipped to confront the deep sources of nihilism in our culture; even more, Catholic parents, alongside schools and parishes, will need to form their children in an alternative culture—a truly Catholic culture. Only then, I think, is Johnny likely to stay in church.

Vigils: Christmas, Easter and Pentecost

[excerpted from <http://johnrotondijr.blogspot.com/> by John Rotondi, April 3, 2018]

With the glorious restoration of the ancient and perennial rites of Holy Week this year, I have heard multiple cases of priests informing their congregations that attendance at the Paschal Vigil on Holy Saturday does not fulfill the Sunday obligation; and, therefore, they must return to church on Easter Sunday. The immediate rationale given, from what I gather, is that *Universae Ecclesiae* (UE) stipulates that Saturday evening Masses would not count for Sunday obligation per the following, "by virtue of its character of special law, within its own area, the *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum* derogates from those provisions of law, connected with the sacred Rites, promulgated from 1962 onwards and incompatible with the rubrics of the liturgical books in effect in 1962."

There are two issues I see at play here. The first item is the erroneous conflation of liturgical praxis with Canon Law. The second issue is, perhaps, based in the traditional (and correct) understanding of the nature of the Easter Vigil.

In the first case, liturgical praxis (or law) governs the rites and texts to be employed in the Liturgy, and this is where UE is applicable. To wit, there is to be no mixing of rites and texts from the Novus Ordo into the TLM and vice-versa; the integrity of the traditional Missal, Breviary, etc. is to be maintained even when it would be contrary to modern praxis. A good example of this would be the calendar and which feast day to observe on a given date.

However, the matter of meeting the precept of the Church to keep holy the Lord's Day - by attendance at Holy Mass and refraining from unnecessary servile work - **is strictly a matter of Canon Law**. Indeed, the precept is an act of positive ecclesiastical law, not something inherent to the Liturgy itself. Therefore, the question of what constitutes fulfillment of this precept is answered in Canon Law, of which the 1983 Code is the one currently in force. Like it or not, the current law states that the obligation to hear Mass on Sundays is fulfilled by attendance at any Mass (or Divine Liturgy) from 4:00pm on Saturday to Midnight on Sunday, regardless even of which Mass propers are used (e.g. a Nuptial Mass or a Requiem Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday would even count for the Sunday obligation). **Hence, if the Paschal Vigil Mass takes place after 4:00pm on Holy Saturday it does, in fact, fulfill one's obligation for Easter Sunday Mass attendance.**

Of course, we practitioners of restoration of all things Traditional in our Liturgy and otherwise, would seek to go beyond the minimum, **but we can never bind others to that which the Church does not bind them**. That said, in this particular instance (i.e. Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday), a good opportunity to recover and teach about the true nature of this vigil presents itself and may, perhaps, inspire the faithful to attend both of their own volition.

The Paschal Vigil and its Mass is NOT the celebration of the Resurrection. Before 1955 in the West, and still to this day in the East, Easter does **not** have a "Midnight Mass" or a first Mass at night to usher in the Resurrection [like Christmas]. Easter does **not** have three Masses like Christmas, but one Mass proper to itself-- the Mass on Easter Sunday.

What of the Extraordinary Form Mass on Holy Saturday? It is a joyful Mass, in white, with the bells rung at the *Gloria* and the return of "Alleluia," but it is still only an anticipation; it is joyful expectation that the Resurrection is about to happen but has not yet arrived. Hence, this Mass still lacks the elements of the feast - no candles at the Gospel, no *Credo* (because it's not Sunday but a vigil), no *Agnus Dei* (the Lamb has not yet risen from the dead), and no Kiss of Peace (again because we still await the Resurrection). The true Midnight Liturgy of Easter is Paschal Matins and Lauds, which is when the Resurrection is proclaimed as arrived.

To understand this, it is necessary to understand the [actual] definition of the word "vigil", a term which has been greatly confused in recent decades. A vigil is **not** a first Mass of the day to follow [that is] offered on the evening or night before. [Ed. Note: Although many people refer to the Saturday evening Masses in the Ordinary Form by that term, the correct designation is "anticipated Mass."] A vigil, rather, is a **day** and a **ritual** which occurs the day before a feast. The vigil as a day is a penitential observance encompassing the Hours of Matins through None and accompanied by fasting. The vigil

as a ritual is set in the time between the two liturgical days, that is, after None and before Vespers. Hence, the proper and traditional time to offer the Paschal Vigil is in the late afternoon/early evening such that the fire and candles are lit before the sun sets, and such that the Mass of the Paschal Vigil ends with Vespers, marking the beginning of the liturgical observance of the feast to follow, though not yet the fulfillment of the Resurrection.

On the other hand, Christmas Midnight Mass is NOT a vigil; it is the actual first Mass of the Christmas feast assigned to the day of Christmas. The Vigil of Christmas is the day and Mass in violet the morning of December 24. [Ed. Note: This was most noticeable in 2017, when Christmas was on a Monday. Some people at the Sunday Latin Mass on Dec. 24 wondered what happened to the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It was even more confusing when they saw that the Ordinary Form Masses celebrated the 4th Sunday of Advent. This was because the 1969 Calendar Revision suppressed the Vigil of Christmas when it occurs on a Sunday.]

From a liturgical view and from the view of our Roman Tradition, the Liturgy of Holy Saturday is not a first Mass of Easter, but rather, it is a Liturgy of anticipation proper to and belonging to Holy Saturday. It is not interchangeable with the Liturgy of Easter Sunday, which is why the Paschal Vigil and the Mass of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday are two separate things, and **it is traditionally normative that one would attend both**. This is perhaps the reason some priests are encouraging their congregations to return on Easter Sunday, and it is quite laudable and certainly traditional, yet it is still beyond their authority to make such [attendance] binding.

[Ed. Note: For people who attended the Ordinary Form Saturday evening Mass on the day before Pentecost, the Mass was properly the Mass for the Vigil of Pentecost—with completely different readings from Pentecost Sunday. This was because this Vigil was not suppressed in the 1969 calendar—and because of the 1983 Code of Canon Law, attendance at this Mass satisfied the obligation to hear Mass on Sunday, as explained by Mr. Rotondi, in the above article.]

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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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