

Tridentine Community News

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Oh, To Have Been A Fly On The Wall

One of the objectives of this column is to expose our readers to the worldwide Tridentine Mass movement. The more we are in touch with the broader Latin Mass scene, the better our liturgies and surrounding activities can conform to the mind of the Church. Much more goes on than what we may be aware of in our own back yard.



The above photo shows that we do try to keep our finger on the pulse. Taken over lunch during the recent Call to Holiness conference, our own Deacon Richard Bloomfield is pictured at left. Deacon Bloomfield has served faithfully at St. Josaphat since the beginning of the Detroit Indult Mass. He has been instrumental in initiating the Solemn High Masses that are occasionally held at both St. Michael and St. Josaphat churches.

In the center is Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz, the ordinary of the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska. Bishop Bruskewitz is well known for many traditional causes in the Church, but perhaps most significantly for his invitation to the Fraternity of St. Peter to build their new seminary in his diocese. He has also extended permission for any properly trained priest in his diocese to celebrate the Traditional Mass.

At right is Dr. Alice von Hildebrand, a theologian and philosopher, and wife of the late Dietrich von Hildebrand, an even more renowned theologian, who was a personal favorite of then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. She recently had a private audience with the Holy Father at which they discussed his impending Motu Proprio granting broader permission for priests to celebrate the Tridentine Mass. Hmm...what do you think these distinguished individuals were discussing?

Gregorian Chant Workshop on June 30

In light of our Holy Father's numerous writings in support of increased use of Latin and Gregorian Chant in the Mass, not to mention the "Motu Mania" surrounding the aforementioned forthcoming Papal document, it is appropriate that the site of the largest Tridentine Mass in the area, and one of the most active

practitioners of chant in our region, offers a course in the Church's own music.

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A - gnus De- i, *qui tol-lis pec-cá- ta mundi : mi-
se-ré- re no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol- lis peccá-ta
mun- di : mi-se-ré- re no-bis. Agnus De- i, * qui tol-lis
pec- cá- ta mundi : do-na nobis pa-cem.

On Saturday, June 30, St. Josaphat Church will host an all-day conference on Chant. The seminar will familiarize attendees with the history, notation, and singing of chant as used in Roman Catholic liturgy. The workshop will run from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. A fee of \$40 will be charged to cover expenses.

No experience is necessary. Like St. Josaphat's Latin Class, the Chant Workshop is designed to appeal to a broad audience, from the person in the pew wanting to gain an understanding of chant, up through choir members, those considering joining a choir, and choir directors. The conference will be led by St. Josaphat Music Director Wassim Sarweh and will feature chant experts Michel Ozorak and Matthew Meloche. Guest speakers have also been invited.

The focus will be on performance as opposed to theory and history. Participants will sing Vespers on Saturday afternoon.

If you are interested in attending the Chant Workshop, please send an e-mail to the address at the bottom of this page. Please include some information about your musical background.

Town Hall Meeting After Mass at St. Josaphat on July 1

The day after the Chant Workshop, the St. Josaphat Tridentine Community will hold its first formal meeting in the Social Hall immediately after Mass, that is, at around 11:00 AM. Further details will be published in a future column. Please save the date and try to attend.

While the meeting primarily concerns St. Josaphat, and to some extent members of its cluster partners St. Joseph and Sweetest Heart of Mary, members of the Windsor Tridentine Mass Community are also invited. There have been some positive developments on both sides of the river recently which can use the input of all parties interested in the cause of the Traditional Mass.