# **Tridentine Community News**

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# Correction re: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mass

The Wednesday 7:00 PM Tridentine Mass at Wyandotte's Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church will be held <u>monthly</u>, not weekly as previously announced. The next Masses will be held on July 16 (the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel) and August 13.

# Updated Manual of Indulgences Published



Previous editions of this column have described the important role of Indulgences in the prayer life of a Catholic. An Indulgence is a remission of temporal punishment due for sin, and may be applied towards oneself or towards the Souls in Purgatory. One may earn a Partial Indulgence (a remission of part of the punishment due) or a Plenary Indulgence (remission of all of the punishment due), depending on the prescribed act. A Plenary Indulgence can free a soul from Purgatory;

it is a supreme act of charity.

The Fourth Edition of the Vatican's *Enchirídion Indugentiárum*, released in the original Latin in 1999, is now available in an English edition from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Entitled Manual of Indulgences, this book contains all of the (relatively minor) updates to the norms and methods of earning Indulgences. Available for \$19.95 from the Publications Department at <u>www.usccb.org</u>, this is a book that belongs in every Catholic home.

## Hey, That Looks Familiar

Did you know that our weekly Latin/English Propers Handouts

are now in use at a number of additional churches? Originally created as a joint project for the St. Josaphat and Assumption-Windsor Tridentine Communities, the handouts were based upon an attractive design created by The Saint Gregory Society at Sacred Heart Church in New Haven, Connecticut, and used with their permission.



It became apparent that neither the original St. Gregory Society handouts, nor any Propers downloadable from any Internet source, had sufficiently accurate Latin or English. Too many typographical errors, inaccurate identifications of scripture passages, and absence of accent marks and joint vowels in the Latin, made it apparent that we had to create our own Propers text from scratch. Cross-referencing several Latin and English sources for the text took many hours (even altar missals and hand missals were not devoid of errors), but resulted in as accurate a set of handouts as could reasonably be produced. Three years of creation and proofreading were invested in creating the set that we now publish. Please e-mail the address at the bottom of this page if you discover any still-lurking mistakes – let's make these perfect.

No one should have to go through this exercise again. Now that the work has been done, we have made our handouts available to other Tridentine Mass communities. Besides St. Josaphat and Assumption, today our handouts, or derivations thereof, are used by St. Joseph; St. Albertus; Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Sterling Heights; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Bronx, New York; St. Joseph in Jackson, Michigan; St. Mary in Kalamazoo, Michigan; and Holy Rosary in Cedar, Michigan. New Haven's Sacred Heart has incorporated the corrected text into their own handouts. Even Orchard Lake's Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary has a set, though no Extraordinary Form Masses are yet offered there.

Parishes interested in a complete set of Word files of these handouts should e-mail the below address. PDFs of all of these documents are available at our web site.

#### The Motu Proprio - One Year in Retrospect

Monday, July 7 is the one year anniversary of the issuance of our Holy Father's Motu Proprio, *Summórum Pontíficum*. Let's reflect on what has happened locally and globally over the past year. Locally, one year ago, there was one Tridentine Mass site in Detroit and one in Windsor. Now there are nine sites in the Archdiocese of Detroit, but still only one in Windsor. Significantly, during at least one week per month, it is now possible to attend an Extraordinary Form Mass *at eight different churches, eight days in a row*. On some Sundays, one can attend three Tridentine Masses in a row at churches within close proximity. One of the three seminaries in our region has hosted a day-long workshop about the Extraordinary Form.

Worldwide, there has been a significant increase – we'll stop short of calling it an explosion – in the number of Traditional Masses being celebrated. At least two schismatic orders have reconciled with Rome. Numerous chant and church music conventions have been held, to accommodate the growing interest in the traditional music repertoire of the Church. Not all of these conventions have been focused on the Extraordinary Form; our Holy Father's plan for the Motu Proprio to inspire a greater sense of the sacred in the Ordinary Form of the Mass has been working out. EWTN has telecast four live Extraordinary Form Masses, the last of which, of July 1, barely attracted attention, demonstrating how the unusual has become virtually mainstream.

As more priests and parishes undertake Tridentine Masses, the second year of the Motu Proprio promises to bring still more graces to the Church.

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