

Tridentine Community News

September 14, 2008

Summórum Pontificum – One Year In Effect

Today, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, 2008, marks one year since our Holy Father's landmark Motu Proprio took effect. Let us thank almighty God for the fruits this document has produced in the metropolitan Detroit area as well as across the world. Amazingly, Detroit/Windsor is in third place in North America in number of Tridentine Mass sites.

It is therefore appropriate to note and thank the churches that have supported our Holy Father's initiative, in the order in which their Masses commenced:

1. Assumption, Windsor
2. St. Josaphat, Detroit
3. Assumption Grotto, Detroit
4. St. Joseph, Detroit
5. St. Stephen, New Boston
6. St. Albertus, Detroit
7. Sweetest Heart of Mary, Detroit
8. Sacred Heart, Yale
9. Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Sterling Heights
10. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Wyandotte

New York Takes The Motu Proprio Crown

After hearing about the growth of the Traditional Mass in our region, longtime friend of Fr. Borkowski and Tridentine Mass advocate Fr. James Miara supplied information regarding the state of the Extraordinary Form in the New York City metro area. These 14 sites make New York the region with the most Extraordinary Form Masses in North America:

1. St. Agnes, Manhattan
2. Guardian Angel, Manhattan
3. Holy Innocents, Manhattan
4. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Manhattan
5. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Bronx (Fr. Miara's church)
6. St. Joseph, Bronxville
7. St. Joseph, Middleton
8. St. Joseph, Poughkeepsie
9. Immaculate Conception, Sleepy Hollow
10. Sacred Heart, Port Chester
11. St. Sylvia, Tivoli
12. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tuxedo
13. St. Eugene, Yonkers
14. Our Lady of Peace, Brooklyn

The Motu Proprio Blossoms in Chicago

Some forces are unstoppable. A hurricane. A freight train. Michael Phelps. And in the Tridentine world, Chicago. In the indult days, Chicago had the most Tridentine Mass sites, at eight. Today, Chicago takes second place in North America with eleven sites:

1. St. John Cantius, Chicago
2. St. Thomas More, Chicago

3. St. Daniel the Prophet, Chicago
4. Shrine of Christ the King, Chicago
5. St. Mary of Perpetual Help, Chicago
6. St. Odilo, Berwyn
7. St. Andrew the Apostle, Calumet City
8. Monastery of Discalced Carmelite Nuns, Des Plaines
9. St. James Church, Highwood
10. St. John Vianney, Northlake
11. St. Peter, Volo

Fr. Anthony Brankin, Pastor of St. Odilo Parish, Brings the Latin Mass Back to Berwyn, IL: Joins Growing Trend in America Toward Implementing Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Letter Summorum Pontificum
10/23/2007 7:17:00 PM

A triduum of Solemn High Requiem Masses will be celebrated for the Souls in Purgatory in the Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional) at


St. Odilo Parish, the National Shrine of the Poor Souls, 2244 East Avenue, Berwyn Illinois.

These Tridentine Masses will be celebrated at 7 pm the first three Tuesdays in November, November 6th, 13th, 20th

Fr. Anthony Brankin, Pastor of St. Odilo Parish, will be the Celebrant of these Solemn High Masses. He will be joined by the Frs. Ryszard Gron and Adam Galek.

Fr. Richard Simon, Pastor of St. Lambert Parish, Skokie IL, Scriptural apologist, teacher of Ancient Languages and Catholic radio personality, will preach at each Mass. His topic will be: the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell.

Music will be under the direction of Mr. Paul Rau.



Like London, England, Chicago is often thought of by locals as an area overflowing with liturgical abuses. Such a glass-is-half-empty view ignores the blessings these places enjoy. In the truest sense of the world, Chicago is a "liberal" diocese, in that it supports Sacred Tradition as well as tolerating liturgical activity not faithful to the rubrics prescribed by Rome.

Substantial credit for mainstreaming the Traditional Mass must be given to Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry, who celebrates the Extraordinary Form regularly in Chicago and in other dioceses.

Comparing Apples to Apples

The Detroit statistics include Mass sites that only hold their Masses on special occasions, a few times per year. The New York and Chicago numbers do not include less-than-monthly sites (if those exist at all). We believe it is important to acknowledge these as well, as not every location is ready for more frequent Masses.

Mass Schedules

Mass times for the above-mentioned churches can almost all be found at: <http://web2.airmail.net/~carlsch/MaterDei/churches.htm>. This site is the most up-to-date of all national Tridentine Mass directories, and thus the first one to check before you travel. Situations are fluid; Masses may be added and cancelled without notice. New Mass sites may be added since we went to press. Always consider neighboring dioceses as options. Most importantly, it never hurts to call the parish you wish to visit in advance to confirm the time of the Mass, as even the parish's web site may be out of date.