

Tridentine Community News

May 5, 2013 – Fifth Sunday After Easter

Fr. Greg Tokarski Assigned as New Pastor of St. Josaphat



The Archdiocese of Detroit has assigned Fr. Greg Tokarski as the next pastor of St. Josaphat, St. Joseph, and Sweetest Heart of Mary parishes in Detroit, effective July 1.

Well-known to many of our readers, Fr. Tokarski was Professor of Latin and Academic Dean at Orchard Lake Seminary. For many years, he was the regular weekend celebrant of the Ordinary Form Latin Mass at St.

Joseph Church and is therefore quite familiar with the cluster. He has received instruction in the Extraordinary Form but to our knowledge has not yet had the opportunity to celebrate a Tridentine Mass publicly. Fr. Tokarski currently serves as pastor of St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Farmington Hills, where he offers a weekly Latin Mass in the Ordinary Form.

We ask all of our readers to pray for Fr. Tokarski as he assumes leadership of one of the region's main centers of Latin liturgy.

Anglican Ordinariate Issues Liturgical Norms Reflecting Continuity with the Extraordinary Form

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham is the entity established by Rome to serve as a quasi-diocese for Anglicans in England and Wales who have joined the Roman Catholic Church and wish to preserve elements of Anglican worship.

Recently the Ordinariate published *Guidelines for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*. Of interest to the readers of this column are several norms which display continuity with the Tridentine Mass:

5. Where the dynamic of the building allows it, the ancient practice of *ad orientem* celebration is commended.

6. Where *versus populum* celebration of the sacred liturgy is necessary [Ed. note: "necessary" implying it is not a recommended option], the placing of a standing crucifix with the *corpus* turned towards the celebrant, in the centre of the altar, is commended.

10. The Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I) is highly commended for use, not simply on Sundays or solemnities.

17. Well-chosen hymns have a particular role in Anglican liturgical patrimony and in recent years have almost displaced the singing of the Propers. The Anglican Use Gradual, successor to the English Gradual, is a simple tool for the recovery of the singing of the Propers and is highly commended.

21. Mass VIII (*Missa de Angelis*) in Latin, Credo I and Credo III, and the Lord's Prayer set by John Merbecke are highly commended for use.

36. In keeping with the Anglican tradition, it is highly commended that Holy Communion be distributed at a communion rail (or in a similar manner) to kneeling communicants.

Any discussion about modern trends in Catholic worship must take the above into account. It's not just those in favor of the EF who see value in advancing historic, reverent liturgical practices.

This column has several times made note of the contributions our Anglican brethren have made towards advancing the cause of traditional liturgy, before and after it came back into vogue. Much like Catholics who prefer the Extraordinary Form, a segment of Anglicans ardently support their more traditional form of worship, the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Even many of those Anglicans who prefer more contemporary worship such as the 1979 Prayer Book often offer a more traditional service than many Catholics experience. Gregorian Chant, Latin polyphony, and traditional hymns are found at many Anglican churches. One reason why there are so many exceptional Catholic music programs in London, England is because there are even more high-quality Anglican music programs there. Traditional Anglicans have set a very high standard, and their music programs train people with many of the skills needed at an Extraordinary Form Mass. Even John Robinson, in one of America's top Catholic music posts as Music Director at Boston's famed St. Paul Choir School – which last week just hosted its first Tridentine Mass – received his musical formation in the Anglican Church.

Locally, our Tridentine music programs owe a debt of gratitude to our Anglican friends at St. John's Episcopal Church on Woodward near Comerica Park. Chris Sayers and Mary Grivas from St. John's are present with us every week, and a host of others help out on special occasions. Chris in particular volunteers a tremendous amount behind the scenes with the logistics that help our music programs operate smoothly.

While Catholics and Anglicans do have significant theological differences, our mutual interest in traditional worship has provided moral encouragement and talent sharing that advance the cause of reverent worship in both of our denominations.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 05/06 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (St. John Before the Latin Gate)

Tue. 05/07 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Assumption-Windsor* (St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr)

Thu. 05/09 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Ascension Thursday)

Thu. 05/09 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Old St. Patrick, Ann Arbor* (Ascension Thursday)

Thu. 05/09 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Sterling Heights* (Ascension Thursday)