

Tridentine Community News

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Sacra Liturgia Conference Report

Every few years a major international conference on the Sacred Liturgy tends to be held. In 2006 there was the C.I.E.L. Conference in Oxford, England. In 2010 we had the Latin Liturgy Association National Convention here in Detroit and Windsor. 2013 offered the Sacra Liturgia Conference, held in Rome at the Pontifical University Santa Croce this past Tuesday-Friday, June 25-28. This writer was blessed to be able to attend.

Organized by Dom Alcuin Reid, perhaps the foremost living liturgical scholar; and Fr. Uwe-Michael Lang, a priest of the London Oratory, consultant to the Holy See, and author of the book *Turning Towards the Lord* (a treatise on *ad orientem* celebration of Holy Mass), the gathering featured some of the most prominent figures in the worldwide movement to advance traditional liturgical practices in both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms. Rome Reports and EWTN were both present, covering the event.

Conference chairman Bishop Dominique Rey, Alcuin Reid's Bishop in the Diocese of Fréjus-Toulon, France, is well known for his support of traditional liturgy. Bishop Rey is one of the few



bishops willing to ordain diocesan seminarians using the Extraordinary Form ritual.

Alcuin presented an updated version of the talk for which he is best known, on a contemporary-but-

traditional interpretation of the Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*.

Fr. Lang offered a paper with slide presentation contrasting starkly modern new church designs with new ones following traditional paradigms, and the theological principles each approach expresses.

Portland, Oregon Archbishop Alexander Sample, formerly the Bishop of Marquette, Michigan, gave a lively presentation on the role of the diocesan bishop as guardian of the Sacred Liturgy. He expressed his great love for the Tridentine Mass and stated that he requires his seminarians to learn how to celebrate the Extraordinary Form, not only so that they can be prepared to offer it, but also so that it may inform their celebrations of the Novus Ordo.

Bishop Peter Elliott of Melbourne, Australia, author of *Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite*, *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*, and *Ministry at the Altar*, the definitive books concerning celebration of and serving the Ordinary Form, discussed the *Ars Celebrandi*, the decorum and mindset that accompanies faithful following of the rubrics.

Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo, Sri Lanka and former official in the Congregation for Divine Worship, discussed the need for mystery and avoidance of experimentation in Holy Mass.

Raymond Cardinal Burke, Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura, the Vatican's Supreme Court, put forth the positive role of liturgical law in safeguarding against the "falsification" of worship.

Professor Tracey Rowland of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Melbourne argued that the Extraordinary Form is a vital part of the New Evangelization, that its transcendent appeal is an "antidote" to the loss of Catholic culture.

Abbot Michael John Zielinski, OSB, the recently appointed head of the Congregation of Divine Worship's new Office for Sacred Architecture and Music, addressed the role that sacred space and ritual have in setting apart the liturgy from mundane life.

Monsignor Keith Newton, Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, discussed the liturgical issues facing this evolving branch of the Church for former Anglicans.

Two Pontifical Vespers services in the Extraordinary Form, one Pontifical Mass in the Ordinary Form (*ad orientem*) celebrated by Congregation for Divine Worship Prefect Antonio Cardinal Cañizares Llovera, and one Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form



celebrated by President Emeritus of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences Walter Cardinal Brandmüller were celebrated in the adjacent Basilica of St. Apollinare, a magnificent Baroque church in an outstanding state of restoration. Each participant was given a satchel containing, among other things, a book specially produced for the conference, containing the entire Latin and vernacular (in multiple languages) for each of the liturgies.

Among the many luminaries in the audience were Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry, St. John Cantius (Chicago) pastor Fr. Frank Phillips, blogger Fr. Z, Juventutem Boston co-founder and Harvard Latin Mass organizer Matt Menendez, and our own Fr. John Johnson.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 07/01 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Precious Blood)

Tue. 07/02 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Assumption-Windsor* (Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Thu. 07/04 8:45 AM: Low Mass at *Immaculate Conception, Lapeer, Michigan* (Jesus Christ the High Priest) – First public EF Mass of Fr. Michael Zuelch, new Assistant Pastor

Fri. 07/05 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart) [First Friday]

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