

# Tridentine Community News

October 7, 2018 – External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary

## *Joke or Not? Food for Thought from a Priest on Twitter*

On September 12, Fr. Alek Schrenk of the Diocese of Pittsburgh posted this thread on Twitter in jest, but one has to admit, there are some terrific ideas for solving problems in the Church here:

In Our Pontificate, We would...

- 1.) ...impose upon Ourselves the name Sixtus VI (Sisto Sesto).
- 2.) ...appear briefly upon the balcony, beg the Church for her prayers, impart the blessing, and then leave. If so moved, We may smile.
- 3.) ...choose to be crowned using the papier-mâché tiara of Our Venerable Predecessor, Pope Pius VII, as a symbolic gesture of a Church in crisis.
- 4.) ...cancel all pending papal trips and visits. We are the Bishop of Rome; in Rome We shall reside. The world may come to Us if it so desires; it is easier than it has ever been to do so.
- 5.) ...cancel any upcoming extraordinary synods out of principle.
- 6.) ...reinstate the appellation “Sacred” to the names of the congregations of the Roman Curia, for holy they should be.
- 7.) ...perform a thorough review of the incomes and living arrangements of curial officials, and We would replace any decadent clerics with representatives from the most severe monastic orders.
- 8.) ...move back into the papal apartments. We would also restore the practice of Our sainted Predecessor, Pope John Paul II, in allowing visiting priests to assist at Our daily Mass. We would do this to support the priesthood.
- 9.) ...retire and sell all “popemobiles”; the proceeds would go to further Our succour to Rome’s poor and homeless. We will borne upon the sedia gestatoria at audience, because *Laudato si’*.
- 10.) ...waive all fees and ticket prices to touring the Vatican Gardens or the Necropolis of St. Peter. A freewill offering will be invited instead and bookings will be made by lottery.
- 11.) ...mandate training in the Extraordinary Form for all Latin Rite seminarians. Whatever status a “form” has, priests should know their rite.
- 12.) ...establish a Pontifical Academy of Latin, as a long overdue response to the Apostolic Constitution *Veterum sapientia* of Our sainted Predecessor, Pope John XXIII.
- 13.) ...mandate the immediate restoration of the liturgical octaves of Pentecost and Epiphany in both forms of the Roman Rite.
- 14.) ...allow by perpetual and universal indult, the use of the pre-1955 Holy Week rites in parishes and communities that use the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite.
- 15.) ...appoint a commission to devise a plan for the unification of the EF and OF calendars, with preference given to the dating and schema of the old General Roman Calendar. The implementation of this plan may be, but need not be, gradual in nature.
- 16.) ...immediately resume the use of all Our proper pontificalia, including but not limited to the camauro, paschal mozzetta, fanon, mantum, falda, subcinctorium. We shall do this because these things are pleasing.
- 17.) ...suppress and abrogate the use of the *De benedictionibus* (Book of Blessings) and restore the prayers of the *Rituale Romanum* wholesale.
- 18.) ...suppress likewise the modern rite of exorcism, restoring the former prayers, whose official translation out of Latin shall be forbidden.
- 19.) ...promulgate, *motu proprio*, a new guideline for the canonization of saints. Saints shall not be canonized until at least fifty years after their death. The “devil’s advocate” shall be restored.
- 20.) ...clarify several confusing rubrics in the Missal of Bl. Paul VI. An appropriate revision of the *De defectibus* will be appended. Rubrics shall once more bind priests under the pain of grave sin.

- 21.) ... promulgate a decree *motu proprio* amending the Apostolic Constitution *Pœnitentini* of Our blessed Predecessor Paul VI, restoring universal Friday abstinence.
- 22.) ...never give a private interview to anyone, for any reason, in any place, at any time.
- 23.) ...restore the Leonine Prayers in the Ordinary Form. The prayers at the foot of the altar, along with the vesting prayers, shall be printed in future vernacular editions of the *Missale Romanum* and their use shall be warmly encouraged.
- 24.) ...withdraw the Vatican City State from the Eurozone, order an intensive third-party audit of the IOR, and replace all staff and management with faithful laity without family connections in Italy.
- 25.) ...lower the postal tariffs for the Vatican Post, because they are ridiculously high. We will remain unmoved as this decision puts the *Poste Italiane* out of business.
- 26.) ...pressure the bishops of Germany to hand over financial control of the proceeds of their country’s church tax to the Holy See, or to lobby for the repeal of the tax; if resistance is met, We shall not rule out the possibility of interdict.
- 27.) ...take a cue from the Young Pope and utterly forbid that Our likeness be used on any souvenir, figurine, or bauble whatsoever. Our coat of arms may be used on limited merchandise for which a (free) permit may be obtained from the Holy See.
- 28.) ...order the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Holy Office to restore the *Index Librorum Prohibitorum*, though the books inscribed in its pages will not be forbidden to Catholics; rather, it shall serve as an authoritative guide to the faithful.
- 29.) ...while not suppressing the current *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, we shall restore the *Raccolta* and renew the grants of indulgence upon its prayers. We will once more speak in terms of days and years in Purgatory because We think people are capable of understanding metaphor.
- 30.) ...restore the imprecatory psalms to the Breviary, as well as the verses of other psalms that were omitted. For all of Scripture has a spiritual sense, and We shall exhort the faithful to dash their sins upon the Rock, who is Christ (cf. Ps 137, 9).
- 31.) ...in a spirit of continuity with the immemorial tradition of the Church and as a gesture of ecumenism with the East, restore clerical tonsure and the minor orders of porter, exorcist, lector, acolyte; the subdiaconate will also be restored.
- 32.) ...restore the rite of degradation of a bishop, the use of which, however, will be reserved to the Supreme Pontiff. Degraded bishops will be confined to austere monasteries in Italian hill-towns not serviced by *Trenitalia*.
- 33.) ...dissolve all national conferences of bishops. Bishops may meet informally and even communicate as an informal body, but without magisterial authority. In the 21st century We no longer wish to divide the practice and expression of the Faith along national lines.

## *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

**Tue. 10/09 7:00 PM:** Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. John Leonardi, Confessor)

**Thu. 10/11 7:00 PM:** High Mass at *Our Lady of the Scapular* (Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

**Sat. 10/13 8:30 AM:** Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (St. Edward the Confessor, King)

**Sat. 10/13 12:00 Noon:** Solemn High Mass at *St. Edward on the Lake, Lakeport, Michigan* (St. Edward the Confessor, King) – First Solemn High Mass at the parish. Celebrant: Fr. Lee Acervo, Deacon: Fr. Charles White, Subdeacon: Deacon Derik Peterman.

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