

Tridentine Community News

December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

Ecclésia Dei Commission Changes Rules on Anticipated Masses

On November 14, 2018 the Pontifical Commission Ecclésia Dei issued Protocol # 39/2011L – ED, in response to questions from a Polish priest. The PCED is the Vatican department with authority over the Extraordinary Form. The document's main new ruling is one that had been expected from the PCED for several months and already has been the subject of much discussion:

Anticipated Masses, such as Saturday afternoon or evening Vigil Masses, may no longer use the Propers of the next day. They must use the Propers of the day on which the Mass is celebrated. Most



significantly, this means that the numerous churches which offer Saturday Vigil Masses, locally including Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Sterling Heights, Michigan, will have to use the Mass of the Saturday instead of the Sunday Mass. That means the *Aspérgeres* will be omitted, as will the *Credo* on most Saturdays. Despite using Saturday Propers, these Vigil Masses will still satisfy the Sunday obligation.

This ruling highlights the difference between Canon Law and Liturgical Law. Canon Law states that a Vigil or Anticipated Mass satisfies the obligation of attending Holy Mass on the Sunday or Holy Day that follows. Liturgical Law instructs us of the form which that Anticipated Mass must take. The PCED can set Liturgical Law but not Canon Law. The relevant Canon is as follows:

Can. 1248 §1. A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass.

Several additional points were made in the document, two of which stand out: It restated that only instituted Acolytes, seminarians, or religious who have received Tonsure, in addition to priests and deacons, may serve as Subdeacon at Solemn High Masses. The use of the *Confiteor* before Holy Communion was discouraged, as it is not in the 1962 Missal, but those accustomed to using it are now permitted to continue employing it; this decision softens a previous ruling from 2007 which prohibited its use.

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St. Joseph Parish in Palm Bay, Florida Undertakes Training on the Traditional Mass

Congratulations to Fr. Jeremiah Payne, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Palm Bay, Florida, who celebrated his first Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Wednesday, December 5. Special thanks to St. Joseph's Music Director Dallas Gambrell, who organized training with *Extraordinary Faith* for Fr. Payne and the parish's altar serving team, our largest server training yet. Dallas' choir is also in rehearsals for the parish's first Missa Cantata, which will be held today, Sunday, December 16 at 1:30 PM. Also participating in the training was Fr. Michael Garcia of St. Coleman Parish in Pompano Beach, Florida.

It can be tempting and even reasonable to despair about the future of the Church when one considers its problems from the top down. However real, positive development is happening, arguably at a more accelerated pace than ever, in grass roots initiatives at the individual parish/church/chapel level. If anything, the turmoil in the Church is serving to focus clergy and laypeople more on the stability and timeless beauty of the historical rites.

May God bless these motivated clergy and faithful who are seeking to restore Tradition.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 12/18 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Feria)

Sat. 12/22 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Ember Saturday of Advent)