

Tridentine Community News

November 22, 2020 – Last Sunday After Pentecost

Catholic Extension Mission Dioceses

When you think about so-called “mission dioceses,” you might think about far-off, third world lands. If you were forced to think of an American mission diocese, you might think of the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska, whose fundraising appeal letters describe difficult territory of “off-road” parishes which must be reached by private plane. It might surprise you to learn that the charity Catholic Extension has a much broader definition for what constitutes a mission diocese:

“In a Catholic Extension-supported diocese, often one or more of the following conditions exist:

There are many Catholics, but little institutional Catholic presence (i.e. ordained leaders, Catholic schools and church buildings).

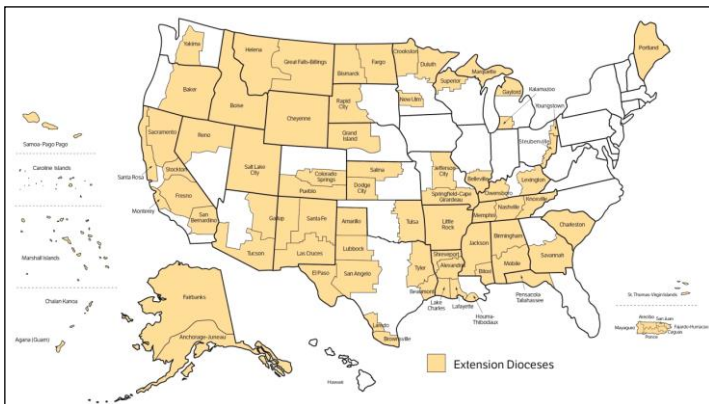
There is a rapidly growing Catholic population, but limited financial means to support this growth.

Catholics are spread throughout great geographic distances, making pastoral outreach difficult.

Catholics are located in areas facing economic hardships.

Catholics represent the religious minority in their communities.”

The below map indicates those dioceses which Catholic Extension supports in the United States. There are far more mission dioceses than one might suspect.



Walla Walla, Washington Priest Training Report

Congratulations to Fr. Matthew Nicks, Pastor of historic St. Patrick Parish in Walla Walla, Washington, and Fr. Kenneth St. Hilaire, Pastor of Pure Heart of Mary Parish in Northpoint, Washington (who is also pastor of eight (!) other parishes), who celebrated Low Masses on Tuesday, November 17, after training from Extraordinary Faith. Fr. Nicks will introduce Traditional Masses at St. Patrick at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 13, and Fr. St. Hilaire intends to debut them at Pure Heart of Mary soon, as well.

Two days later, Fr. Sean Thomson, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Colfax and St. Joseph Parish in La Crosse, celebrated his first Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Thursday, November 19,

after training from Extraordinary Faith. Fr. Sean said his growing love for the Sacred Liturgy made it inevitable he would learn the Traditional Mass one day. He hopes to introduce the Latin Mass at one or both of his parishes in the near future. Additional altar servers from the region attended the training session, whose families intend to make them available to support all of the priests in the area who plan to offer the historic liturgy. Special thanks to Shelley Perkins and Berney Neal of the St. Patrick Latin Mass Committee for arranging this training and for rounding up 15 other families and a troop of altar servers and singers to get this effort off the ground running.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 11/24 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor)

Sat. 11/28 8:00 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Saturday Votive Mass of Our Lady)

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