

Tridentine Community News

February 28, 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent

Spíritus Dómini and the Traditional Mass

Much has been written about *Spíritus Dómini*, Pope Francis' Motu Proprio published on January 10, 2021 which allows women to be installed to the ministries of Lector and Acolyte. One question on the mind of some traditional Catholics is how this might affect celebrations of Solemn High Masses. After all, the Pontifical Commission *Ecclésia Dei* in 1991 ruled that Installed Acolytes could function as Subdeacons in Solemn High Masses. Might we eventually see female Subdeacons?

The answer is found in Paragraph 28 of the 2011 document *Univérsæ Ecclésiæ*, which clarified certain questions that arose in the wake of Pope Benedict XVI's 2007 Motu Proprio *Summórum Pontificum*. Among those was whether new rulings primarily meant for the Ordinary Form might also be applied to the Extraordinary Form. The Vatican ruled as follows:

“28. Furthermore, by virtue of its character of special law, within its own area, the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum* derogates from those provisions of law, connected with the sacred Rites, promulgated from 1962 onwards and incompatible with the rubrics of the liturgical books in effect in 1962.”

This means that the 1962 Traditional Mass rubrics are their own intact entity, not to be overruled by other decisions of the Holy See. While women may now indeed be installed as Acolytes, the immemorial norm for the Traditional Mass is that only males serve at the altar, in both clerical and non-clerical roles. There is also a more practical consideration: This writer questions whether any woman who prefers the Traditional Mass would even want to serve at the altar. Once one understands the ethos of the TLM, that those who serve at the altar are proxies for the priest, the idea just doesn't get brought up with any seriousness.

Ann Arbor Priest Training Report



Congratulations to Fr. Bill Ashbaugh, Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Ann Arbor, Michigan, who celebrated his first Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Tuesday, February 23, after training from Extraordinary Faith. St. Thomas recently debuted weekly Sunday 11:00 AM High Masses, celebrated by Assistant Pastor Fr. Gerald Gawronski. Their rapid growth in attendance, supported by the current artistic restoration of the

historic church by Conrad Schmitt Studios, has convinced Fr. Bill that sacred beauty, as embodied by the Traditional Mass, will be central to the parish's future. Special thanks to Ann Arbor TLM organizer Joe Lipa for arranging this training.



Phoenix Priest Training Report – Round 3



Congratulations to Fr. Eduardo Montemayor, Assistant Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Phoenix, Arizona, the second priest of the SOLT order to be trained on the Traditional Mass by Extraordinary Faith. Father Eduardo celebrated his first Low Mass on Friday, February 26. He will be moving soon to a new assignment as pastor of San Pedro Parish in Belize, where he intends to offer the Tridentine Mass because of the international nature of the tourists who vacation there.

Readers of this column might remember Fr. Eduardo from his time at Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit, during which tenure he celebrated the best-attended Mass Mob Mass ever, which filled Detroit's enormous St. Albertus Church.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Fri. 03/05 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Friday in the Second Week of Lent) – Choir will sing *Missa O Quam Gloriosum* by Tomás Luis de Victoria. Devotions to the Sacred Heart before Mass.

Sun. 03/07: No Mass at OCLMA/Orchard Lake (Relocated to Old St. Mary's this day)

Sun. 03/07 10:00 AM: Pontifical Low Mass & Confirmations in the Extraordinary Form at *Old St. Mary's* (Third Sunday of Lent) – Celebrant: Bishop Donald Hanchon