

Tridentine Community News

May 2, 2021 – Fourth Sunday After Easter

The Vatican Decree “Cum Sanctissima”

On February 22, 2020, the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which has subsumed the responsibilities of the former Pontifical Commission *Ecclésia Dei*, published the decree *Cum Sanctissima*, which authorizes several interesting options in the Calendar of the Extraordinary Form. Surprisingly, it received almost no mention in the Traditional Catholic media. A most prudent document, it imposes no required changes on the Traditional Calendar, but rather offers a number of new options:

1. Saints canonized since 1960 have always been permitted to have Masses celebrated in the Extraordinary Form, via a Votive Mass celebrated on a Fourth Class Feast or Feria. Fourth Class days in the Calendar are essentially free-for-alls: A priest may choose to celebrate the Feria (usually a repetition of the previous Sunday’s Mass Propers), the Propers of the Fourth Class Saint of the day [if there is one on that particular Feria], one of the Votive Masses, a Requiem Mass, or a Votive Mass of most any Saint or Feast. Because of this last option, a Mass of St. Padre Pio, for example, could be offered by celebrating a Common Mass of a Confessor Not a Bishop on any Fourth Class Day. The new regulations now allow for a Mass of recently canonized Saints also to be offered on their [Ordinary Form] Feast Days, if that day is a **Third** Class as well as a Fourth Class date in the calendar. First Class Feasts, Second Class Feasts, and certain Third Class Feasts specified in a list at the end of the decree are not allowed to be supplanted.

2. The list of Third Class Saints’ Feasts which are not allowed to be supplanted have been given a special privilege: Until now they had been restricted to Commemorations during Lent and Passiontide, with Ferias (e.g.: Tuesday in the Third Week in Lent) taking precedence. They may now be celebrated as the principal Mass of the day, with a Commemoration of the Feria being made instead. In other words, the Feasts are flipped: For example, on March 12 St. Gregory the Great is normally only a Commemoration (additional Collect, Secret, and Postcommunion prayer) added to the Feria of Lent. Under the new rules, one may choose to offer the full Mass of St. Gregory the Great instead, with a Commemoration made of the Lenten Feria.

3. Saints whose Feast Days had previously been restricted to certain locations or certain religious communities are in a back section of the altar missal, the *Próprium Sanctorum pro Aliquibus Locis* (Proper of the Saints for Certain Locations). These Saints may now be celebrated anywhere in the world on their Feast Days, as long as they are not displacing a First, Second, or specified Third Class Feast, and as long as Commemoration of the primary Saint of the day is made. Alternatively, a Commemoration of those Saints may be added if one wishes to continue to celebrate the Mass of the primary Saint of the day.

4. The traditional Divine Office may also be adjusted so that the Saint of the day matches the one(s) who will be celebrated in the Mass of the day.

Mention is made that the CDF will eventually issue a supplement containing custom Propers for certain of these new Saints.

This is an eminently reasonable updating of the Traditional Missal, imposing no mandatory changes, but expanding the available options so as to be logically consistent with previous thinking. However, it also means that the time has come for updated altar missals to be published which will include the forthcoming new Saints’ Propers, as well as the new Prefaces which were also recently authorized. If you’re looking for a sign of the times in this regard, Roman Catholic Books, publisher of the most popular 1962 altar missal in print, recently announced that they will not be republishing this best-selling book now that inventory has run out. They apparently recognize that the time has come to replace these venerable reprints of historic liturgical books with new editions created in Microsoft Word which can be updated more conveniently as Rome continues to expand the available options for the Traditional Latin Mass.

Spokane Sacred Liturgy Conference



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One sure sign that the pandemic is on its way out is the resumption of conventions. The first sizable Latin Mass gathering of note will once again be held in person, the Sacred Liturgy Conference in Spokane, Washington, Tuesday-Friday, June 1-4. The keynote speaker will be Archbishop Thomas Gullickson, the former Apostolic Nuncio to Switzerland and Lichtenstein, who is an ardent advocate of the Traditional Mass. This writer will present a talk and will conduct priest training sessions during the event. As is the case with most large scale TLM conferences, it is inspiring to attend the talks and exemplary liturgies, and to get to meet so many fellow enthusiasts of traditional liturgy in one place. More information is available at: www.sacredliturgy.org

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Fri. 05/07 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr) – Celebrant: Fr. Lukasz Iwanczuk. Choir will sing Mass in Honor of St. Joseph by Flor Peeters. Devotions to the Sacred Heart will precede Mass.