

Tridentine Community News

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Sacra Liturgia 2022 To Be Held in San Francisco

In another sign that the pandemic is gradually ending and normal TLM life is returning globally, at the invitation of Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, the next Sacra Liturgia conference has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 – Friday, July 1, 2022 in San Francisco. Once again, liturgical scholar Dom Alcuin Reid will serve as principal organizer. Previous conferences were held in Rome, New York City, London, and Milan. [A Traditional Ambrosian Rite Mass offered in Milan in 2017 is pictured below.]



Sacra Liturgia brings liturgical scholars from around the world to present talks on the Sacred Liturgy. Superlative Masses and supporting liturgies round out the conference. News is always made at these events; for example, Cardinal Robert Sarah's famous recommendation that priests celebrate the *Novus Ordo ad orientem* was made at a talk at the London Sacra Liturgia in 2016. Indeed, Cardinal Sarah has agreed to be the keynote speaker in San Francisco.

More details will be announced in coming months. Keep an eye on www.sacraliturgia.org for news and event schedules.

First Fully-Updated Altar Missal for the TLM Published

The May 2, 2021 edition of this column mentioned the February 22, 2020 Vatican decree *Cum Sanctissima*, which expanded the number of options to celebrate Saints' Feast Days in the 1962 Roman Missal. An additional document issued the same day, *Quo Magis*, expanded the number of Prefaces that could be used in the Traditional Latin Mass.

In that May 2 column we noted that Roman Catholic Books, publisher of the most popular Altar Missal used at North American TLM sites, had decided not to republish the book when inventory ran out. At first blush this was sad news, as that missal was known for its relatively low price relative to its competition, as well as for its intelligently placed page turns in the Ordinary of the Mass, a simple concept that its peers just couldn't seem to get right. [Why place a page turn immediately after the Consecration of the Precious Blood, for example? Or right at the end of the Canon, before the Pater Noster? The celebrant and MC are rather occupied at those moments.]

Nevertheless we understand Roman Catholic Books' motivation. Their Altar Missal and the second most popular one for North America, the Benzinger Missal reprinted by Angelus Press, are both high-quality reproductions of historic missals. Created in the early 1960s before the era of computerized typesetting, they cannot easily be edited as new Feasts are added. In those days the customary way to add new content was to add an appendix...or two...or three...or more. The Roman Catholic Books missal has so many appendices, finding the Propers for a particular saint can take some time.

With the new options made available by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in the above documents, the time has come for a new generation of Altar Missals to be created. Ones created in Microsoft Word or a similar tool, so that future enhancements and additions can be made conveniently, without having to add yet another appendix. The question is, who is up to the challenge to undertake the enormous effort of entering and proofreading those Propers?

We now have an answer: The German publishing arm of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter has announced that a new Altar Missal will be published in



October, 2021, fully up-to-date including the new Prefaces specified in *Quo Magis*. This was no small task, as the Vatican only provided the texts for those Prefaces; the musical settings for the customary Solemn, More Solemn, and Ferial tones had to be created by the publisher. None of the new Prefaces or Feast Day options are mandatory, thus the old calendar customs may continue to be observed and likely will be at most places. However, it is good for the Church that the Traditional Mass not be frozen in time. Transitioning the traditional liturgical books to computerized typesetting is an enormous but necessary process in keeping these books alive for future generations.

Miles Christi Discontinues TLMs

Miles Christi has discontinued the weekly Saturday 8:00 AM Low Mass that had been offered at their Family Center in South Lyon, Michigan for several years. No explanation was given. Given that their chapel is not a parish church, even the strictest interpretation of *Traditionis Custodes* would view their site as a "safe place" for the TLM. This decision was made by them alone, not influenced by the Archdiocese of Detroit. This is the first cancellation of a local TLM site in many years, never good news. In the big picture, however, metro Detroiters still enjoy far more alternative TLM sites than any other major metropolitan area in North America.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Sun. 09/12 10:00 AM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost)

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