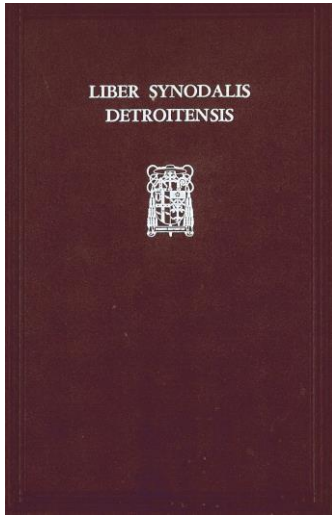


Tridentine Community News

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A Glimpse into a Glorious Past: The Liber Synodális Detroiténsis



With all the current talk about synods, a reader of this column loaned this writer a copy of a book printed in 1950, the *Liber Synodális Detroiténsis*, a compendium of rules and regulations in both Latin and English that appears to have been collected and published as a follow-up to a diocesan synod.

While today we may lament that some dioceses seem preoccupied with catchphrases and the most simplistic of concerns, this book from 72 years ago depicts a very different time, one in which the

most nuanced of questions deserved to be addressed with considered detail. Nevertheless the tone throughout is one of optimism and practicality, not of oppressive legalism.

Interestingly, the author of many of the rulings is Msgr. Edward Hickey, Chancellor of the Archdiocese at the time, and best known as the long-time Pastor of St. Mary of Redford Parish, who there offered a clandestine Tridentine Low Mass at 6:00 AM weekdays in his retirement up through the 1980s.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

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February 7, 1947

Dear Reverend Father:

His Eminence has asked me to notify you that by virtue of special faculties received from the Holy See he has given you authorization to dispense patients in the hospital in which you are Chaplain from the Eucharistic Fast. This will permit them to take medicine and liquid food before receiving Holy Communion. It is understood that this privilege will only be used while they are in the hospital and that no scandal or wonderment will result.

By virtue of special faculties granted by the Holy See, His Eminence has also delegated you to dispense the Sister-nurses in the hospitals from the Eucharistic Fast if they are habitually engaged in work after midnight. This privilege allows them to receive Communion daily providing they abstain from solid foods for four hours, from liquids for one hour and from all alcoholic drink after midnight.

The faculties mentioned in the first paragraph can be used until May 17, 1949; those of the second paragraph until July 26, 1949. Because a report will have to be made to Rome on the use of the second faculty, kindly submit at the end of each year the total number of cases in which it had been used together with your judgment of the advisability of continuing this privilege.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
EDWARD J. HICKEY
Chancellor.

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(Cf. Archdiocesan Synodal Statutes, 51, 58, 79)

HIGH MASS

1. Before the Parish High Mass on Sunday, the Asperges (or Vidi Aquam, during the Easter Season) is to be sung with the indicated repetitions. (S.R.C. 1322, 3; 3402, 7).
2. It is forbidden for the choir to omit any of the Ordinary (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei) or the Proper (Introit, Gradual, Tract, Sequence, Offertory, Communion) of a High Mass. These must be rendered when directed by the rubrics, and each in its entirety, even on weekdays. The Proper parts must be at least recited recto tono. The Credo should be sung and not merely recited by the choir. (Motu Proprio III, 8; S.R.C. 2424,2; 3365; 3994,2; 3827,2).
3. The Introit is to be sung as the Celebrant approaches the altar (S.R.C. 2424,7). After the Proper Offertory has been sung, a supplementary hymn or motet of short duration may be sung (Motu Proprio III, 8; VII, 22). The Sanctus should be sung immediately after the Preface, and the Benedictus after the Elevation. There is to be no singing during the Elevation (S.R.C. 2682,31; 3827,3).
4. The responses must be sung according to the Gregorian Chant melodies in the Vatican edition of the Graduale Romanum. It is unliturgical for the choir to sing Deo Gratias after the Epistle and Laus Tibi Christe after the Gospel.
5. It is forbidden to sing in any language other than Latin during High Mass including the time during the distribution of Holy Communion (Motu Proprio III, 7; S.R.C. 3496, 3994,1; 3827,1; 2975 Dub. 5). But hymns in the vernacular may be sung before and after the High Mass as well as during Low Mass.

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5. In conjunction with the organ, tubular chimes are not allowed for liturgical purposes (S.R.C. 4344). Playing (or singing) produced by mechanical reproduction is forbidden (S.R.C. 4247).

APPROVED CHURCH MUSIC

1. Church music, whether for voice or organ, must exclude everything that is secular or theatrical in any way.
2. The rendition of unpublished hymns and other Church music in manuscript form is forbidden, unless the written permission of the Ordinary has been obtained.
3. The Vatican Edition of Gregorian chant is the only authorized edition (S.R.C. 1908).
4. The official catalogue of Church music for the Archdiocese of Detroit is "THE WHITE LIST OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. GREGORY OF AMERICA". Compositions not given in this catalogue may not be used without the written approval of the Ordinary.

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS

It is strongly recommended that in every parochial school there be a systematic and thorough training in sight-singing of the Gregorian Chant and in other forms of Catholic Church music.

The instructions and Regulations of the Catholic Church on Sacred Music are preceptive in character and bind in conscience. (Motu Proprio Preface and XI, 29; The Apostolic Constitution, Divini Cultus Sanctitatem," IX; Encyclical "Mediator Dei").

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Wed. 03/02 12:00 Noon: High Mass at *Holy Family, Detroit* (Ash Wednesday)

Wed. 03/02 7:00 PM: High Mass at *OCLMA/Orchard Lake Shrine Chapel* (Ash Wednesday) – Celebrant: Fr. Michael Suhy

Wed. 03/02 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Ash Wednesday)

Fri. 03/04 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Friday After Ash Wednesday) – Celebrant: Fr. Joe Tuskiewicz. Blessings of objects after Mass. No reception after Mass this month.