Tridentine Community News

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Miami Herald Cover Story on the Latin Mass

One of the best organized Latin Mass communities in the United States is that in Miami, Florida. From humble beginnings in the early 1990s with Masses held in a classroom of St. Thomas University, the Miami TLM community has moved several times over its history and is now based in the new (dedicated on May 1, 2022), large, and relatively traditionally designed Our Lady of Belen Chapel [first two pictures at right] at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School. Attendance has more than doubled over the past few years, with 350 attending on a typical Sunday.

Miami is also known for its Juventútem chapter, which has held special Masses in historic churches all over the Miami area, notably including Gesu Church in downtown Miami, St. Mary Cathedral, and the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables [third picture at right]. Attracting young adults has proved to be an excellent justification for trying out the Traditional Mass in churches which would otherwise not host it. Readers may recall that Episodes 6 and 7 of Extraordinary Faith – viewable on YouTube – featured the Miami Tridentine scene.



Longtime organizers Frank Andollo and Aramis Perez, along with music director José Ballon, got the Miami Herald newspaper to feature their Latin Mass community on the front page of the Monday, August 28, 2023 edition, above the fold, no less. The

article is sympathetic and includes favorable comments from Miami Archbishop Thomas Wenski.







Read the whole story at: https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article277282678.html