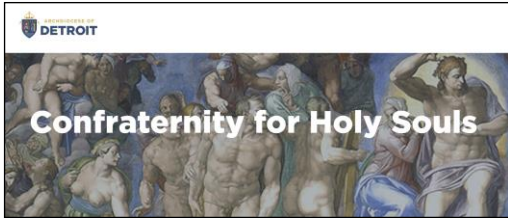


Tridentine Community News

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Purgatory Conference Report

On Saturday, September 30, the Archdiocese of Detroit held a conference on Purgatory at Sacred Heart Seminary. Though only publicized a few days in advance of the event, pre-registrations were sold out, and attendees were warned that they might have to stand. It turned out to be the most substantive and informative conference that this writer has ever seen put on by the AOD. There were no slogans, no marketing jargon, just pure theology and practical prayer recommendations.



The event was an outgrowth of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Confraternity for Holy Souls, a new venture announced in

March, 2023. The AOD is encouraging Families of Parishes to establish their own chapters of this Confraternity, in an effort to have regular intercession offered for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Chapters are already operating at St. Aloysius in Detroit and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.



Purgatory scholar, author, and frequent EWTN guest Susan Tassone [pictured] was the keynote speaker. Among the many points she made, perhaps the most memorable was that we should give priority to praying for the dead in *non-Catholic* cemeteries, because those buried in Catholic cemeteries receive more prayers, not only from friends and family but also from the clergy and staff who serve the cemetery. She also recommended praying for deceased priests, as too many people assume priests are amply prayed for already, when in fact so many have been forgotten.

Confraternity Chaplain (and Archdiocese of Detroit Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia) Fr. Jeffrey Day was both the celebrant of the Mass that preceded the talks and one of the speakers. He offered many practical suggestions for praying and gaining indulgences for the Poor Souls.

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services, the division of the AOD that operates Catholic cemeteries, sponsored the luncheon. Outreach Director Deanna Cortese gave an impressive presentation, explaining how the cemeteries offer regular Masses for the Souls in Purgatory at their on-site chapels. It was oddly comforting to observe that a cemetery representative knows so much about Purgatory and Indulgences.

Ample opportunities for questions were provided, with attendees ranging from those new to the concept of praying for the Holy Souls, to seasoned and knowledgeable Catholics with rather sophisticated queries.

For more information about the Confraternity for Holy Souls and future events, visit: www.aod.org/holysouls

Music Director Musical Chairs

The last few months have witnessed a real-life version of musical chairs, as prominent Latin Mass music directors have moved to new positions around the region:

Metro Detroit's most pedigreed TLM choir director, Wassim Sarweh, has resumed his longstanding post as music director of the St. Benedict Tridentine Community at Windsor's St. Alphonsus and Holy Name of Mary Churches. Wassim remains music director of the Oakland County Latin Mass Association at the Orchard Lake Shrine Chapel.

Rosemary Long Kropp, a member of the ubiquitous Long family of musicians, has taken over Wassim's former Sunday afternoon post as music director of the Tridentine Masses at Saginaw's Holy Family Church. [Additional members of the Long family include Joe Long, music director at Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Sterling Heights; Hilary Long Thompson, music director at Immaculate Conception, Lapeer; and Felicity Long, music director at St. Priscilla, Livonia.]

Joe Moss, former music director at the Basilica of Ste. Anne, has moved to Old St. Mary's, where he will play for the Novus Ordo Masses.

Joe Mutone, who remains music director at St. Aloysius, Detroit, is now regularly leading the music at the Sunday 2:00 PM High Masses at Ss. Peter & Paul Westside.

Vladimir Vaculik has stepped down from his longtime position as music director of the Tridentine Masses at St. Matthew, Flint. Vladimir remains music director at Our Lady of the Scapular, Wyandotte.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 10/17 6:00 PM: High Mass at *St. John Resort Chapel, Plymouth* (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin) – Celebrant: Fr. Clint McDonnell. The touring Harpa Dei choral ensemble will provide the music.