

Tridentine Community News

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Traditional Liturgical Practices Encouraged in the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska

The Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska has long been known for its leadership in liturgy. With no shortage of vocations to the priesthood, Lincoln is home to two seminaries, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, operated by the diocese, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, operated by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. It is also the home of the Carmelite Monastery of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, where a monsignor who is the Vicar General of the diocese offers the Traditional Mass for the sisters. These sisters have spawned at least one daughter house in another state.

The diocese recently built a large and traditional Newman Center Chapel on the campus of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Lincoln is also known for instituting laymen to the ministry of Acolyte, to allow them to serve as Subdeacons in Solemn High Tridentine Masses.

Recently Lincoln Bishop James Conley gave an interview to podcaster Larry Chapp, in which the bishop made several interesting statements:

In 2014 His Excellency recommended that his priests celebrate the Novus Ordo *ad orientem* during Advent. He continues to encourage this practice.

He requires newly constructed churches, as well as churches performing remodeling, to install a Communion Rail.

He mentions that he occasionally prays his daily Private Mass in the Extraordinary Form.

His Excellency articulates just why these practices are good for the faith lives of Catholics. The interviewer, Larry Chapp, also points out the appeal of the Anglican Ordinariate Liturgy, which incorporates elements from the Tridentine Mass as well as traditional Anglican liturgy and prayers.

One wonders if any other bishops in North America would advocate for traditional liturgical practices so confidently and substantively.

Listen to the whole interview at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSE1-Xdy4EE>

The Sung Final Blessing

B Ene-dí-cat vos om-ní-pot-ens Dé-us: Pá-ter, et
May the Almighty God bless you all: The Father, and

Fí-li-us, et Spí-ri-tus Sánctus. **℟.** Amen.
the Son, and the Holy Spirit. So be it.

Over the years several readers (and priests) have asked if the Final Blessing at Mass can be sung. Here in metro Detroit it is the norm that it is sung at High Masses. Historically this blessing has not been sung, so why is it done in our region? One answer is that before the Traditional Mass was allowed in the Archdiocese in 2004, the Novus Ordo Mass in Latin was offered at several sites, and in that form of Holy Mass, the Final Blessing is customarily sung. Singing it was a habit that carried over when priests began to offer the TLM.

Many thought that the actual authority to chant the Final Blessing came from the 1958 document *De Música Sacra*, which allowed the chanting of numerous parts of the Mass not formerly sung. Oddly, however, the Final Blessing was not mentioned in that document.

The actual document granting this permission was published by the Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei in 1997. Entitled Protocol 40/97, and issued in response to *dubia* from an Australian bishop, the PCED simply wrote, “*Benedictio finalis cantetur*”: “the Final Blessing may be sung.”

Fr. Patrick Peyton’s Rosary Rallies

The originator of the Catholic catchphrase, “The family that prays together, stays together,” Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton was renowned as the founder of Family Theater Productions, a Hollywood-based operation that produced – and still produces today – wholesome family films.

Fr. Peyton was known as an ambassador of the Rosary. Recently a photo was published on X/Twitter by Sachin Jose of a Rosary Rally he organized in San Francisco in 1961. An



estimated 500,000 faithful attended this event. Apart from the March for Life in Washington, DC, it’s hard to think of many examples of Catholic events that attract this kind of attendance anywhere in the world, much less in San Francisco.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Fri. 03/01 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary’s* (Friday in the Second Week in Lent) – Celebrant: Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ. Confessions and Devotions to the Sacred Heart before Mass. Reception in the Parish Center follows.

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