

Tridentine Community News

August 17, 2025 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

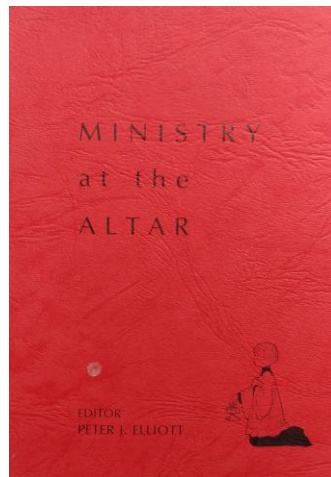
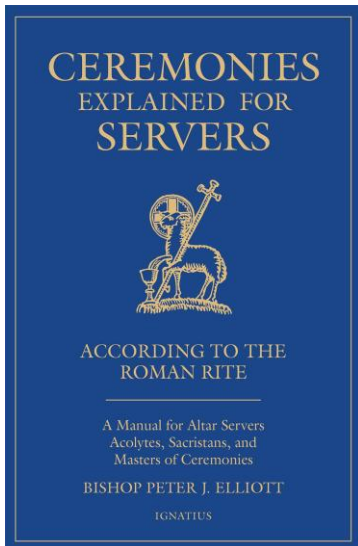
Bishop Peter Elliott, RIP



On Wednesday, August 6, the Church lost one of her most faithful servants of the Sacred Liturgy, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Peter Elliott of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Australia, who passed away at the age of 81.

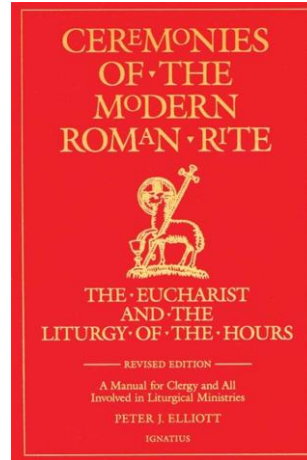
An enthusiastic promoter and celebrant of the Traditional Latin Mass at conferences across the globe, Bishop Elliott was actually best known for his work to infuse the Novus Ordo Mass with the same sense of reverence that the TLM offers. Recognizing that no book yet existed comparable to the de facto standard guide for rubrics of the Extraordinary Form, Fortescue, O'Connell, and Reid's *Ceremonies of the Roman Rite Described*, Bishop Elliott embarked upon writing books that documented in Fortescue's style how to offer the Novus Ordo, replete with footnotes citing references to Vatican rulings. His Excellency recommended that we look to the Traditional Mass for guidance when the norms for the new liturgy are unclear or ambiguous. Not surprisingly, he specifically referred readers to Fortescue in several instances, a clear example of following a "hermeneutic of continuity" with the liturgical customs of the past.

His first book in that line, 1980's *Ministry at the Altar*, was a guide for altar servers, originally intended for use only by server guilds in Australia. Despite its limited print run, that book was



sought after in many other countries since no other similar book existed. Ultimately in 2019 it was revised and republished for a worldwide audience as *Ceremonies Explained for Servers*.

1995's *Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite* was Bishop Elliott's second major effort, truly the closest things yet to a

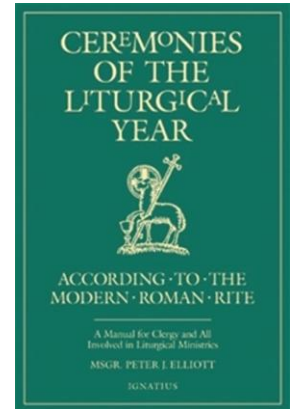


Fortescue for priest celebrants of the Novus Ordo. Now in its second edition, this book belongs on the shelf of anyone striving to offer a reverent Ordinary Form Mass.

2002's *Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year* was his follow-on book, detailing particulars of certain liturgical seasons such as the Triduum.

To this day, no one

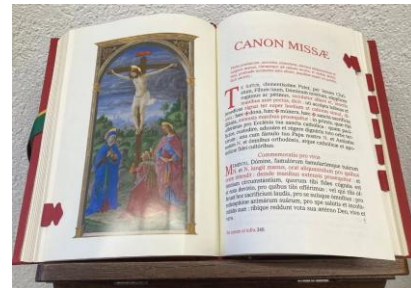
else has yet attempted to compose comparably comprehensive books for the Novus Ordo. Hopefully just as Dom Alcuin Reid obtained the copyright to Fortescue and has issued multiple updated editions, some other enterprising individual will take over revising and updating Bishop Elliott's books for new generations of readers. Certainly no one should reinvent the wheel at this point, when such excellent work has already been done.



Fun fact: As part of a liturgical conference whose attendance was restricted to clergy, Bishop Elliott concelebrated a Latin Novus Ordo Mass *ad orientem* at St. Josaphat Church in Detroit in 2005.

New Travel Altar Missal Available

One accessory that the Traditional Latin Mass world has long lacked is an ornately designed smaller altar missal usable by a traveling priest. While the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter sells a travel missal, it is rather bland and lacking in artistic merit. For a very short while, St. John Cantius' Biretta Books web site offered a quality travel missal, but that has long since been discontinued.



Details are at:

<https://angeluspress.org/collections/tridentine-mass/products/travel-altar-missal>

Recently Angelus Press has made available an attractive travel missal that finally addresses this need in the market.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 08/19 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Benedict/Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (St. John Eudes, Confessor)

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