



St. Benedict

Tridentine Catholic Community

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The Holy Father's recently promulgated Motu Proprio TRADITIONIS CUSTODES is centered on two issues, the questions of liturgy and tradition and the importance of fostering a spirit of unity in the Catholic Church. He reaffirms the teaching of the Second Vatican Council regarding the importance of the Liturgical life of the Catholic Church, which in SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM states:

2. For the liturgy, "through which the work of our redemption is accomplished," most of all in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, is the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives, and manifest to others, the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church. It is of the essence of the Church that she be both human and divine, visible and yet invisibly equipped, eager to act and yet intent on contemplation, present in this world and yet not at home in it; and she is all these things in such wise that in her the human is directed and subordinated to the divine, the visible likewise to the invisible, action to contemplation, and this present world to that city yet to come, which we seek.

Bearing this in mind, the Motu Proprio brings forward a new set of guidelines which have been formed to assist our Bishops in the governance of the Diocesan community:

Art. 2. It belongs to the diocesan bishop, as moderator, promoter, and guardian of the whole liturgical life of the particular Church entrusted to him, to regulate the liturgical celebrations of his diocese.

And, as it relates to our community:

Therefore, it is his exclusive competence to authorize the use of the 1962 Roman Missal in his diocese, according to the guidelines of the Apostolic See.

Naturally, many questions have arisen. I have had the opportunity today to speak with our Auxiliary Bishop, the Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski regarding these questions. He

assured us that Bishop Fabbro and his advisors are examining the Motu Proprio and its implications for our community. Until we receive further guidance from the Diocesan Office. we have been asked to continue offering the Holy Mass and sacraments as we have been doing.

Dear Parishioners, until that time, it is imperative that we wait for guidance from Bishop Fabbro in a spirit of prayer – offering prayers for the Holy Father, for our Bishops and for all of our parishioners. Let us also refrain from speculations, suppositions and rumours keeping in mind the Holy Father’s call for a spirit of unity within the Church.

I look forward to offering the Holy Mass this Sunday with all of you.

Fr. Peter Hrytsyk

Priest Chaplain

In this year of St. Joseph we pray

St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, pray for us.