



DECREE **Regarding *Traditionis Custodes***

WHEREAS, Pope Francis on July 16, 2021, issued the motu proprio *Traditionis Custodes*, regarding the use of the Roman Liturgy prior to the reform of 1970;

WHEREAS, as Archbishop of Oklahoma City I am the moderator, promoter and guardian of the whole liturgical life of the particular Church entrusted to me and I regulate the liturgical celebrations of this archdiocese (article 2);

WHEREAS, we are indeed fortunate to have a number of the faithful who find this form of the Roman Rite enriching and of great value. Their presence is a gift to the Archdiocese. Communities have existed in various forms since the 1984 indult *Quattor abhinc annos* in various forms.

NOW THEREFORE, in accord with the norms and direction given in *Traditionis Custodes*, I hereby decree the following:

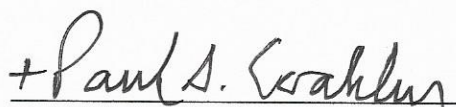
- ❖ That in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, it has been established that approved groups who celebrate according to the 1962 Roman Missal do not deny the validity and legitimacy of the liturgical reforms mandated by the Second Vatican Council and the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs (article 3, 1);
- ❖ That groups may gather for the celebration of the Eucharist according to the 1962 Roman Missal in any chapel, oratory, mission church or non-parochial church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City (article 3,2);
- ❖ That due to the vibrant communities with already established Masses offered according to the 1962 Roman Missal, in accord with canon 87 of the Code of Canon Law, I dispense from the restriction of location and grant my permission to the following parishes to gather for the celebration of the Eucharist according to the 1962 Roman Missal in the parochial church (article 3,2):

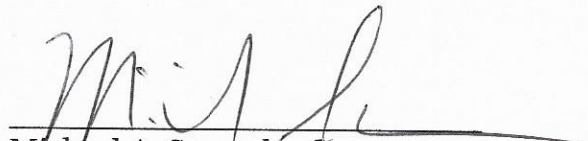
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- ❖ That I may give permission on an ad hoc basis for priests to use their parochial churches for the celebration of the Roman Rite according to the 1962 Missal;
- ❖ That groups may gather for the celebration of the Eucharist according to the 1962 Roman Missal at the approved locations on any day of the year. In these celebrations, the readings are to be proclaimed in the vernacular language, using the texts and translations approved for liturgical use by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (article 3);
- ❖ That a delegate shall be appointed by me and entrusted with oversight of these celebrations and with the pastoral care of these faithful in mind. This delegate should always have at heart not only the correct celebration of the liturgy but also the well-being of the faithful, both pastoral and spiritual (article 3,4);
- ❖ That St. Damien of Molokai Church was canonically erected as a personal parish for those persons who have a desire to be a part of a community that worships according to the Extraordinary Form of the liturgy in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the pastoral care of which is provided by priests of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter and is to be retained. In retaining Saint Damien of Molokai as a personal parish, it may continue to serve its faithful by celebrating according to the 1962 Roman Missal and in the parochial church (article 3,5);
- ❖ That priests ordained after July 16, 2021, who wish to celebrate using the 1962 Missal must contact my delegate in writing (article 4);
- ❖ That priests who already celebrate according to the 1962 Roman Missal, after submitting a formal request to my delegate, will be authorized to continue to enjoy this faculty according to the norms of *Traditionis Custodes* and this decree (article 5);
- ❖ That priests ordained before July 16, 2021, who do not already celebrate according to the 1962 Roman Missal are permitted to learn to pray this liturgy under the direction of my delegate.

The motu proprio only concerns groups gathering for the celebration of the Eucharist using the 1962 Roman Missal. The Mass celebrated according to the 1962 Missal *sine populo* is not affected by these norms, including a Mass with one server.

Given at the Chancery in Oklahoma City on this the 17th day of August 2021.


 Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley
 Archbishop of Oklahoma City


 Michael A. Scaperlanda
 Chancellor

