



Regina Caeli Parish
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

July 16, 2021

Dear Faithful:

As you may have heard, Pope Francis has published a letter "*Traditionis Custodes*" issued "*motu proprio*" concerning the use of the Traditional Mass. I ask you to approach this letter with much prayer. It is too soon to say how this will affect us, but Fr. Rock and myself will continue to serve the faithful here in Houston with the same zeal and dedication.

Please pray for us, as we pray for you.

In Christo,

Rev. Charles Van Vliet

Following is a statement from our new Provincial, Fr. Lawrence.

Statement Regarding "*Traditionis Custodes*"

With the publication of Pope Francis' latest *motu proprio*, *Traditionis custodes*, which has placed new restrictions on the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, many of us are disheartened and anxious. At this point, it is too early to tell what all the implications will be for the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, but we assure you that we remain committed to serving the faithful attending our apostolates in accordance with our Constitutions and charism as we have done since our founding.

We must strive to see this Cross as a means of our sanctification, and to remember that God will never abandon His Church. Our Lord Himself promises us the necessary graces to bear our Crosses with strength and courage. We must not, however, neglect to do our part as faithful Catholics; let us pray and offer sacrifices in our daily lives, and trust in the intercession of Our Lady, St. Joseph, and our patron, St. Peter.

May God bless you all,

Fr. Lawrence