



## THE DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

*Whereas*, on July 16, 2021, the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis issued the apostolic letter *Traditionis custodes*, given *motu proprio*, regarding the use of the Roman Liturgy prior to the reform of 1970;

*Whereas* there are several groups of the faithful throughout the diocese rooted in the form of the Roman Liturgy prior to the reform of 1970;

*Whereas* there is neither widespread dissension nor denial of the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform established by the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council within these groups of the faithful or otherwise within the diocese;

*Whereas* Latin remains the liturgical language of the Roman Rite (cf can. 928; *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 36, § 1)

*Whereas* it is the duty of the diocesan bishop to care for the spiritual good of the aforementioned groups of the faithful;

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

### DECREES

that in accord with the norm of canon 87, the Parish of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and the Parish of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Sulphur, Louisiana, are dispensed from the disciplinary norm of art. 3 §2 of *Traditionis custodes*, and are hereby designated as locations where the faithful adherents of these groups may gather for the eucharistic celebration according to the *Missale Romanum* of 1962, following their current respective schedules, which may be amended at the discretion of their respective pastors, who along with all other priests canonically assigned to minister within these parishes have permission to celebrate all sacraments of the Church in the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite within their parishes;

that for all celebrations of the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite in other parishes and chapels of the diocese, the following applies:

1. There is no prohibition in either particular law or universal law against the celebration of any sacrament in the *usus antiquior* in any parish, chapel, or oratory of the diocese, without prejudice to artt. 2-6;
2. Priests who wish to celebrate Mass using the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 shall request in writing the faculty to do so from the diocesan bishop. A priest will be granted this faculty provided he has been found *idoneus*, that is qualified to celebrate using the *usus antiquior*.
3. In order to be deemed as *idoneus*, a priest must:
  - i.. Not be impeded by Canon Law;

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- ii.. Evidence a basic knowledge of the Latin language;
- iii. Demonstrate competency in the celebration of the *usus antiquior* of the Mass;

4. The faculty to celebrate Mass using the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 includes:

- i. Permission to celebrate such a Mass privately at any time;
- ii. Permission to celebrate such a Mass for the faithful at any approved times, as determined by the pastor of the parish in which the celebration is to take place. Pastors who wish to introduce the use of the *Missale Romanum* into their parish Mass schedules must seek permission from the diocesan bishop;
- iii. Permission to pray the *Breviarum Romanum* as a means of fulfilling the obligation to pray the Liturgy of the Hours;
- iv. Permission to celebrate the *Ordo Ministrandi Sacramentum Pœnitentiæ* (the Sacrament of Penance in the *usus antiquior*) for the faithful who request it;

5. Priests ordained after July 16, 2021, who wish to celebrate Mass using the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 must make a request in writing to the diocesan bishop outlining the reasons for his desire to celebrate Mass in the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite.

- i. Such priests must first be determined to be *idoneus* (cf. art. 3 above).
- ii. In accord with the requirements of *Traditionis custodes*, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Disciple of the Sacraments will be consulted before the granting of such requests.

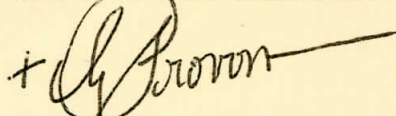
6. Concerning the celebration of all other sacraments of the Church in the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite other than the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance, with the exception of those parishes that have received the dispensation stipulated in art. 1 of this decree, each celebration will require permission from the diocesan bishop.

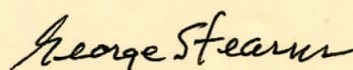
that in accordance with *Traditionis custodes*, a priest delegate has been assigned by means of a separate decree to moderate all such activities;

that priests of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest assigned to or residing at the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales are granted the faculty to celebrate all sacraments in the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite at any parish, chapel, or oratory of the Diocese of Lake Charles, without prejudice to art. 4ii above, and that the Rector of the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales may, according to his pastoral judgment, establish and amend the liturgical schedule of said oratory;

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding. This decree is to be promulgated by publication in the Catholic Calendar and will enter into force on November 21, 2021, Solemnity of Christ the King.

Given at the Diocese of Lake Charles on day 1 of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-One, Solemnity of All Saints, under the signature and seal of the Bishop of Lake Charles and that of his Chancellor.

  
✠Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

  
(Rev. Mr.) George Stearns  
Chancellor