



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

DECREE Regarding *Traditionis Custodes*

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

Whereas, as Bishop of Phoenix, 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 diocese (article 2);

Whereas, we are blessed in the Diocese of Phoenix to have numerous members of the faithful who are strongly devoted to this form of the Church's prayer, and I am grateful for their continued presence in the life of this Diocese;

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


- That it has been determined that the groups in the Diocese of Phoenix who celebrate according to the Missal antecedent to the reform of 1970 do not deny the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform dictated by Vatican Council II and the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs (article 3, §1);
- That groups may gather for the eucharistic celebration according to the 1962 Roman Missal in any chapel, oratory, mission church, or non-parochial church within the Diocese of Phoenix (article 3, §2);
- That due to the vibrant communities with already established Masses 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 permission to the following parishes to gather for the eucharistic celebration according to the 1962 Roman Missal in the parochial church (article 3, §2):
 - Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral Parish
 - St. Anne Parish
 - St. Bernadette Parish
 - St. Catherine of Siena Parish
 - St. John the Baptist Parish
 - St. Margaret Mary Parish
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Queen Creek;


- That groups may gather for the eucharistic celebration according to the 1962 Roman Missal at the approved locations on any day of the week. In these celebrations, the readings are proclaimed in the vernacular language, using translations of the Sacred Scripture approved for liturgical use by the respective Episcopal Conferences (article 3, §3);
- That I will appoint a delegate who will be entrusted with these celebrations and with the pastoral care of these groups of the faithful (article 3, §4);
- That the personal parish of Mater Misericordiae is truly effective for the spiritual growth of its faithful who desire to be a part of a community that worships according to the Extraordinary Form of the liturgy in the Diocese of Phoenix and is to be retained. In retaining Mater Misericordiae 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 Roman Missal must contact my delegate (article 4);
- That priests who already celebrate according to the 1962 Roman Missal are permitted to continue to do so 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 eucharistic celebration using the 1962 Roman Missal. Mass celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal *sine populo* and all other liturgies and blessings in the Extraordinary Form are not affected by these norms.

This decree is effective immediately.

Given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Phoenix, Arizona, on this 23rd Day of July in the year of Our Lord 2021.


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 Bishop of Phoenix


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