



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

December 22, 2021

My dear sons and brothers, priests of Phoenix,

After broad consultation, I would like to provide some guidance on the implementation of the *responsa ad dubia* from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, dated December 4th, 2021, on certain provisions of the Apostolic Letter *Traditionis custodes*.

On July 23rd, 2021, I promulgated a decree regarding *Traditionis custodes* in which I dispensed certain parishes from the restriction of location and granted permission for the Mass to be celebrated there according to the Roman Missal of 1962.

Desiring a vibrant communion with the intentions of our Holy Father Francis, I intend to work to resolve the many questions and concerns our parishes have regarding these new norms. Because it will take some time to study and consider how to best implement the *responsa ad dubia* issued by the Congregation, and in an effort not to disturb our parish communities until we are clear on how to proceed, please continue to function according to the Decree I issued in July. However, please be prepared to make any possible future changes as we learn more from the Congregation.

I know these communities and pastors to foster the faithful ecclesial communion of both mind and heart that the Holy Father has expressed through the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Thank you for your zealous efforts in living and preaching unity and fidelity to the mystical Body of Christ subsisting in the visible Catholic Church.

I look forward to sharing future clarifications with you upon further prayerful consideration and consultation. If you have any questions, please contact my Delegate in these matters, Fr. Fernando Camou.

Christ's peace and light,

+ Thomas J. Olmsted
Bishop of Phoenix