

## From the President

As we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation, we recall that although this is one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, its practical significance in everyday life cannot be overlooked. March 25, closely associated with the vernal equinox, was considered as New Year's Day in various Christian countries throughout history. Although Pope Gregory XIII established the Gregorian calendar in 1582, with January 1 as New Year's Day (to coincide with the Circumcision of Our Lord), England, Wales, Ireland, and the American English colonies still followed the older calendar that used March 25 (the feast of the Annunciation) as New Year's Day until 1752. Since this year March 25 falls during Holy Week, the feast is transferred to April 4, 2016.

Over the Christmas and New Year holidays, I had the pleasure of assisting at Mass at Annunciation Catholic Church in Houston, TX. This beautiful historic church in downtown Houston offers both the EF and the OF Latin Mass every Sunday. On special occasions they also offer sung Vespers with polyphonic musical settings. It gave me much hope to see all the young families attending these Latin Masses. I was also impressed with the dedication of the priests, the altar servers, and the choir members, to prepare such beautiful liturgies for the faithful. As we enter Holy Week and the Easter Season, I know that around the world, the same dedication will be manifested again, in the beautiful liturgies for these high Holy Days. If you are one of those dedicated workers, laboring in the liturgical vineyard of our Lord, please know that you are most appreciated.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is the information for the upcoming CMAA Sacred Music Colloquium. Since it will be in St. Louis, the CMAA is working with me to organize a dinner meeting for LLA members who are attending the colloquium. Even if you are not attending the Colloquium, members are invited to join us for dinner on Friday evening, June 24, 2016. The location is flexible—depending on how many we have joining us for dinner. If you would like to be with us that evening, please e-mail, telephone, or write me, by June 17, 2016, so final arrangements can be made.

Keep those e-mails coming—letting me know what is going on in your own Latin Mass community! I wish all of you a Blessed Holy Week, and a Joyous Easter Season.

*Memor et fidelis,*  
Regina Morris, President

## News from the Chapters

### *From the Chicago Chapter*

St. John Cantius Church has begun a major restoration of the main high altar. The altar is a four-story Baroque structure in a natural wood finish with ten Corinthian columns, and many gilded ornaments. According to parish tradition, the main altar and the two matching side altars were made in Austria and displayed at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

Due to time and extreme changes in temperature throughout the years, the wood and gilding have deteriorated. Scaffolding has been in place for months. The first phase has been completed, and the scaffolding has been temporarily removed for Holy Week and the Easter Season. Phase Two will begin June 13, 2016. Donations for the restoration may be sent to the church. For more information, contact [pastor@cantius.org](mailto:pastor@cantius.org)

### *From the Detroit Chapter*

Detroit Chapter Chairman, Alex Begin, will be the guest on EWTN Live with Father Mitch Pacwa on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at 8:00pm. Rebroadcasts will be on Thursday March 31 at 1:00am and 9:00am.. It will also be available for subsequent viewing on-line at EWTN's web site.

St. Joseph Church in Detroit is temporarily closed for steeple repairs. All EF Masses previously scheduled there have been moved to St. Josaphat Church.

On Friday, Feb. 26, 2016, Old St. Mary's Church held an EF Mass offered by Father Stephen Pullis, priest secretary of Archbishop Vigneron. *Juventutem Michigan* held a dinner for young adults (18-35) after the Mass. Beginning April 1, 2016, Old St. Mary's will offer an EF Mass every first Friday at 7:00pm.

On Sunday, April 10, 2016, Father Paul de Soza, MC, Vice Superior of the *Miles Christe* community of priests and brothers, will offer his first public EF Mass at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.

#### *From the Philadelphia Chapter*

A *Missa Solemnis* for the transferred feast of the Annunciation will be offered on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Strafford, PA.

A *Missa Solemnis* for the Ascension will be offered on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 7:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia.

A *Missa Solemnis* for *Corpus Christi* will be offered on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 7:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia.

#### *From the Pittsburgh Chapter*

The Pittsburgh Latin Mass Society (our LLA Chapter in Pittsburgh) recently received a thank-you note from the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest, for their donation of \$1,000 to the Restoration Fund, which will aid in the refurbishing of the Institute's Shrine in Chicago.

The Knights of Columbus, Woodlawn Council 2161, will sponsor the following EF Latin Masses at St. Titus Church in Aliquippa, PA:

- Saturday, 14 May, 2016, at 1:00pm. - Annual Blue Mass and luncheon honoring police and law enforcement officials.
- Saturday, 4 June, 2016, at 1:00pm - Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Saturday, 8 July, 2016, at 7:00pm - Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord.

#### *From the St. Louis Chapter*

St. Louis Chapter members and all friends of the EF Latin Mass lost a great champion of the Latin Mass and orthodox Catholic teaching with the death of Father James J. Rodis on February 4, 2016. Father was ordained in 1960 in St. Louis. He became temporary administrator of St. Agatha Parish in south St. Louis in 1990, succeeding Msgr. Bernard Granich, who had made St. Agatha's the mother church for the Latin Mass in St. Louis on February 5, 1985. Father Rodis served an ever-growing congregation at St. Agatha until his retirement as pastor on January 1st, 2005. During his 15-year tenure, Father Rodis, with an ever-growing collection, was able to restore and renovate the physical plant at St. Agatha. He had the large pipe organ restored, air conditioning installed, the interior painted, and the pews and hardwood floors sanded and re-stained. Clearly ahead of his time, he removed the table/mensa and celebrated all Masses (EF and OF alike) *ad orientem* at the restored main altar. He distributed Communion at the Communion rail for all Masses. After retiring from St. Agatha's, and subsequent to the issuance of *Summorum Pontificum* in 2007, Father Rodis continued offering the Latin Mass on Sundays and Holy Days at the Church of the Little Flower in Richmond Heights, MO, as a guest priest of Pastor Lawrence Herzog. The sung *Requiem* Funeral Mass for Father Rodis on February 9, 2016, was celebrated by Fr. William Define, FSSP, himself a product of the rich liturgical life at St. Agatha. The homilist was Father Paul Spielmann, a seminary classmate of Father Rodis. The *Requiem* was attended by surviving family, by Auxiliary Bishop Rice and numerous priests from the Archdiocese, by the seventh and eighth grade students from Little Flower School, and many, many friends. A number of these priests have come forward in order to continue the celebration of the EF Latin Mass for the faithful at Little Flower.

#### *From Monterey, California—A New Chapter in the Making!*

Geoffrey W. M. P. Lopes da Silva, of *Domina Nostra Publishing*, has received the blessing of the Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey to organize a chapter of the Latin Liturgy Association in the diocese. A potential director for a chant schola and a location to practice have been located. Mr. da Silva plans an initial organizational meeting to form the chapter some time after Easter, 2016. Anyone in the central area of California who is interested in becoming part of this chapter is

invited to contact da Silva at lopes888@earthlink.net Many thanks to Mr. da Silva for his energy and dedication to the Latin Mass, in both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms.

### **News from *Una Voce***

*Una Voce* member, Dick Murphy has prepared download-able printable altar cards for the Extraordinary Form Latin Mass. These may be very helpful to communities who wish to organize a Latin Mass (EF), but do not have access to altar cards. The link is:

<http://unavoce.org/resources/printable-altar-cards-for-the-1962-missal/>

The International Federation of *Una Voce* (FIUV) has elected a new president, as of November 2015. He is Felipe Alanis Suarez, who was the founder of *Una Voce Mexico* in 2009. We wish Senor Suarez much success in his new office.

### **News from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP)**

In December, 2015, at the Fraternity's parish of Sacred Heart, in Fort-Wayne, Indiana, His Excellency Bishop Kevin Rhoades confirmed nineteen young people in the Extraordinary Form. The Cathedral Museum allowed Sacred Heart to borrow gold vestments that were made for the 1900 Paris World's Fair. The cope contains all the saints on the universal Mass calendar at that time (1900), with their names on their halos in gold thread.

Father Neal Nichols, FSSP, will be leading a pilgrimage to Catholic heritage sites in Sweden, Norway, and Rome, May30-June 10, 2016. For more information see <http://www.syversentouring.com> .

The annual FSSP Washington DC pilgrimage for reparation for abortion and the sins of our nation will be June 2-4, 2016. For more information, see <http://www.fsspdcpilgrimage.com>

Father James Buckley, FSSP, will lead Ignation Retreats for women (July 15-17, 2016) and men (July 22-14, 2016) at St. Benedict Abbey in Still River, Massachusetts. For more information, contact [JAnthonyBuxton@yahoo.com](mailto:JAnthonyBuxton@yahoo.com)

Father Simon Harkins will lead the Confraternity of St. Peter Pilgrimage to Ireland Sept. 5-14, 2016. They will visit St. Kevin's 6th century monastic settlement, Crough Patrick, the newly founded traditional Benedictine Silverstream Abbey, and the tomb of Little Nellie of Holy God. For more information see <http://www.syversentouring.com/confraternity.html> .

### **Marquette Bishop Issues Instruction on Sacred Music**

His Excellency, Bishop John Doerfler, Ordinary of the diocese of Marquette, MI, issued a two-page instruction on sacred music on January 26, 2016. The instruction outlines specific actions to be taken at all parishes and schools within the diocese. This is both noteworthy for its rarity nationally and commendable for its attempt to improve the liturgy by improving the music.

When asked by the media why he issued the Instruction, Bishop Doerfler responded, "We always want to grow as a family of God...It's all about helping to make the Mass more beautiful. It's all about growing. It's all about beauty; and people are attracted to beauty."

The letter is reproduced below. Kudos to his Excellency.

"Sing to the Lord, All the Earth!"

#### **An Instruction on Sacred Music in Divine Worship**

The psalms from the Old Testament give witness to the human expression of faith through Sacred Music that manifests the beauty of God. It is our joy to give God the best, most beautiful musical expression that we can offer him as we *sing the Mass*.

My illustrious predecessor, the Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample, wrote eloquently regarding Sacred Music in his pastoral letter entitled, *Rejoice in the Lord Always*. The teaching and directives given therein remain in effect, although he acknowledged that the implementation of the directives would take some time and catechesis.

Therefore, to build upon the foundation laid by my predecessor, I hereby issue this Instruction on Sacred Music in Divine Worship to elucidate the steps to be taken to promote Sacred Music in the Diocese of Marquette over the next five years.

The following easy steps can be taken by the smallest parishes in the diocese. Thus, all parishes and schools are to have implemented the following directives by December 31, 2020.

1. All parishes and schools will learn to chant the Ordinary parts of the Mass in English that are found in the *Roman Missal*, and they will be sung by the congregation some of the time throughout the year.
2. All parishes and schools will learn to chant the *Kyrie*, *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei* from the *Missa Iubilante Deo*, and they will be sung by the congregation some of the time throughout the year.
3. All parishes and schools will learn to chant the Communion Antiphon in English to a very simple tone that everyone can sing, and the Communion Antiphon will be sung at every Sunday Mass. A hymn may be sung after the Communion Antiphon while the congregation is receiving the Blessed Sacrament.
4. A Diocesan Hymnal will be used to ensure the musical quality and doctrinal integrity of the Sacred Music. The hymnal will include a broad repertoire of hymns from classical to contemporary.

- a. It is projected that the hymnal may be ready to implement on the first Sunday of Advent, 2017. Once the diocesan hymnal is implemented, no other hymnal may be used.
- b. *Effective immediately*, no other hymnal may be purchased.
- c. To assist with the cost, the diocese will purchase the hymnals, and the parishes will reimburse the diocese for the cost over a period of three years. Over time, this will amount to a significant cost savings to the parishes in comparison to the annual disposable music resources.
- d. It is acknowledged that some parishes have recently purchased hymnals. In these cases, a singular provision will be made for each parish. To assist with the planning and implementation of the diocesan hymnal, the pastors of these parishes are to request this special provision from the Diocesan Bishop in writing no later than April 30, 2016. In making the request, please indicate the hymnal that was purchased, the purchase date, the total number of hymnals purchased, the cost and any other relevant information, such as whether the hymnals were donated, etc.
- e. Parishes may recommend hymns to be included in the diocesan hymnal, with the understanding that not all recommendations might be accommodated due to space limitations or to ensure doctrinal integrity. To facilitate this process, pastors are to submit all hymn recommendations to the Diocesan Director of Sacred Music no later than April 30, 2016.
- f. Once the diocesan hymnal is implemented, permission may be requested from the Diocesan Bishop to utilize new Sacred Music for congregational singing that is published subsequent to the implementation of the diocesan hymnal.
- g. Once the diocesan hymnal is implemented, permission may be requested from the Diocesan Bishop to use choral settings that are not for congregational singing and are not in the diocesan hymnal.
- h. More information regarding the hymnal and its implementation will be made available as it is developed.

5. The Diocesan Director of Sacred Music will provide annual, regional workshops for parish musicians to assist them in the implementation of these directives. He will also assist music teachers in Catholic schools to implement Sacred Music in the school curriculum and at school Masses. Finally, he stands at the service of parishes upon request to help implement Sacred Music in other ways.

Through the implementation of these directives, may we all offer to the Lord ever more beautiful praise. Sing to the Lord, All the Earth!

Given at the Chancery, Marquette, Michigan, January 26, 2016.  
Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, STD, JCL  
Bishop of Marquette

### **Latin Mass in the News**

Msgr. Charles Pope wrote an article in the January 7, 2016 issue for the National Catholic Register regarding his anecdotal experiences with the Latin Mass in his home diocese (Washington, DC, area). His personal observations of a “leveling” off of interest in the Latin Mass, do not seem to be true for other parts of the country, and the nation as a whole.

Jeff Ostrowski commented on Monsignor Pope’s article in his January 8, 2016, posting on the *Corpus Christi Watershed* web site, citing statistics and graphs that suggest a continuing interest in the Latin Mass. Mr. Ostrowski notes that the

Arlington, VA, diocese has fifteen out of sixty-nine parishes that offer the EF Latin Mass weekly. This is the highest percentage of parishes (22%) in any diocese in North America. The Chicago archdiocese is second, by the way, with eleven sites. Ostrowski further notes that 92% of the dioceses in the United States have at least one EF Latin Mass weekly.

While this is definitely progress, compared to past years, the question could be asked, "Why is this figure not 100%?" Since *Summorum Pontificum* of 2007, it would seem that every diocese in the world should have at least one weekly EF Latin Mass.

### **News from Canada**

The Gregorian Institute of Canada is pleased to announce its 11th Annual Colloquium, to be held at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, ON, August 11-14, 2016. Plans include a series of practical chant workshops ranging from introductory to advanced, featuring Adam Bartlett, composer and editor of Simple English Propers (CMAA, 2011), and editor of the Lumen Christi Missal, Lumen Christi Simple Gradual, and Lumen Christi Hymnal (Illuminare Publications, 2012-2015).

The colloquium will also include a series of scholarly papers in honor of the late Andrew Hughes, renowned Canadian chant scholar and Professor at the University of Toronto. In addition to the workshops and lectures, there will be daily offices and Sunday Mass sung with Gregorian Chant. The preliminary program and registration form are online at [www.gregorian.ca](http://www.gregorian.ca)

### **News from England**

*Sacra Liturgia UK*, an international conference on liturgical formation will be held in London, July 5-8, 2016. Liturgies will be celebrated at the London Oratory and the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Gregory, Warwick St. Speakers will include Robert Cardinal Sarah (Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship); Bishop Alan Hopes (Bishop of East Anglia); Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone (Archbishop of San Francisco) and Dr. Clare Hornsby (Benedictus Trust). For more information see [www.sacraliturgiauk.org](http://www.sacraliturgiauk.org)

### **New EF Latin Mass in Northeast Missouri**

After three years of progress and setbacks, the Latin Mass Society of Northeast Missouri has succeeded in obtaining the support of their bishop (Jefferson City diocese) in establishing a monthly EF Latin Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church in Novinger, MO. Presently, a priest from St. Rose of Lima Parish in Quincy, IL, drives the 1 ½ hours to Novinger, to offer the Mass. The society is looking for other priests in the area who are willing to learn how to offer the Latin Mass. Organizer David Barton can be reached at [DavidBarton4570@yahoo.com](mailto:DavidBarton4570@yahoo.com) for specific dates and times of future Masses. The Truman State University Catholic Newman Center is also helping to support this effort.

### **New EF Latin Mass in Charlottesville, VA**

Holy Comforter Catholic Church, in Charlottesville, VA, Diocese of Richmond, VA, began offering the EF Latin Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, on January 10, 2016. The time is at 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Peter Dixon at [psd5ar@virginia.edt](mailto:psd5ar@virginia.edt)

### **CMAA Sacred Music Colloquium in St. Louis**

The twenty-sixth annual Sacred Music Colloquium, sponsored by the Church Music Association of America will take place in St. Louis, MO, June 20-25, 2016. Liturgies will be celebrated at St John the Apostle and Evangelist, Shrine of St. Joseph, and the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica. Morning Prayer, Vespers, Night Prayer, workshops on chant and polyphony, and active rehearsals will fill every day to the maximum! For more information, see <http://musicasacra.com/events/colloquium-2016/>. LLA President Morris is registered for the full colloquium. She is arranging with CMAA to have a dinner for all participating LLA members on Friday, June 24, 2016. If you are not registering for the convention, but would like to participate in the dinner that evening, please contact President Morris at [morrisrp@swbell.net](mailto:morrisrp@swbell.net) by June 17, 2016. It is also possible to register for just one day (Friday) as another option.

### **Fatima Center Conferences**

With the passing of Father Nicholas Gruner, The Fatima Center has reorganized their upcoming conferences for 2016. Our Lady's Army of Advocates will be in Boston, April 22-14, 2016; in St. Louis, July 29-31, 2016; and in Chicago, October

21-23, 2016. The Masses at these gatherings are always EF Latin Masses, offered by various devout priests, with a special devotion to Our Lady. For more information, see [www.fatima.org](http://www.fatima.org)

## **The Annunciation**

C.J. Guelker, LLA Life Member

Of all the most important feasts of Holy Mother Church, those celebrating happenings absolutely critical to our salvation, the Feast of the Annunciation is the most hidden. It occurs in a garden, just Mary and the Angel. There are no witnesses. All we know is what Mary herself has told us through Luke the Evangelist. And, although it has been recognized from the early centuries of the Church as the moment of the Incarnation, it has never been a holy day of obligation, unlike the Assumption or All Saints' Day, neither of which are of the same caliber of importance. The feast is first mentioned in a canon of the Council of Toledo in 656 and described as celebrated throughout the Church at that time. The most importance that has ever been attached to it was by the Synod of Worcester, England, in 1240 which forbade all servile work on the day of the feast. Today we celebrate it on March 25; and, unless it falls on a Sunday, little note is taken of it.

Yet, the Annunciation is the very linchpin of our salvation. Two vital actions take place in that garden—Our Lady's fiat and the Incarnation. First, Our Lady's consent is required before the Incarnation and hence our salvation according to God's plan can occur. In Luke's detailed narration (Luke 1:26-38) we meet Our Blessed Mother and learn a great deal about her. Her name is Mary, and she is espoused to a man named Joseph. Tradition tells us that she has committed herself to God, dedicating her virginity to Him; and that her betrothal to Joseph has been made with the understanding that the relationship will be a chaste one. Though, as a devout Jew, she prays and hopes for the coming of the Messiah; she believes that she has withdrawn herself from the possibility of being the Messiah's mother by her vow of chastity. God sends the Angel Gabriel to her who greets her effusively, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women." Mary is taken aback by this. In her humility she considers herself a simple Jewish woman. After reassuring her, the Angel continues, telling Mary that she will conceive a Son, the Son of the Most High, that he will receive the throne of David and his kingdom will have no end. That these words referred to the Messiah would have been perfectly clear to Our Lady. Here we discover something of Our Lady's nature. How many young Jewish women, on being informed that they were to be the mother of the Messiah, would have joyfully accepted it without question even if they had taken a vow of chastity? How many could resist the temptation of being that important? How many would have thought that the good of the coming of the Messiah over-rode the importance of keeping a vow to God? The answer is undoubtedly most, if not all. But not Our Lady. The Angel undoubtedly has the appearance of beauty and goodness, but Mary does not know him. She asks herself if a messenger of God would ask her to break her promise to God. So, instead of being overwhelmed by the Angel's announcement, she asks how it can be, since she does not "know man" (and has no intention of doing so). When the Angel Gabriel clarifies that the child is to be conceived by the Holy Spirit, to be, literally, the Son of God, Our Lady gives her famous fiat, "Be it done unto me according to thy word." God had prepared her from her own Immaculate Conception, untouched even by original sin, to be the perfect mother of His Son; but she must freely consent. And her obedient words echo down to us through the centuries, the new Eve saving us from the disobedience of the old Eve. "I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel." (Gen. 3:15)

Secondly, with Our Lady's fiat, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us;" and everything was changed. This is, perhaps, the greatest mystery of all. Our world, finite, bound by time, is pierced by the infinite and the timeless. The Maker becomes the made; the Timeless becomes subject to time, the Limitless subject to limits; the All-powerful and Invulnerable becomes weak and vulnerable, subject to pain; the Source of Life becomes subject to death. What human mind can hold it or fathom it? God, all-powerful, all wise, could have chosen another way to save us. But He chose this, to become one of us, "taking the nature of a slave" as St. Paul puts it, to be fully human, to begin, as we all begin, with conception. All our salvation flows from this moment, this quiet moment in a garden. Our Lord could have come to us in other forms. He could have walked out of the desert, a man fully grown. But His plan and His desire was to be fully human, "in everything but sin," with a mother, a family, a lineage. We honor the Incarnation in the liturgy. In the Novus Ordo we are asked to bow during the Nicene Creed at the words, ". . . was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and became man." (Unfortunately, few do so.) In the Traditional Latin Mass we genuflect at those words and again during the Last Gospel at "and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

All this, Mary's fiat and the Incarnation and all they imply, are encompassed in the Feast of the Annunciation. The Annunciation is truly the linchpin of our salvation. All salvation history from Genesis through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, the prophets, the prophecies, all concentrates, focuses, collapses toward this moment; and all the New Testament, Jesus's ministry, His teaching and healing, His passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, the Acts of the Apostles, Paul's ministry, Holy Mother Church through the centuries, blossoms forth and expands from this moment--the Annunciation. And yet it remains a hidden feast, like the hidden life of the Holy Family, its secrets to be pondered in our hearts.

## From the Webmaster

If you type “Latin Mass” into the search argument for Google, that is, if you “Google it”, you should find that the very first (unpaid) search result is a link to the Latin Liturgy Association web site under the title “Texts of the Latin Mass (Both Forms)”. The second search result is for the [Latin Mass Magazine](#). That's elite company. I reported to you in the last edition of this newsletter of the numerous changes made to the LLA site. These are having the desired effects. When we consider the web site as a tool to promote the use of Latin in the OF liturgy and the expansion of the EF liturgy, we can all be pleased with these results. The site traffic continues to improve. For the Latin Mass, “Business is good”. A few specific numbers and comments may be appropriate.

Google provides analysis tools that count the “clicks” from search results presented to a would-be visitor to our web site. This means that if someone types in “Latin Mass” as a search argument and sees our “first on first page” position AND clicks on it, then that click gets recorded to our web site statistics. Google also tells us what the average position in the search results our site occupied when it was “clicked” (selected) in the list. The total number of Google “clicks” on all LLA pages for the last two months is 13,460. There were 101 search arguments with 10 or more clicks during that period. The most popular (“Top Ten”) search arguments, their number of clicks (selections), and the average position in the search result list are shown below:

<u>Argument</u>	<u>Clicks</u>	<u>Position</u>
• Latin Mass	1,490	1.6
• Latin Mass Text	768	1.0
• Mass in Latin	408	1.9
• Catholic Mass in Latin	202	1.1
• Tridentine Mass	146	7.6
• Latin Mass Missal	120	1.1
• Order of Mass in Latin	115	1.0
• Latin Mass Translation	114	1.0
• Ordo Missae	107	6.2
• Latin Mass Responses	107	1.0

All ten of these searches yield a first-page position in the search results. The position is important because once someone finds something that works for them, they typically “bookmark” that page and never search for it again.

In the last two months (January 20 – March 20), the most popular page mentioned above – “Texts of the Latin Mass (Both Forms)” – has been visited 12,083 times – over 200 times per day (some visits from bookmarks, some from search results). The content being downloaded from this page consisted primarily of the following:

- The Text (Latin & English) of the Ordinary Form – 4, 363 times
- The Text (Latin & English) of the Extraordinary Form – 4,621 times
- The Extraordinary Form Hand Missal – 1,171 times
- The Extraordinary Form Hand Missal (large print) – 666 times
- The Extraordinary Form Hand Missal for the Requiem – 218 times

This content is going to the USA, Canada, England, Australia – all predictable as English-speaking countries, but also to less likely places, such as the Philippines and Ukraine. I hope I have not bored you to tears. But I felt you should know how the site is working for us to fulfill our mission. We will continue to work to improve both our content and our position as a principal resource for Latin liturgy.

## From the Editor

Editor's Note:

One year ago, in the Annunciation issue last year, we reported to you the commencement of a Traditional Latin Mass at St. Barnabas Parish in O'Fallon, MO at the beginning of 2015. A follow up seemed appropriate and so I asked Fr. Hager, the pastor, if he would consent to an interview to provide this “follow up” story. He graciously consented, and the content that follows is the result.

**LLA:** Father, it has been 14 months now that you have offered the Traditional Latin Mass and I would like to explore your experience with this effort up to this point. I was hoping to look at three areas:

- How you have implemented the TLM at St. Barnabas
- Has celebrating the TLM affected you personally, and if so, how.
- How has it affected your parish.

So, in what way have you chosen to celebrate the TLM?

**Fr. H:** We celebrate the TLM almost every Sunday with a *Missa Cantata* with incense. During Lent we are offering also a Low Mass every Thursday morning. We occasionally have an *Asperges* or *Vidi Aquam* on special Feasts.

**LLA:** Did you have a schola already in place for your sung *Novus Ordo* Masses?

**Fr. H:** We had a small choir for our 8:00am *Novus Ordo* Mass, but we lost our former choir director and organist and we are now in the interim of getting another choir going for the *Novus Ordo*.

**LLA:** Were they interested in singing the Propers and Ordinary for the TLM High Mass?

**Fr. H:** They were not in favor of singing the Proper or Ordinary for the TLM.

**LLA:** If you started with High Masses, where did the schola come from?

**Fr. H:** We were so fortunate in that we had Archdiocesan seminarians to sing the Gregorian Chant for our first two TLM masses. They set for us a very high standard.

**LLA:** That was very good fortune.

**Fr. H:** Then more good fortune – a new parishioner, Leah Schuepfer, volunteered to take over organ and choir director. That was to us a Godsend. She is so talented and willing to help out whenever we need her.

**LLA:** How did you continue the High Masses? Did it take long to develop a schola of your own for the TLM?

**Fr. H:** Almost immediately young parishioners wanted to learn to sing the Gregorian Chant and began practicing weekly for each Mass.

**LLA:** Where does that stand now?

**Fr. H:** Currently Mr. Ryan Murphy, former organist at the Cathedral of St Louis, came out to St. Barnabas when he learned we were offering the TLM and offered to work for me. This told me God was behind it. Most Sundays, the schola has 10-12 people, nearly evenly divided between male and female. And although the schola only sings at the TLM, our music and its sacred character has drawn more to St. Barnabas at all our masses since Ryan plays for the *Novus Ordo* Masses too.

**LLA:** OK, Fr. how about the TLM as it relates to your vocation? Would you say it has been a positive experience for you?

**Fr. H:** Indeed it has, the focus on God and the awesomeness of the Eucharist and the priesthood has been magnified for me.

**LLA:** I think I'm correct in saying that you were not formed in the TLM during your time as a seminarian?

**Fr. H:** That is correct, however I would frequent St. Agatha's in south St. Louis whenever possible during my seminary years.

(Editor's Note: See the News from the St. Louis Chapter above. Fr. Hager refers to the Traditional Latin Mass that was offered there for 20 years from 1985 until 2005.)

**LLA:** What have you found the most difficult task for you or adaptation required of you?



**Fr. H:** Practicing the Latin and remembering all the rubrics that are so beautiful and reverent.

**LLA:** Given the *versus Deum* orientation, the Latin, the priest's Communion, and so forth, does it feel different to you?

**Fr. H:** Facing the cross and tabernacle during the Mass keeps me focused and makes it easier for me to pray. I love it so much I am offering all my weekday morning masses *Ad orientem*.

**LLA:** Benedict XVI hoped that the emancipation of the "Extraordinary Form" - as he has labeled the TLM, would have a beneficial effect on the whole of the Latin Rite. Has celebrating the TLM affected how you celebrate the NOM?

**Fr. H:** Yes, it has solidified my belief that the more reverence we can give Almighty God the better. As an example, I now keep my thumbs and forefingers together after the Consecration in the *Novus Ordo* Masses too.

**LLA:** The last area I would like to talk with you about is how the TLM has affected your parish. As I understand it, offering the TLM at St. Barnabas was not your idea but rather originated in a request from a number of your parishioners. Is that correct and, if so, about how many people requested it?

**Fr. H:** Yes, 40 parishioners requested my offering the TLM. And I was happy to oblige.

**LLA:** So, in fact, a rather small number. It seems fair then to ask is the TLM well-attended?

**Fr. H:** Yes, it varies from Sunday to Sunday, On some Sundays it is our largest attended mass at the parish with nearly 200 attending.

(Editor's note. St. Barnabas uses the Hand Missal containing the Ordinary of the Mass that is available on the LLA web site. They printed 150 of them for use at Sunday Mass. On a few Sundays they have run out of these hand missals. And some people bring their own St. Joseph, or St. Andrew, or Angelus Press, or Baronius Press, etc. Missal.)

**LLA:** Are these all from your parish originally or have you attracted others to St. Barnabas?

**Fr. H:** It is mixed, some from St. Barnabas, some from nearby, and some from a good distance. To my surprise many who attend were not even born at the time of the changes in the Mass. So this tells me it is in many ways a youth movement in the Church. Our age group, too, is very evenly mixed.

**LLA:** I trust that this growth is also reflected in your collection basket?

**Fr. H:** Yes, new parishioners have increased and our offertory collection has gone up considerably.

**LLA:** Are the new members of the parish blending into the life of the parish or do they seem a separate group?

**Fr. H:** The new parishioners are becoming more and more involved in the parish: leading the restart of our youth group, being on the Finance Committee, and helping out in the Fall Festival and other parish events.

**LLA:** Realizing that not every member of your parish goes to the TLM, has there been any resistance to the Mass itself from those who do not attend?

**Fr. H:** At first some in the parish were not in favor of the TLM. They did not see a need for it. Now this has changed because of all the positive influences it is making at the parish.

**LLA:** A final unrelated question - Father, I would ask you what has been the biggest surprise you have encountered these last 14 months owing to the TLM?

**Fr. H:** The amount of youth attending the TLM, and their involvement in the more difficult serving, the singing of Gregorian chant, and the promoting of this awesome, sacred, holy Mass.

**LLA:** Thank you, Fr.

Early in this edition, a reference was made to the availability of download-able Altar Cards from *Una Voce*. There are also download-able cards on our sister web site at the following URL:

<http://www.extraordinaryform.org/celebrants/AltarCards.pdf>

I personally like the appearance of the *Una Voce* cards better, but they require the ability to print on 11 x 17 paper (for the large center card) – not exactly what you are likely to have connected to your desktop or on your home network. The cards on the site above have a smaller font, but print on 8 ½ x 14 (Legal) paper, which most printers accommodate.

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*O mundi Regnator, qui te omni lingua hominum angelorumque laudari voluisti; tribue, quaesumus, ut etiam in diebus nostris, sacrificium dilecti Filii tui immaculatum assidue lingua Romana in oratoriis gentis nostrae omniumque permultis tibi offeratur a populo ad te toto corde converso: per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.*

Cum licentia Ordinarii,  
Baton Rouge, LA  
August 8, 1994

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O Sovereign of the world, who have willed that you be praised in every language of men and of angels; grant we beseech you, that now too in our days, the unblemished sacrifice of your beloved Son may be incessantly offered to you in the language of the Romans in many churches of our land and of every land by a people turned to you with all their heart. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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