

From the President

As I write this on the first Saturday in July, I am grateful for the dedication of so many LLA members and others who are working so persistently for the inclusion of Latin in the liturgies of Holy Mother Church.

In this newsletter, you will learn about some of these efforts in the reports and announcements from around the U.S. and the U. K. In your own church or faith community, you know how your own efforts have made a difference in the worship that is offered to our heavenly Father. This newsletter should encourage you to know that you are not alone. The secular culture that we live in does not much support what we do.

At the final Mass of the CMAA Colloquium in St. Louis last month, we gathered in the magnificent Shrine of St. Joseph, just north of downtown St. Louis. As I looked high above me, on both sides of the long nave, I could see the paintings of angels, joining us in worship of God. As I looked above the altar, I saw the statues of the four evangelists, and other saints, as well as missionaries who brought the faith to the New World. In the morning light, it was so clear to me that this church consciously attempted to make the invisible visible, in the artwork that adorned the church and the altar. Truly, the angels and the saints were and are joined with us at Holy Mass. Therefore, we must bring our best to the worship of Almighty God, Who made us ultimately for heaven and Himself.

May you be strengthened in the challenging days ahead.

Memor et fidelis,

Regina P. Morris, President

News from the Chapters

From the Chicago Chapter

Archbishop Blase Cupich ordained Trenton Rauch, SJC, to the diaconate (Ordinary Form) on Monday, May 30, 2016 at St. John Cantius Church. This was the archbishop's first visit to St. John's.

As this newsletter is going to press, over fifty youth of Chicago are in the midst of a five-day, 80-mile walking pilgrimage to Holy Name Cathedral in downtown, Chicago. The youth are visiting seven Archdiocesan Year of Mercy sites, along the way, with daily Mass offered by Father Nathan Caswell, SJC, director of youth ministry at St. John Cantius and St. Peter (Volo).

The restoration of the main altar at St. John Cantius is expected to be complete by the feast of the Assumption, August 15, 2016.

The parish choirs from St. John Cantius and St. Peter (Volo) will be going to Rome to sing for Pope Francis for the end of the Year of Mercy at the Vatican, with the Sistine Chapel Choir. The dates of the pilgrimage are November 14-21, 2016. The pilgrimage is open to non-choir members on a space available basis. Go to the parish web site at www.cantius.org for more information.

From the Los Angeles Chapter

Mary, Star of the Sea Parish in San Pedro has initiated a sung Latin Novus Ordo (Ordinary Form) Mass every Sunday at 5:15 p.m. The other Masses in this parish are offered in English, Spanish, Croatian and Italian. To widen its appeal, the parish is calling the Latin Mass the "Mass of the New Evangelization". This seems a very sensible approach, given the diverse languages within the parish. We wish them much success with this innovative approach to reach out to members of the parish who might otherwise hesitate to attend.

LLA member Charles Coulombe recently teamed up with Father J. Fryar (FSSP) and Mr. Luc Poirer to offer an extended week of training for servers of the traditional Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form). From June 16-June 25, instruction was offered for Low Mass, High Mass, and Solemn High Mass, with Mass offered each day, according to what the focus was that day—so there was ample opportunity for practical application on the part of all participants. Three different churches were used within the Archdiocese.

From the Monterey, CA Chapter

As of May 22, 2016, the Monterey Bay Area Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) has moved from the cemetery chapel near Salinas to Sacred Heart Church in Hollister, CA.

From the Philadelphia Chapter

The Traditional Latin Mass Community of Philadelphia, formerly at St. Edmond's Church in South Philadelphia has moved to Our Lady of Lourdes in the Overbrook section of the city. The sung Latin Mass is offered at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes.

The new home for the TLM in Bucks County will be at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA, in the downstairs chapel. The first Mass at this new location will be Sunday, July 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. (Low Mass).

From the Pittsburgh Chapter

During Paschaltide, 2016, the Pittsburgh Chapter arranged for several TLM's to be offered for the repose of the soul of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

On May 14, 2016, the Knights of Columbus Woodlawn Council 2161 Traditional Latin Mass Guild hosted their annual Blue Mass, honoring police and law enforcement officers in Beaver County. The Mass was offered by Rev. Fr. Ladis J. Cizik, at St. Titus Church in Aliquippa, PA and featured St. Stephen Schola Cantorum from St. Stephen Church in Cleveland, OH, under the direction of Nathan Marinchick.

On Saturday, June 4, 2016, in a historic ceremony sponsored by the same Knights of Columbus Council, the City of Aliquippa, PA was solemnly consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The consecration was performed by the pastors of the three Catholic parishes in town, [Rev. Father Paul C. Householder, St. Titus Church, Rev. Father Mykhaylo Shkynda, St. George Byzantine (Ruthenian) Catholic Church, Rev. Father Michael Polosky, Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church] and the Mayor, The Honorable Dwan B. Walker.

The day began with a procession into St. George Church with the icon of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary before the icon. Then the Divine Liturgy (Eastern Rite) was offered. The choir of Ss. Peter and Paul provided the music. Following the Divine Liturgy, the clergy and the mayor knelt before the Icon and recited the solemn consecration prayers. The Knights presented all pastors and the mayor with framed icon prints. The mayor presented the priests with solemn consecration Proclamation certificates, and city flags. A Solemn High Mass was offered by Canon Jean-Marie Moreau at St. Titus in thanksgiving for the consecration of the city. The Bach Choir of Pittsburgh sang Mozart's Coronation Mass.

On Friday, July 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. a votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord will be offered at St. Titus Church in Aliquippa, PA.

From the St. Louis-Belleveille Chapter

The St. Louis-Belleveille Chapter held their spring, 2016 meeting at Holy Family Log Church in Cahokia, IL. Local historian, John Reed, spoke on historical aspects of the log church, which is the oldest continuous Catholic parish in the United States. It was founded in 1699.

During the CMAA Colloquium, the St. Louis LLA chapter hosted a supper for national LLA members who had come to St. Louis for the Colloquium. Three of the national LLA officers were present, and were introduced to the group.

St. Mary of Victories Church was the location for a "Mob Mass" on Palm Sunday, March 22, 2016. Over 400 people attended this hybrid Mass, which incorporated Latin, Hungarian and English. St. Mary's had also sponsored a series of five First Saturday conferences (ending in June, 2016) that included the history and development of the Liturgical Year, and learning how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours.

News from Association of Latin Liturgy (ALL) in the United Kingdom

Issue #149 (Ascension, 2016) of the journal, Latin Liturgy, has been published by the ALL. The new rates for membership in the ALL are £20 for those who received the journal by e-mail, and £30 for postal delivery. Credit card payment is not available at this time, and the equivalent of £15 must be added to the check for conversion charges. Checks should be sent to Membership Secretary, Association of Latin Liturgy, 173 David Rd. Croydon CRO 6 DP. [Note: since the journal is posted to the ALL website for public viewing after three months, you can avoid all charges by waiting three months, and just viewing it for free on their website.]

The annual general meeting of the ALL will be Saturday, October 15, 2016 at St. Mary Moorlands Church in London. A

Solemn Mass (Novus Ordo) of St. Teresa of Avila at noon will be preceded by a chant rehearsal. After the Mass, ALL Chairman Christopher Francis will speak on "Music and the Mass". A business meeting will follow. After afternoon tea, the meeting will conclude with Vespers and Benediction.

Some historical information about St. Mary Moorlands is as follows:

The roots of the parish of St Mary Moorfields go back to several chapels that sprang up in the area in the 17th and 18th centuries. Catholic worship in those days was illegal. The chapels were known locally as 'Penny Hotels', as people had to pay a penny to a man behind a grill in the door before they were allowed in. These were hard times for Catholics. In 1736, for example, the Gordon Rioters attacked the chapel in Ropemakers Alley, ripping out its altar, fittings and crucifixes. Following the Catholic Relief Act of 1791, Catholics were permitted to worship in public. And in 1820 the first church of St. Mary Moorfields opened in Finsbury Circus. As the permanent seat of the Vicar Apostolic, it served as Cardinal Wiseman's pro-cathedral from 1850 to 1869. The church was pulled down in 1899 and replaced by the present church in Eldon Street, which was opened on 25th March 1903. The architect was George Sherrin, who also designed the dome of the London Oratory as well as several Underground stations.

The international Sacra Liturgia Conference will take place in London, July 5-8, 2016. Full details of all the liturgies (open to the public) can be found at www.sacraliturgia.org. Robert Cardinal Sarah (Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments) and His Excellency Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, will be among the celebrants and speakers.

Pluscarden Abbey, located 70 miles west of Aberdeen, Scotland, will be offering a Monastic Experience Weekend from August 19-22, 2016. It is open to single Catholic men, aged 18-35, who are interested in learning more about Benedictine monastic life. Pluscarden Abbey is the only British monastery still being used for its original purpose. It was founded in 1230, fell into ruins after the Protestant Reformation, and was re-occupied by Catholic Benedictine monks in 1948. All daily offices (Vigils to Compline) are sung in Latin. The 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass is also in Latin (Ordinary Form). For more information, see the abbey website, www.pluscardenabbey.org

Monsignor Soseman Visits Northeast Missouri Latin Mass Society

After reading the brief announcement in our last LLA Newsletter, about the efforts of the Northeast Missouri Latin Mass Society to offer a monthly traditional Latin Mass to the Catholics in their community, Monsignor Richard Soseman contacted the Northeast Missouri Latin Mass Society with an offer to celebrate a traditional Latin Mass on Saturday, June 18, 2016. Monsignor was traveling from his assignment in Rome (see the interview with the Editor, below), to his home in southern Iowa, for a family reunion, and wanted to lend his support to the fledgling society.

The visit and Mass were well publicized with articles in the Catholic Missourian, the Bloomfield Democrat and the Daily lowegian. St. Rose of Lima Church in Novinger, MO was comfortably full for the Mass. LLA newsletter editor, Bill Guelker, and LLA president, Regina Morris, travelled to Novinger for the Mass to offer their encouragement.

Monsignor Soseman is also a diocesan judge in the canonization cause for Archbishop Fulton Sheen. He presented a very interesting talk on Archbishop Sheen following the delicious and bountiful country supper prepared by members of the Society.

News from Coalition in Support of *Ecclesia Dei*

The Coalition in Support of *Ecclesia Dei* maintains a Directory of Traditional Latin Masses throughout the United States and Canada. The Latin Liturgy Association cooperates with the Coalition by sending them all corrections that we receive regarding such Masses. Since the Coalition will not accept e-mail correspondence (but we will), many churches and Latin Mass societies send us their corrections, which I compile and send quarterly (by US Mail) to the Coalition.

The Coalition reports that in September 2007, when *Summorum Pontificum* was newly released, there were 230 traditional Latin Masses on Sundays. These were located in 125 dioceses. As of February, 2016, there are 420 regularly offered Sunday traditional Latin Masses offered in 157 dioceses. There are 68 locations where there are daily traditional Latin Masses offered. In addition, there are other locations that offer the traditional Latin Mass once a week, or once a month, or on special occasions. Over 100,000 copies of the red booklet Missal have been printed since May 2007.

News from the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

An Ignatian retreat for women will be offered July 15-17, 2016 at St. Benedict Abbey in Still River MA. The Ignatian retreat for men will be July 22-14, 2016 at the same location. For more information contact JAnthonyBuxton@yahoo.com

Camp St. Peter in the Black Hills of SD will be offered August 12-24, 2016 for boys ages 13-15. For more information see www.SeminaryCamps.wordpress.com

The Confraternity of St. Peter is offering a pilgrimage to Ireland Sept 5-14, 2016 with Father Simon Harkins. For more information see www.syversentouring.com/eire

Schola Cantorum Philadelphiensis in formation

With a slogan of "Ordinary men, extraordinary chant," the Schola Cantorum Philadelphiensis is recruiting new members. They are looking for men and boys who will be willing to travel throughout the archdiocese, and sit "in choir" as a vested schola, to sing Gregorian chant as a single body. Beginners are not only welcome, but expected. Members will be taught to read square notation and correctly pronounce Latin (at no extra charge!). For more information, contact James Griffin, coordinator, at 210-365-1135 or chantphiladelphia@gmail.com

Indiana Latin Masses have new web-site

LLA member Tim Fox has initiated a new web site for coordinating all the traditional Latin Masses (Extraordinary Form) in the state of Indiana. Please visit his site at www.indianatlm.weebly.com.

Juventutem Sanctions New Chapter

The *Foederatio Internationalis Juventutem (FIJ)* officially certified a new chapter in St. Louis, MO on February 22, 2016. This international organization is for young people, ages 18-36. Members promise to pray daily for the sanctification of youth; to offer weekly adoration; to annually attend a traditional Latin Mass; to go to confession at least once a year; to attend a *Juventutem* event at least once a year, and to support the FIJ both prayerfully and financially. There are sixteen chapters in the U.S.

The new St. Louis Chapter has since sponsored Latin Masses for their members at St. Mary of Victories Church in St. Louis, and at the Church of the Little Flower in Richmond Heights, MO.

No Approved Traditional Latin Masses in India

Earlier this year, I received a request from someone in India regarding the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass in India. Since I am not knowledgeable in this area, I did some research. What I found is that there are no regularly scheduled traditional Latin Masses anywhere in India, except for those offered by the Society of Pius X. Apparently there are SSPX chapels in Bombay, Madras, Goa, Palayam Kottai and Tamil Nadu. The only diocesan church that previously had a Latin Mass was St. Peter's Church, Bandra West, Mumbai. But it was not clear if it still offered a Latin Mass on the first Sunday of the month, or not. The Catholic Church in India is apparently very consciously trying to concentrate on "enculturation" as the way to evangelize. All the bishops of dioceses in India are now native-born, which was not true in the past. They seem to have little interest in the Latin Mass, in any form. This was a great disappointment. The history of the Catholic Church in India goes all the way to St. Thomas, who brought the Gospel there. Learning about the status of the Latin Mass in India, as I now have, makes me realize how fortunate we are in the U.S. to have as many Latin Masses as we do. It behooves us to pray for our brothers and sisters in India, who are not able to find a Latin Mass anywhere near them.

Requiescat in pace, Mother Angelica

As most of you probably already know, Mother Angelica, foundress of EWTN, passed from this life on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016. She was 92 years old. Her funeral was Friday, April 1, 2016. His Excellency Charles Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia offered the funeral Mass. Mother's body was interred in the crypt chapel at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL.

In the LLA Newsletter #LXXV (Spring 2000), then national chairman (now secretary) William Leininger wrote, "The national officers of the Latin Liturgy Association would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Mother Angelica and EWTN. Perhaps no other venue has brought Latin in the Mass to more American Catholics in recent years. The reverent celebrations from the sisters' chapel in Alabama have inspired many Catholics and even non-Catholics. The use of Latin is both an honoring of our liturgical traditions and an effective bridge across the multiple languages and cultures of our society. Many Catholics have been moved to request Latin in their parish Masses as a result of viewing EWTN, where they have learned, perhaps for the first time, the words of the *Sanctus* and the *Agnus Dei*. For your most capable leadership, Mother Angelica, we are deeply grateful."

Sixteen years later, we can only add, "Amen."

Fatima Center Conferences in St. Louis and Chicago

The Fatima Center, Servants of Jesus and Mary, will be holding conferences in St. Louis (July 29-31, 2016) and Chicago (October 21-23, 2016). All Masses offered will be traditional Latin Masses. Speakers include Peter Chojnowski, Ph. D., Cornelia Ferreira, Matt Gaspers, Coralie Graham, Brian McCall, Ph. D. and John Vennari. For more information see www.fatima.org or register by telephone at 1-800-263-8160. There are options for daily registrations, as well as full

conference packages.

Church Music Association of America Colloquium in St. Louis

This year, for the first time, the CMAA Sacred Music Colloquium was held in St. Louis, MO. Over 220 singers, organists, priests and supporters gathered at the St. Louis City Center Hotel and practiced, and studied and practiced, and listened and practiced...and then sang and played and proclaimed at sacred liturgies at St. John the Evangelist, St. Joseph Shrine, and the Cathedral Basilica. It was a very intense week, and there were multiple choir ensembles from which to choose to better yourself, according to your needs and skills. The evening liturgies were open to the public, and many local pastoral musicians and friends were present.

Several different web sites have posted photos and videos of the week's liturgies. I do not want to reiterate what others have already said. But, since this was my first experience attending the Colloquium, I thought I would share some of the activities in which I participated.

The week began with a pre-conference organ crawl, hosted by Jeff Wisniewsky, organist at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Since the St. Joseph Chapel at the Seminary had recently been renovated, and the organ newly installed, this was an excellent place to begin. There is a new altar of sacrifice and baldacchino. The ceiling has been completely resurfaced and decoratively painted a dark blue, with golden stars. The A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ has 39 ranks in four divisions. Eager participants took turns playing the instrument—one participant from Australia, and others from across the U.S.

Monday evening's concert at the recently renovated Grand Hall of the Central St. Louis Public Library featured the "Pro-Arte Saint Louis" chorus under the direction of Dr. Horst Buchholz, singing the *Kyrie* and *Gloria* from the *Missa L'Homme Armé* by Dufay, and the *Sanctus*, *Benedictus* and *Agnus Dei* from Morales' Mass of the same name. Two pieces of Ambrosian Chant were also included.

Each day there were breakout sessions to appeal to different interests. I attended a demonstration and presentation of the Ward Method of teaching Gregorian chant to children by Colleen Crofton of Richmond, VA. She brought some of her actual students to illustrate the theory in a very visual and auditory experience. This was very helpful to me, since I had read several of the writings of Justine Ward, but never seen her method in action.

Father Jason Shumer is currently a doctoral student in Rome. His presentation on liturgy raised many questions for me to ponder in my own mind in the weeks and months to come: Is the liturgy more like a "building" or more like an "organism"? If the liturgy is supposed to "develop organically", what can legitimately be allowed to change, and what cannot? What are legitimate adaptations? Since grace builds on Nature, what are the natural foundations upon which the liturgy continues to build? Just because something is "possible", is it always "prudent"? As a choir director and a music teacher, I often have to make decisions on liturgy and music—and these considerations make me think more deeply about the responsibility that I have.

Mary Jane Ballou shared her expertise regarding the aging voice—both male and female. She explained some of the physiology involved, and the importance of physical exercise for maintaining optimum breath support and a noble posture.

His Excellency James Conley, Bishop of Lincoln, NE, shared some of his personal story. He was a convert from Presbyterianism, and was in the same seminary graduating class as Father Robert Pasley, chaplain of the CMAA (and LLA member). His talk stressed the important part that beauty can play in converting people's hearts to God. Bishop Conley explained that true beauty is actually counter-cultural, given today's society. Of the three-legged stool of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty that aid in evangelization, Conley posited that Beauty may be the most useful tool to call people to seek Truth and Goodness. However, he warned us that we must be on our guard to avoid a Beauty that dazzles in and of itself—and leads to pleasure-seeking, rather than truth-seeking. Conley strongly advocates the *ad orientem* posture of the priest at Mass—in both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms. Priests in his diocese have used extensive preparatory catechesis to ready their congregations, prior to changing to the *ad orientem* posture, with great success. His Excellency agrees with Cardinal Sarah that just this change alone would go a long way toward making Mass more reverent and beautiful.

Dr. William Mahrt (long-time LLA member) presented extensively on Gregorian Chant, the Modes, and Psalm-tones (both for Mass and for the Office). He explained some the difficulties that were encountered as monks copied the ancient manuscripts and tried to make them cohesive and approachable for modern choirmasters and their choirs. He also explained the connection between internal word accents and long syllables, and how those aspects of the text had to be considered when matching text to a psalm tone.

At the annual CMAA membership meeting, it was stated that there are over 2500 people on the mailing list. This makes CMAA vastly larger than the LLA. But they also must employ some paid staff to make all their annual events run smoothly (Summer Chant Intensive, Ward I Course, Winter Sacred Music event, in addition to the Colloquium). So the dynamics of the organization are very different than LLA.

Next year's Summer Sacred Music Colloquium will be held at St. Thomas College in St. Paul, MN, from June 19-24, 2017, with liturgies at St. Agnes Church in St. Paul.

Father Dennis Duvelius Celebrates Twenty Years as a Priest

For the feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29, 2016), Indiana was blessed to have two Sung Latin Masses offered by the same priest, Latin Liturgy Association member Fr. Dennis Duvelius. Members of the Latin Liturgy Association are indebted to Fr. Duvelius for providing the translation of the rubrics of the 1962 Missal (which can be accessed on the Association's website).

The feast is a special one for Father, since it marks the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood – this year being his twentieth. His first special Mass during the week was celebrated June 28th (after first vespers) at St. Michael's Church in Cannelton, IN, a beautiful German-style parish built in 1859. Priests in attendance were Fr. Sengole Thomas Gnanaraj, current pastor of St. Michael's, and Fr. Barnabas Collins, O.S.B., the former pastor. The *ad hoc* mens' schola, directed by Mr. Charles Wyeth, sang full Gregorian propers, Mass V, and Credo IV. The repertoire was selected by Fr. Duvelius, an accomplished singer (as well as organist) in his own right.

After the Mass, a barbecue dinner and reception was held by the Ladies' Society of St. Michael's in the church basement for all who attended the Mass. Tim Fox, another LLA member, had the chance to speak with Father during the course of the dinner. A native of Oldenberg (where he celebrated his ten-year anniversary), Father Duvelius was born just after the Second Vatican Council, but remembers many of the pre-conciliar traditions as they were still practiced for a time after the Council. What drew him most to the Latin Mass, he said, was its sense of the sacred. Tim asked Father Duvelius if he had any advice for the laity or priests who wanted to bring Latin to their parishes. Father's very practical advice was: "For the congregation, learn more Gregorian chant. Start with the *Jubilate Deo* Mass setting and build up from there. For the priest or seminarian, start praying the Divine Office in Latin. There are plenty of websites online that have it--just bring it up on your tablet computer and start praying."

Father Duvelius was realistic about the challenges facing those attached to the traditions of the church. But he also commented that things have taken a turn for the better, even since his joining the LLA in 1986: "Back then, even talking about promoting the Latin Mass got you labeled as being a 'schismatic'. But there's definitely been progress." Tim ended by asking Father Duvelius if there was a defining moment in his ministry of these twenty years. "I'd say it was tonight. Seeing how people came out of the woodwork to make this Mass possible is inspiring." It is the shared hope of the Latin Liturgy Association that Fr. Duvelius will continue to inspire the faithful to "come out of the woodwork" to participate in the liturgical life of the Church for years to come.

On June 29, 2016, Father headed to Indianapolis to celebrate the feast again in his old parish, Holy Rosary, the Italian parish founded in 1909.

Ad multos annos, Father!

The Latin Liturgy Association at St. Peter's Basilica

Editor's Note: The LLA was surprised to learn recently that a Traditional Latin Mass is celebrated every weekday morning at the altar of the Transfiguration in St. Peter's Basilica.

- <http://stpetersbasilica.info/Altars/Transfiguration/Transfiguration.htm> -

It has been so for years and, for the last three years, has been celebrated by one of our own, Msgr. Richard Soseman. Msgr. is also the author of Reflections from Rome which he described for us in the following interview.

LLA: Monsignor, you are a Life Member of the LLA. How did you learn of the Association and how long have you been a member?

MSGR: I heard of the LLA in Seminary, and joined sometime in the mid 1990s. I have only ever been able to attend one of the annual meetings, one at St. Agnes in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1996, perhaps. Corpus Christi weekend is a beautiful time to be near a traditional parish, so I understand why the annual meetings are often on that weekend, but it is a problematic weekend for priests, who have to be about their own duties! I became a life member back in the 1990s.

LLA: What prompted you to write "Reflections from Rome"? And would you describe it briefly for us?

MSGR: In Rome, our work is never taken home, so nights and Sundays offered a lot of time for private study and writing. I began writing the essays, (in "Reflections from Rome") in response to a request, and in working with a Lenten group on the internet. Many of those reflections became part of the book in addition to some others. "Reflections from Rome" has been popular, and is in its second printing. I try to be practical, hence the subtitle "Practical Thoughts on Faith and Family," so I relate some personal anecdote from growing up, or some story from Church history or the saints, and then relate that to people's everyday lives.

LLA: Where is it available?

MSGR: The book is certainly available at Catholic bookstores, and also at online sources like Amazon.com. At the Roman Catholic Books website, the publisher, it is available at a discount, and if you call the toll free number, you could probably get even more of a discount.

LLA: Would you tell us a little about yourself?

MSGR: I grew up on Campbell's Island, Illinois, a small but beautiful island on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa. It is near the Quad Cities (Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, Moline and Rock Island, Illinois). I attended Catholic

Schools at St. Anne in East Moline, Alleman High School in Rock Island, and then was six years at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

LLA: How did you discover your vocation?

MSGR: My sophomore year at Marquette was spent at their Madrid Study Center, and after graduating with a B.A., I was offered the possibility to pursue a Master's in Spanish Literature. One Summer during those studies I spent again in Spain, and while there went on a youth retreat. I met a very good and zealous younger priest there, who clearly believed and was solid in his priesthood. I had always experienced older priests, but this younger priest helped me to consider the priesthood, and to realize it was possible. When he was giving benediction, he looked so intently at the Sacred Host, that his full faith in God and utter reliance upon His Church was clear. I spoke with him about the seminary, and when I returned home spoke with our vocation director at the time, Fr. Myers.

LLA: What seminary did you attend?

MSGR: Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. It is the second oldest seminary in the country, and was then, and still is, a solid institution, so the liturgy of the Church, including Latin, was learned there as part of the lived experience. In addition to inspiring seminary liturgies, some of us became involved in assisting at other places where they did not fear to fully employ the liturgical traditions of the Church, such as at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and the chapel at the Frederick Academy of the Visitation, as well as the home parishes of some of the seminarians.

LLA: How were you introduced to the Traditional Latin Mass?

MSGR: I was ordained in 1992, and in 1993 our Bishop in the Diocese of Peoria, Bishop John Myers (for many years now Archbishop of Newark), sent me to Rome to study Canon Law. As I was going, I desired to learn the "Old Latin Mass" and perhaps attend some of the Eastern Catholic Rites. So, throughout my life I had always had some exposure to Latin, in grade and high school and in seminary, but I had never attended the Traditional Latin Mass as an adult. I attended a few times in Rome, then learned it there with the assistance of the Institute of Christ the King. Bishop Myers had asked me to learn the Extraordinary Form so that I could help with the Mass in Peoria. Every Sunday, in addition to helping with their normal Mass at Gesu e Maria, some of us would serve at a Solemn High Mass in a smaller church. We took the various roles, celebrant, deacon, subdeacon, etc. and were kept in that role for a few weeks, so we could each get practice and become confident.

I started to say TLM in Rome, then, and practiced it at Bishop Myers' request. In 1995, when I was getting ready to return to the States, Bishop Myers requested a *celebret* for me from *Ecclesia Dei*, and it was readily granted. At the time they told me that it was first time they heard from a Bishop with the request before they had heard from the priest. (Editor's Note: The *celebret* was a permission from Rome allowing a priest to say the Traditional Latin Mass at any location. In 1995 there was no general permission to do so – *Summorum Pontificum* was still a dozen years in the future. Since this *celebret* was independent of the local bishop, it was oftentimes viewed by them as a circumvention of their authority. Bishop Myers was obviously ahead of the times.)

LLA: Where have you ministered before Rome? And, was Latin or the TLM involved?

MSGR: Because of my experiences with the TLM, when I returned to the US in 1995 I was often called upon to be a celebrant or Emcee for Holy Masses in various dioceses, and in different parishes in the Diocese of Peoria, and throughout the Midwest. In 1998 I was assigned as pastor of St. Mary of the Woods Parish, in Princeville, Illinois, a small but historic place with a beautiful Gothic Church built in the 1880's. As the Pastor and only priest, I celebrated the parish Masses there, as well as Spanish Mass for our migrant workers during the Summer season, and the EF on Sundays and Holy Days. I was pastor there for the ten years before I came back to Rome to the Congregation for the Clergy. It was great that, at that parish, we had some dedicated EF parishioners, some of whom drove in from quite far away, and our Princeville parishioners, who normally would attend the English or Spanish Mass, would come to the Latin Mass frequently.

When the bulk of the migrant workers had returned home to Texas in November, a few would remain, and inevitably they would come to the Latin Mass. One Fall I heard a voice from the Congregation, singing all of the chants along with the schola, even propers. After a few weeks, I figured out it was one of the migrant women, and I asked her about it at the Church door. She said she knew all of the Latin Chants as she was raised in a Convent school in Mexico City. It was a wonderful reaffirmation of the universality of the Church.

LLA: Could you describe your TLM experience in Rome? What is it? How did it come about?

MSGR: When I was called to Rome in 2008 I knew I would want to keep up with some of my pastoral work, and so I became involved with the Notre Dame Program (Editor's Note: a Notre Dame University junior year spent in Rome) for a few years, and more recently at Camp Darby, an American military base, for Mass in English. I also taught at Thomas More College's Rome Campus for four years, and would arrange with those students to celebrate the TLM for them at St. Peter's frequently. Finally, I started going there every day for my private Mass in the TLM (every priest is able to celebrate at St. Peter's in the morning). I was a regular sub for Fr. Withoos (late of *Ecclesia Dei*), at his well known daily Mass at the Altar of the Transfiguration. I took that Mass over daily a few years ago. It is fascinating who comes, some days, just one or two, some days, 30 or 40. Normally the larger numbers come from a group or two showing up at the same time, but often I will have 25 people just show up, individuals or couples, from many different countries, using all 6 languages for which we have side-by-side books.

A few weeks ago I was expecting a large crowd on a Thursday, including some football coaches from Illinois and students from a high school military academy, so I was not surprised by the 45 who showed up. The Tuesday before, though, I only had 4 visitors who had contacted me, two fathers and two sons, but 25 people spontaneously showed up that day, from 12 countries. A few years ago I was expecting the son of a friend and his fellow college students (6 of them), who were in Florence studying for the Summer. None were Catholic. I went over to them before Mass and urged them to pray along in their own way. After Mass I took them to breakfast, and made the comment that Latin could be challenging. One of the girls said that they came chiefly BECAUSE of the Latin, that they were all Latin or Classics majors, and enjoyed hearing Latin spoken fluidly that morning. I asked a young Belgian couple how they found out about the TLM, they said a blog post they had seen advised them to go to St. Peter's at 7 a.m. and look for a different colored vestment.

LLA: Is it generally known that it is available? I ask because the LLA was unaware of it until just recently.

MSGR: I don't normally follow the blogs, so I don't know what's out there. I know the Italian blogs mention its availability sometimes.

LLA: Are there regulars? Or, because of the location, are your attendees principally tourists?

MSGR: We do have some regulars, or some long term people who attend for a month or two, and we often do have people on pilgrimage in Rome, who just showed up at 7:00, or who have been referred by others.

LLA: Were the tourists as surprised as we were that this was happening?

MSGR: People are seldom really surprised. In my experience, some Catholics assume that parishes use a lot of Latin, just not their parish, and some assume all of the Masses at St. Peter's would be in Latin. So, people are happy, but not astounded.

LLA: How has saying the TLM affected you personally as a priest?

MSGR: Pope Benedict spoke of the TLM influencing celebration of the OF. I think any priest who celebrates the Traditional Latin Mass is schooled in devotion, and that carefulness with the rubrics definitely carries over. Sometimes I say with the liturgy "you get what you pray for!" and the TLM helps to remind us that the celebration of Holy Mass is meant to be an offering to God of all the best that we have, and of our very selves.

LLA: Do you ever have occasion to use your Latin in the *Novus Ordo*?

MSGR: Many parishes in the Diocese of Peoria do have Latin in the *NO*, and the Cathedral has a weekly *NO* Mass in Latin, so I have been used to that throughout my time as a priest.

LLA: Monsignor, please look to future with me. As we approach the 10th anniversary next year of *Summorum Pontificum*, what do you foresee as the future of the TLM in the Latin Rite?

MSGR: I have always tended to be optimistic, as we need to have confidence in the guidance of the Holy Ghost in the Church. So, I foresee a growth, in general of Latin in the liturgy, and also a growth in the EF, as that seems to be the experience in the US. Many of the reasons to oppose it that some of the clergy and Bishops had in past decades have simply disappeared. So, for younger priests and people, the TLM, or liturgical elements such as maniples or birettas, are not emblematic of being a throwback or resistant to Vatican II, for instance. Instead, younger priests and lay people tend to see both the TLM, Latin in general, and beautiful liturgical elements, as Catholic things, along with all the rest of Catholicism. One of my best students in the EF at the Pontifical North American College several years ago was also president of the charismatic prayer group at the seminary. Younger priests tend to see the EF as a great option. This is why, I think, some newly ordained priests will celebrate an EF Solemn High Mass for their first Mass, as it is a great option to use for that. So, I do, indeed, see a gradual increase in the EF, and in use of Latin in the OF.

LLA: Is your assignment in Rome open-ended? How long do you anticipate staying there?

MSGR: I am in Rome indefinitely, but right now that seems to be where I am intended to be.

LLA: Do you have any further book projects planned?

MSGR: Yes, I have two or three, perhaps, being roughed out. Hard to find a publisher these days. One will be similar to my earlier book, another on Bishop Sheen, as I was the judge for his cause of beatification.

LLA: Do you get back to the States periodically?

MSGR: Fairly frequently. I have been known to help *Una Voce* Quad Cities on occasion, and in the last few years have had Masses in Chicago and St. Louis and an upcoming Mass in Novinger, MO.

LLA: Please let us know when you are going to be here and keep us posted about any LLA relevant developments or news from Rome. Thank you, Monsignor.

Further Thoughts on St. John the Baptist (by C. J. Guelker, LLA Life Member)

Once again the liturgical year comes to the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist on June 24th. The cycle leading up to Christmas that began with the Feast of the Annunciation March 25th continues now with the birth of John the Baptist three months later. In our first article on St. John we discussed the miraculous events surrounding his birth and his important place in the liturgy. This article considers his ministry and its relationship to his inclusion in the liturgy, especially the *Confiteor* of the Traditional Latin Mass. (While the *Confiteor* continues as an option in the *Novus Ordo*, all the saints except the Blessed Mother have been removed.)

The *Confiteor* occurs early in the TLM as part of our preparation to hear God's Word, offer our Holy Sacrifice, and receive our Lord in Holy Communion. Having come "into the altar of God" in Psalm 42, we now pause with the priest at the foot of the altar to pray for forgiveness and purification before the priest approaches the altar to offer our sacrifice. In the *Confiteor* we first confess to God and then to a list of saints that we are sinners, and we beseech the saints to pray for us. St. John the Baptist's placement in this list is interesting in that, while he follows Our Lady and St. Michael the Archangel, he precedes Sts. Peter and Paul who ordinarily take pride of place in any list of saints. But John is unique in his aptness for inclusion in the *Confiteor*. For, just as John, "A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight His paths," (Mt. 3:3) prepared the Jews for the coming of Christ, preaching repentance and baptizing in the Jordan; now we ask him to help us prepare for the imminent coming of our Lord in the Consecration. Preparing the Jewish people for Christ's coming was St. John's purpose, his "raison d'être," the focus of his entire life. How appropriate it is that we should also turn to him as we approach the altar, confessing our sinfulness and requesting his prayers on our behalf.

A closer look at John's ministry reveals the depth of his message. All of us are familiar with the Sunday gospel story of Christ's baptism in the Jordan. Some of us may be less familiar with the passages in Luke (Lk. 3:1-18) and in Matthew (Mt. 3:1-12) that expand on John's teachings. In many ways these words eerily prefigure words of Jesus. John rebukes the Pharisees and Sadducees, calling them "offspring of vipers," reminiscent of Christ's harsh words for them, such as "whited sepulchres," and bids them to "bring forth therefore fruits worthy of penance." Further on, he tells them, "Every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit, shall be cut down and cast into the fire." Jesus quotes this saying word for word in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 7:19), adding "Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them," speaking of false prophets.

The people then ask John, as we should be asking, "What then shall we do?" John replies, "He that hath two coats, let him give to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise." Again, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, "And if a man will contend with thee and take away thy coat, let go thy cloak also unto him. And whosoever will force thee one mile, go with him other two. Give to him that asketh of thee . . ." (Mt 5:40-42), going beyond sharing to self-denial and sacrifice. The publicans, hated and feared for lining their own pockets, also seek guidance from John. He does not tell them to stop being publicans, but "Do nothing more than that which is appointed you," meaning, "Be honest. Collect only that which is legally due." Likewise, he does not tell the soldiers to stop being soldiers, rather: "Do violence to no man: neither calumniate any man; and be content with your pay." He is not telling them to refuse to fight as soldiers, but to refrain from being bullies and looters. Jesus would later select the publican Matthew for one of his apostles; and Longinus, at the foot of the cross, "glorified God saying: "Indeed this was a just man," (Lk. 23:47) becoming our first soldier-saint. John's guidance offers us a mini examination of conscience: whatever our state in life, whatever its temptations, are we serving God or serving ourselves?

There is a further message John brings us that is particularly pertinent to our full participation in the Holy Eucharist: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sin of the world." (Jn. 1:29) At the very beginning of Christ's ministry, with inspiration that can only have come from the Holy Spirit, John goes to the very heart of Christ's mission on earth. John announces Him as the "Lamb of God," the sacrificial lamb that will take away not the sin of one person, nor the sin of one people as in the Old Testament, but "the sin of the world." He alone grasps Christ's true purpose, unlike Christ's many followers to whom He is the "son of David," the Messiah, an earthly king who will restore the kingdom of Israel. Even the apostles, after three years with Jesus, after His Passion and Resurrection, are asking before His Ascension, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?" (Acts 1:6) John, the last prophet, sees the Messiah for who He truly is, a king who will die to save his people. How fitting that we should invoke this saint at the foot of the altar where Christ will again become the sacrificial Lamb of God. John's announcement echoes down the centuries with every mass, TLM or Novus Ordo: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sin of the world."

From the Editor

You are receiving this Newsletter about 12 days later than our publication plans. This is due to the intention to both attend and also include the report from the CMAA in this edition – while it was still timely. The initial delay for CMAA then rippled into this Editor's week of vacation at Scout Summer Camp with his grandson.

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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
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Prayer for the Celebration of the Mass in Latin

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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