

From the President

It has been a very busy three months since our last newsletter.

Plans are underway for the 2020 National LLA Convention in St. Louis, MO. Please read the details that follow and **“Save the dates”—July 10-12, 2020.**

A completed application has been submitted to the state of Missouri for Sales Tax Exemption.

Over the last two months I have been the grateful recipient of three boxes of music, old LLA newsletters and personal correspondence, and other archival material from Kathy Edgeworth, widow of Dr. Robert Edgeworth. Dr Edgeworth served as National Secretary from 1984-1988; Vice Chairman (1988-1993), and then Chairman of the Latin Liturgy Association from 1994-1999. Because of Kathy’s generosity, we now have two complete sets of LLA newsletters—from No. 1 through the current issue. I am retaining one set for my own reference. The other set now resides with Bill Guelker, our webmaster. The goal is to eventually scan those older newsletters, and archive them on our LLA website. If you are interested in helping with that task, please contact Bill Guelker directly at help@extraordinaryform.org.

In these last three months, by combining “business” with other travels, I was able to personally meet with Brian Pouliot and John Parrot at Preserving Christian Publications in Boonville, NY; Father David Carter and Maria Rist at the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul in Chattanooga, TN; and Judy Lombardo at Coalition in Support of *Ecclesia Dei* in Chicago. The details of these meetings are included in some of the articles in this Newsletter.

Memor et fidelis

Regina Morris, President
Latin Liturgy Association
Sept. 14, 2019

2020 Latin Liturgy Association National Convention

St. Louis, MO

July 10-12, 2020

St. Mary of Victories Church, 744 South 3rd St., St. Louis, MO

Convention Hotel: Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch

The dates for the 2020 Convention were chosen particularly for when the St. Louis Cardinals will NOT have any home games. This will reduce traffic in the area around the church and the hotel. St. Mary of Victories is the second oldest church in the city of St. Louis. (Archbishop Robert Carlson was present at St. Mary of Victories Church 175th anniversary celebration on Nov. 4, 2018. Approximately 130 people were at the event.) It is a .6 mile walk from the hotel. If you drive from the hotel, the distance is .9 mile, due to one-way streets.

Drury Plaza Hotel at the Arch is composed of 3 buildings that are now on the National Register of Historic Places—The International Fur Exchange, the Thomas Jefferson Building, and the American Zinc Building. Demolition (for a parking lot) had already begun in 1997, when Charles Drury stepped in and saved these buildings. The International Fur Exchange was built in 1919, and was the world’s largest fur trading auction floor in the 1920’s and 1930’s. It represents a link to the earliest days of St. Louis, when French explorers traded for furs with the Indians. In 2017, an 8th floor terrace was added to the hotel to provide views of the Arch and the downtown area.

The Drury family is Catholic, and is a generous supporter of Catholic radio and other Catholic causes. We have reserved 20 rooms—10 are King bed and 10 are 2 Queens. The price is the same: \$169.00 per night. There is no extra charge for more than one person in the room.

Group room rates include free hot breakfast, free evening drinks and snacks, free soft drinks and popcorn, free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel, fitness center, and pool. There is on-site covered parking available for \$20.00 per day (self-park with unlimited in and outs during the day). The closest Metrolink station is at 8th and Pine (about a ten minute walk).

Room reservations will be made by individual call-in. Our Group number is **2390122**. You can cancel up to noon on the date of arrival, without a cancellation fee.

You are not required to stay at the Drury Plaza hotel. If you prefer to stay somewhere else, and drive to St. Mary’s, there will be a guarded lot for parking available, across the street from the church at no extra charge.

Our tentative schedule includes an optional Historic Church Tour on Friday, July 10. On Saturday morning, we will

begin with a sung Requiem Mass (Extraordinary Form) for the repose of the souls of deceased LLA members. Conference talks, lunch, and Vespers will follow.

On Sunday, there is a regularly scheduled Ordinary Form Latin Mass at St. Mary's at 9:00 a.m. For those members who prefer the Extraordinary Form, there are five locations in the St. Louis Metropolitan area that offer traditional Latin Masses every Sunday. Maps and travel assistance will be provided as needed. We will reconvene for lunch and a speaker. Other details will be provided, as they are decided upon by the Convention Committee.

I realize that this Mass schedule is different from our conventions in the past. But with the existing Latin Mass schedules at the various St. Louis area churches, that have been in place for a number of years, this seems the least disruptive, and most reasonable way to go. All of the five churches will be aware of the convention, and will be accommodating to visitors.

A list of speakers and churches (for the church tour) will hopefully be prepared by the December, 2019, quarterly newsletter. Convention Registration forms should also be in the December, 2019, newsletter. All of the National officers look forward to being with all of you in St. Louis in July, 2020.

Gift from Mrs. Edgeworth

Due to the generosity of Kathy Edgeworth, President Morris has on hand the following sacred music:

- "*Canticum Novum*" (A collection of 115 motets and hymns and an easy Mass for 2 equal voices—SA or TB. Carlo Rossini. 1935) 2 organ scores and 21 vocal scores.
- *Regina Caeli*. Collection of Latin and English Hymns for Three Voices (SSA). Philip Kreckel. No date. 2 vocal scores
- Proper for the Mass for the Feast of Christ the King. For 2 equal voices and organ. Sr. M. Florentine, P.H.J.C. 1953. 11 octavos.

If you are able to utilize any of the above music, contact President Morris at morrisrp@swbell.net to arrange complimentary shipping to a current LLA member.

Bi-lingual Parish Uses Latin to Unify the Liturgies

President Morris recently had the distinct pleasure to speak with Father David Carter, pastor, and Maria Rist, parish musician, at the Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul in Chattanooga, TN. For the last 3 years, they have been using Latin as a unifying element in their liturgies. At the beginning, the Spanish speaking parishioners only went to the Spanish Masses, and the English speakers only went to the English Masses. It was like there were two different parishes that did not interact with each other, according to Father Carter. Gradually, using some Latin ordinaries and some Latin hymns at both Masses, a common sacred musical repertoire is being built up. So, when everyone comes together during Holy Week, the Latin serves as a unifying force for all. This unity has spilled over into other aspects of parish life, and is helping all of the parishioners, whatever their vernacular language, to work better together.

News from the Chapters

Chicago Chapter

St. John Cantius Church will again offer Latin language classes this school year. The Fall Semester begins Sept 15, 2019. The Spring semester will begin January 15, 2020. Latin I, II, and III will be offered Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 a.m. (Latin I, II) and 10:00-11:00 a.m. for Latin III. For more information go to <https://www.cantius.org/go/classes/category/latin/>

Cleveland Chapter

St. Sebastian Church in Akron will host the *Sanctam Catholicam* Conference on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019. It will include the Rosary, Confession, a solemn High Mass, and speakers. Call 330-869-0682 for more information.

Detroit Chapter

On Thursday, Aug. 15, Fr. Athanasius Fornwalt, FHS (Franciscans of the Holy Spirit) offered the first Traditional Latin Mass at St. Mary of Redford since the 1980's. Father Fornwalt used a preserved side altar, since the original high altar had been destroyed during a previous "renovation." At one time St. Mary of Redford was the largest parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit—with over 4,100 registered families. Over 10,000 souls used to attend Sunday Mass there. Today the parish has about 100 people attending each Sunday. With the return of the Traditional Latin Mass, it is hoped that the church will see many more people coming to Mass there in the future.

St. Stephen Parish in New Boston, MI (near the Detroit Metro airport) will begin weekly Sunday Traditional Latin Masses at 11:30 a.m., effective Aug. 18, 2019.

On Oct. 7-11, 2019, Prayer Pilgrimages will coordinate a Bus Pilgrimage to upper Michigan churches and shrines in the footsteps of Venerable Bishop Baraga. More than 12 locations will be visited. For more information, go to www.prayerpilgrimages.com

Pittsburgh Chapter

Dr. Joseph Beierle, Chairman of the Pittsburgh LLA Chapter, reports that Prof. Nicholas Will, Director of Liturgical Music at the Pontifical North American College in Rome has founded a St. Gregory Institute of Sacred Music in the Pittsburgh, PA, area. The Institute held a workshop for Chant and Polyphony at Our Lady, Help of Christians Church in McKees Rocks, PA, July 22-24, 2019. Fifteen people attended from western PA and eastern OH. The workshop culminated in a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit (EF) with over 100 people in attendance. The music included full Gregorian propers, *Missa Seconda* (Hassler) and motets by Pitoni and Croce.

Canon William Avis, ICRSS, was installed as pastor of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish (formerly Risen Lord, and before that, St. Francis Xavier) in Pittsburgh, PA, on August 4, 2019.

During the Tradition Not Tolerance Conference held at St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church, on August 31, 2019, the Knights of Columbus Woodlawn Council 2161 was presented with the Gold Shield Award for promoting devotion to the Traditional Latin Mass. Woodlawn Council has been sponsoring the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass at St. Titus Church in Aliquippa, PA, since the promulgation of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI's *motu proprio, Summorum Pontificum*, in 2007. The presentation was made by the Relic Crusade, a pious association devoted to rescuing Holy Relics, and organizer of the conference. The Relic Crusade's All Saints Shrine, located at St. Michael the Archangel Church, houses dozens of Holy Relics that are on display for the veneration of the faithful.

Fr. Ladis Cizik continues to offer a monthly Traditional Latin Mass at St. Blaise Church in Midland, PA. Upcoming dates are Sept. 13 and Oct. 13 at 7:00 p.m., in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

The Traditional Latin Mass will be offered on Sept 15 (High Mass), Oct 20 (Low Mass), and Nov. 17 (Low Mass), at St. Titus Church in Aliquippa, PA, at noon. Mass will be followed by a luncheon and speaker in the church hall. These Masses are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Woodlawn Council 2161 Traditional Latin Mass Guild. All are welcome.

President Morris thanks the Pittsburgh Chapter for its \$100.00 donation to help defray the costs of the upcoming convention.

St Louis Chapter

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish has added a 6:30 p.m. Mass every Sunday, effective August 1, 2019. On the first Sunday of every month, this will be a Traditional Latin Mass. The other Sundays, it will be a hybrid Mass, with both Latin and English.

The Third Annual Rosary Run will be hosted by St. Mary of Victories on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019. For more information go to <https://rosaryrun.com/>

St Louis Chapter members began preparations for the 2020 LLA National Convention: identifying potential hotels, churches, and speakers.

News from Members

LLA Life member, **Brian Pouliot**, graciously hosted President Morris and her husband during their recent visit to Boonville, NY. In the renovated barn structure behind his home, Brian has amassed a collection of 5,000 used Catholic books. They are classified using the Lynn-Peterson An Alternative Classification for Catholic Books, to make them easier to locate. Brian is a former Latin teacher, who is also very skilled in building construction and renovation. Not content with just selling used books, Preserving Christian Publications incorporated in 1988, and currently has reprinted 41 classic Catholic books, as described in previous LLA newsletters. Their complete book catalog is included on their website: <https://www.pcpbooks.net/prestashop/>

President Morris and Mr. Pouliot are collaborating to make available some of the newly published books for purchase at the upcoming 2020 LLA National Convention in St. Louis

LLA Life member **Alex Begin** has brought it to my attention that the ALL uses an "ABC" system for coding OF Latin Masses in their Latin Mass Directory in the UK, as follows:

A sung; A said – Full Latin OF Mass (readings & sermon in English)

B sung; B said – Mostly Latin, but with some vernacular

C sung; C said – Sung parts are in Latin; spoken parts in vernacular

Since this system is already in use by our sister association, it will be a matter for discussion at our national convention next year, if we should also adopt this system for our own Directory of Latin OF Masses that is found on the LLA website.

Requiescant in Pace

LLA member, **John C. Weber** of Springfield OH, died in January, 2019, at the age of 71.
Life Member **Christopher Richardson** of Kingsville, TX, who died in June, 2019.

News Notes

The Association for Latin Liturgy (UK)

The ALL (Association for Latin Liturgy) will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sept 28, 2019. The Association was founded in 1969 when the Latin Mass Society (UK) made the decision to concentrate on the retention of the Tridentine Mass. It was clear that someone needed to support the use of Latin in the *Novus Ordo* liturgies (now called Ordinary Form).

To celebrate the occasion, ALL members will gather at the Church of Corpus Christi on Maiden Lane in London. A votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered with Mass V Ordinary and full Latin Propers, including the *Lauda Sion* sequence. Mass will be followed by lunch, a talk, a business meeting, Vespers, and Benediction.

The Monastic Chant Forum at Quarr Abbey, Isle of Wight, took place in June, 2019. There were 36 participants from 8 countries (including the US). Bishop Philip Eagen of Portsmouth offered a solemn Latin Mass (Ordinary Form) with a sung Eucharistic Prayer #1.

The Coalition in Support of *Ecclesia Dei*

The Coalition in Support of *Ecclesia Dei* was formed in Nov. 1988 by lay Catholics. It is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization, as is the Latin Liturgy Association. Mary Kraychy was the Executive Director for many years, and is currently the Chairman of the Advisory Board. She and her husband, Stephen, are both over 90 years old. The Coalition asks for your prayers for Stephen Kraychy, who is in poor health and requires much care.

Meanwhile, a dedicated volunteer office staff, headed by Judy Lombardo, answers questions via telephone and US Mail. They fill orders for many thousands of their printed “red missals”, as well as those for requiem and nuptial Masses, and several other publications. The best time to reach them by telephone is between 9:00 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday. Their answering machine is quirky—the phone company says that it has something to do with their proximity to Midway Airport. So, if you call 773-284-7785 and leave a message, you may want to try again the next morning. For a complete list of available publications, go to - <http://www.ecclesiadei.org/Order%20Form.htm>

24th Annual Pilgrimage for Restoration

The dates for this pilgrimage—the younger American “sister” of the famous Chartres Pilgrimage in France, will be 27-29 September, 2019. The intention of this pilgrimage is to restore true devotion to Mary, full of grace. The Traditional Latin Mass will be offered daily. The total distance walked is about 63 miles: from Lake George Village (Lake of the Blessed Sacrament) to Auriesville, NY (Shrine of Our Lady’s Martyrs of New France). For more information and to register, go to <http://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/blog/>

Our Sorrowful Mother’s Ministry Annual Conference

The 22nd annual conference of Our Sorrowful Mother’s Ministry will take place October 25-27, 2019, in Vandalia, IL. Speakers will include His Excellency Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, Father Bill Casey, CPM, Karl Keating, and David Gray. Registration is only \$45.00 and can be done online at www.osmm.org/retreats/register-online. Vandalia, IL, is located about an hour east of St. Louis or 3 hours from Indianapolis or 4 hours from Chicago.

CMAA 30th Sacred Music Colloquium in 2020

The Church Music Association of America has announced the dates and location for their Sacred Music Colloquium in 2020. The dates will be June 22-27, 2020. The location will be Jesuit High in Tampa, Florida. For more information, as it becomes available, go to www.MusicaSacra.com/Colloquium. Their summer chant courses will be at the same location June 15-19., 2020.

“Extraordinary Faith”

The Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Raritan, NJ, will begin weekly Traditional Latin Masses in October, 2019. This follows

recent priest training provided by Extraordinary Faith.

Episodes 17-23 of the half-hour “Extraordinary Faith” television show were shown on EWTN during the months of July and August. According to the current schedule at the EWTN web site, on Sept 14, 2019 at 3:30 a.m. the episode on St. Paul’s Church will be aired.

JAGH Preservation

Bryan Hamilton is the founder of JAGH Preservation. This 501(c)3 organization procures and restores historically significant buildings in the US. They recently completed a beautiful restoration of St. Mary’s Church in Columbus, OH. Their current project is St. Andrew’s Church in Fort Wayne, IN, which was built in 1911. Their Facebook page, “helpprotecthistory1” has photos of their work. If you know of “an historic building” in your area that is in need of their services, you can contact them at 614-971-3036. Their current headquarters is in Hilliard, OH.

Traditional Knights Latin Mass Network

A new “blog” has been developed for the Traditional Knights of Columbus Latin Mass Network. This network is NOT an official program or activity of the Knights of Columbus. It is an informal network of Knights that offer to help any one of their members who seeks to have a one-time Traditional Latin Mass offered at a parish of a local K of C Council where the Latin Mass is not currently available.

The web address is <https://latinmassknights.blogspot.com/> You do not have to be a K of C member to access the site. President Morris found several very interesting historical photos: one was from the 1926 International Eucharistic Congress held at Soldiers’ Field in Chicago. Sixty thousand children sang the *Missa de Angelis* for the 250,000 pilgrims who attended. Another photo was from a 1919 outdoor Mass at Camp Mammoth Cave, KY, where the ROTC students from the U. of Kentucky were chaperoned by the Knights of Columbus.

Historical Recreation of a 15th Century Catholic Latin Mass

The people who live in Gotland (an island east of Sweden and owned by Sweden) have a great interest in history. All their churches (most of which are now Lutheran) were built before 1400—except for the few new Catholic churches built since the Second Vatican Council. In 1990, they filmed a presentation of the Mass (Dominican Rite?) that they think closely resembles the way the Mass would have been offered for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost, 4 October 1450 A.D. This film has recently been posted to youtube, with a translation of the Swedish introduction in the Comment section underneath the video. The rood screen is very prominent; and the *Asperges* precedes the Mass. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTSJ7LqZLYQ>

Cardinal Sarah’s New Book

His Eminence Robert Cardinal Sarah, in conversation with Nicholas Diat, has published a new book with Ignatius Press. The official release date was Sept. 1, 2019. The name of the book is, *The Day is Now Far Spent*, and it is 385 pages long. According to the summary in the Ignatius Press catalog, Sarah examines the “decadence of our time” and offers hope to us who are living through these troubled times. (Your LLA Editor will consider printing a critical review of the book, if submitted to him by an LLA member.)

Lex Orandi – A Book Comparing the Seven Sacraments in the Extraordinary Form vs. Ordinary Form.

By Daniel Graham

Thanks to LLA member, **Alex Begin**, President Morris has been made aware of Daniel Graham’s book, published in 2015. Mr. Graham is a prolific author of both science fiction, and technical writing. He and his wife have 7 children. They own Preview Press, which published this book. *Lex Orandi* is 220 pages, and available from Amazon. (Again, your LLA Editor will consider printing a critical review of the book, if submitted to him by an LLA member.)

Saint Antoine Daniel Kyriale Available

As of August 29, 2019, a printed copy of the Saint Antoine Daniel *Kyriale* is available for sale for \$5.99 at <http://www.ccwatershed.org/antoine-daniel-booklet> . A free pdf version (126 pages) is also available at the same site.

Weekly Vatican News Podcast in Latin

June 8, 2019 was the launch date for “*Hebdomada Papae*”, a weekly five-minute news flash in Latin, broadcast by Vatican News. The broadcast is released every Saturday. The accumulated podcasts can be found at

<https://www.vaticannews.va/it/podcast/rvi-programmi/hebdomada-papae.html> President Morris heard a heavy Italian “accent” in the spoken Latin on the podcasts. But still, what a great venture!

Andrea Tornielli is the lead director for Vatican communications. He said, “We wanted the official language of the Church to be experienced in news just as it is in the daily broadcast of a Mass in Latin.” The radio’s news team, as well as the Vatican’s Latin translation department, will produce the program.

Latin Crossword Puzzles

Italian businessman Luca Desiata published a new book of crossword puzzles in Latin and ancient Greek this month. The publication is thought to be the first with no help or definitions in modern languages. Desiata said the internet has helped renew interest in Latin as more and more schools around the world stop teaching it. He told Reuters, “We now have Wikipedia in Latin, about 40 Latin Facebook groups around the world - and the pope’s Twitter account in Latin is followed by nearly a million people. Not bad for a dead language.”

[Details excerpted from <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/vatican-broadcasts-news-in-latin/4956168.html>]

Free Latin Course Launched on Duolingo

A free Latin course was launched on the Duolingo web site on Wed., Aug. 28, 2019. It purports to offer “bite-size” lessons that can be done with a mobile device, or on a desktop computer. President Morris tried the first lesson for absolute beginners, and was impressed by the interactive nature and immediate feedback provided. Go to -

<https://www.duolingo.com/course/la/en/Learn-Latin> to try it for yourself!

Essays, Excerpts, Et Cetera

A New Perspective on Eucharistic Adoration

We have mentioned the traditional Benedictine Silverstream Priory in County Meath, Ireland in a previous LLA newsletter. In Letter #47 for August 19, 2019, Dr. Robert Moynihan wrote of his visit to the Priory and his conversation with Father Mark Kirby, the abbot of the Priory. Dr Moynihan wrote:

“Well then,” I said, “could you explain something to me? I would like to understand the essential point of Eucharistic adoration, the meaning of all those many hours spent in silence – in the eyes of the world doing nothing useful at all...”

“Eucharistic adoration is not simply for the person praying in adoration,” Father Kirby said to me. “It is for the entire Church, and for the entire world. What happens in adoration may be likened to what happens when someone receives a transfusion. It is as if God places a very tiny needle into the soul of the adorer, and by means of an attached tube, transfers His very life into the soul of the adorer. As in a hospital, the tube brings medicine and liquid and helps to heal whatever disease the person is suffering from. This is happening on the spiritual level, bringing spiritual healing.

But it is not just the soul of the single adorer that is affected. Through the mystical communion of all believers, that transfiguring and healing divine energy is passed through the single adorer into the entire mystical body of the Church, purifying the Church.

When we go into adoration, we are disposing ourselves to become nodes, conduits, for the purification of the entire Church, and through the Church, of the entire world.

“So it is not a meaningless action, or even an action aimed at one’s own personal purification. It is the essential action to bring Christ’s Eucharistic purification into the entire body of the Church, to do reparation for all sins and abuses, and to begin to heal them.”

I said: “So you feel that you are helping to heal the abuse crisis by your hours of Eucharistic adoration?” “Yes,” he said.

Holy See Confirms Changes to Italian “Our Father”, *Gloria*

by Hannah Brockhaus

[excerpted from *Adoremus Bulletin*, July 2019]

The translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal, prepared by the Italian Bishops Conferences has garnered attention for its changes to the Our Father, as well as the *Gloria*. The newly-approved *Messale Romano* will translate “*ne nos inducas in tentationem*” as “*non abbandonarci alla tentazione*”. The existing version had it as “*non ci indurre in tentazione*”. The new translation has as its English equivalent “do not abandon us to temptation.”

In the *Gloria*, “*in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis*” will be translated “*pace in terra agli uomini, amati dal Signore*”. It had been, “*pace in terra agli uomini de buona volonta*”. The new translation has as its English equivalent “peace on

earth to men loved by the Lord”.

The Italian Bishops Conference had approved the new edition of the *Messale Romano* during their November 2018 general assembly, [and was subsequently confirmed by the Vatican last month].

[Note: Some news outlets had erroneously reported that Pope Francis was recommending these changes worldwide—rather than just permitting the translations that had been approved by the Italian bishops themselves. The most recent French and German translations have made similar changes to the Our Father.] .

In his collation on the Our Father, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that “Christ teaches us to pray, not that we may not be tempted, but that we may not be led into temptation. For it is when one overcomes temptation that one deserves the reward... Our Lord, therefore, teaches us to pray that we be not led into temptation, by giving our consent to it,” because “it is human to be tempted, but to give consent is devilish.”

“But does God lead one to evil, that he should pray: ‘Lead us not into temptation’? I reply that God is said to lead a person into evil by permitting him to the extent that, because of his many sins, He withdraws His grace from man, and as a result of this withdrawal man does fall into sin,”: the Angelic Doctor wrote.

A Former Novus Ordo Catholic Concerning the Traditional Latin Mass

by Don Haverkamp

[excerpted from latinmassknights.blogspot.com 6/14/2019]

When [my daughter and son-in-law] first moved to Sacramento and began attending St. Stephen’s, my wife, Kathie, and I were obliged to join them for Sunday Mass when we visited them in their new home. It was here where I experienced the Mass in Latin (Extraordinary Form Mass or Traditional Latin Mass) for the first time since I was an altar boy before Vatican II. It was a Solemn High Mass, and it brought back to me just how beautiful the Catholic Mass can be.

Since I had spent the whole of my adult life in the post-Vatican II era, I had become comfortable but nonchalant in my understanding of worship and what the Mass was really all about.

The three main things that initially drew me to this Mass were kneeling to receive Holy Communion, the reverent silence, and the fact that the priest (*in persona Christi*) was praying to God instead of facing the congregation. [Editor’s Note: All three of these aspects may also be part of a reverent Ordinary Form Mass.]

There is an unsurpassed solemnity that the “old” rite carries. I am proof that you do not need to be an expert in Latin to understand that something holy is happening; quite the contrary, it appears that wider use of this form of the Mass may be necessary today to regain the belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and of our Catholic identity. It certainly has [done that] for me.

I do not like being labeled as a traditionalist, or “traddy”, for I am *Catholic*; I believe being traditional is already implied.

Retention of Spoken and Chanted Latin in Nigeria

by Father Jude Orakwe

[excerpted from [Sacred Music](#), Spring, 2019]

Most parishes in Nigeria are still speaking and singing Latin. In my Onitsha Archdiocese, for example, there is an unlegislated rule that the Masses of the first Sunday of every month should feature some Latin, including the Ordinary (*Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Agnus Dei*). In some major churches like the Cathedral, the last Mass [each Sunday] is always a mixture of Latin and English. In many churches in Nigeria, the choir, as well as the congregation is much at home with the *Missa de Angelis* and *Credo III* .

Why the retention? First, Nigerians [have] a natural sense of continuity. Another reason is the natural African tendency to hold on to the “mystericity” generated from the very use of Latin itself. Nigerians—especially the Igbo—have a natural attraction for a solemn and out-of-the-ordinary manner of religious verbal expression. There was also strong encouragement from leaders of the local church in Nigeria. When Cardinal Arinze was archbishop of Onitsha, [he] insisted that there be at least one Sunday celebration in Latin in each city.

Because of the huge pastoral support of the ecclesiastical hierarchy, many contests are routinely organized in parishes and dioceses in Nigeria on the chanting of part of the Mass in Latin. I remember that in 1993, all Catholic women in the Archdiocese of Onitsha participated in a singing competition based on the rendition of the *Missa de Angelis*. In the 1980’s there was a routine singing competition of all the Catholic choirs in Onitsha Archdiocese that included the entire *Missa de Angelis* with *Credo III* . In 1990 all girls in the archdiocese engage[d] in a contest on the basis of the *Missa cum jubilo*, together with the proper chants of Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

From the Webmaster

Earlier in this Newsletter President Morris noted the development of a "Traditional Knights Latin Mass Network" to promote the TLM. Later, we had an excerpt by Don Haverkamp from that blog. What caught my attention was the following (emphasis mine):

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In light of the recent survey that has been in the news that only 30% of people who self-identify as Catholics actually believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the above quote reminded me of an email exchange that I received some time back as your webmaster. In answer to one of the correspondent's questions, I said:

"I mean that the biblical texts for many saint's Masses or seasonal Masses have been changed; so that, for instance, for the Class 1 feast of Corpus Christi, we no longer have the Epistle reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (11: 23-29) where he warns us in the last three verses:

Therefore whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink of the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and the Blood of the Lord. But let a man prove himself; and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of the chalice. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the Body of the Lord.

No, we have one year with all of two verses from the same letter of Paul:

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

Or another year from Hebrews:

Hebrews 9:11-15

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

And finally, in the third year cycle, notice that we have the same reading from 1 Corinthians EXCEPT for those last three, shall we say, "uncomfortable" verses:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Aside from questions about translation [NAB vs DRB], there is nothing "wrong" with the three *Novus Ordo* readings, but the deliberate omission of "uncomfortable" biblical texts is commonplace in the *Novus Ordo*. Those last three verses are gone from any and all *Novus Ordo* readings of any Mass, weekday or Sunday. The *Novus Ordo* Catholic is spared having to consider them before they receive the Body and Blood of Christ."

I could also have pointed out to my email correspondent that the 'complete' version (1 Corinthians 11:23-29) was considered so important in the TLM Missal that it appears not only on the major feast of Corpus Christi, but also in the Mass for Holy Thursday, as part of the Easter Triduum.

While kneeling for Communion, (limited) silence, and *ad orientem* traits may indeed be found in a *Novus Ordo* Mass, even the most reverently celebrated *Novus Ordo* cannot provide these three verses from a Lectionary where they have been omitted. Any more than the celebrant can insert omitted genuflections, bows, and Signs of the Cross that have been written out of its rubrics. And we wonder why the belief in the Real Presence has plummeted? How can people become

"nonchalant" in their "understanding of worship and what the Mass was really all about" ?

The answer is an old one, quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church –

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The Church's faith precedes the faith of the believer who is invited to adhere to it. When the Church celebrates the sacraments, she confesses the faith received from the apostles – whence the ancient saying:

lex orandi, lex credendi (or: *legem credendi lex statuat supplicandi*, according to Prosper of Aquitaine [5th cent.]). The law of prayer is the law of faith: the Church believes as she prays. Liturgy is a constitutive element of the holy and living Tradition.

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For this reason no sacramental rite may be modified or manipulated at the will of the minister or the community. Even the supreme authority in the Church may not change the liturgy arbitrarily, but only in the obedience of faith and with religious respect for the mystery of the liturgy.

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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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