



MOTU PROPRIO – TRADITIONIS CUSTODES CELEBRATING MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a few months now since Pope Francis published his *Motu Proprio* and his accompanying letter regarding the celebration of Mass in the Extraordinary Form (*Traditionis Custodes, Guardians of Tradition*, July 2021).

This time has enabled me to reflect serenely with our people and with you on the implications of this document for the Archdiocese and the celebration of what is often called the Traditional Latin Mass, Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, or the "Tridentine Mass" and so on.

In this Archdiocese, the Traditional Latin Mass is celebrated almost entirely in the city of Canberra. The numbers are not large but they are growing. I am pleased with the pastoral zeal and care for souls of the four priests that celebrate this Mass regularly (Frs. Paul Leung FSSP, Adrian Wee FSSP, Paul Nulley PP and Mannes Tellis OP). These Masses are celebrated at Garran, Holder, O'Connor and Watson).

I thank these priests for their pastoral care and their prayerful communities for their love of God and of our Church.

I wish to inform you that these current arrangements regarding priests and locations will remain unchanged. Given the paucity of separate chapels or oratories in Canberra, these Masses are to continue in their present Parish Church locations. The above four priests have my permission to continue their celebration of the Traditional Mass (1962 Roman Missal) in this Archdiocese in these locations. Any variations to these details would need to be discussed with me directly.

Traditionis Custodes contains many layers of ecclesial, liturgical, pastoral and canonical importance and needs to be read carefully by us all.

Pope Francis also reminds us that all our celebrations of the Mass in general are to be celebrated "with decorum and fidelity to the liturgical books promulgated after Vatican Council II."

With every encouragement and blessing,

Yours sincerely in Christ,



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