

DIocese OF SAN BERNARDINO



DECREE IMPLEMENTING THE *MOTU PROPRIO*, *TRADITIONES CUSTODES*, IN THE DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

Whereas, the Supreme Pontiff Francis has issued an Apostolic Letter *motu proprio* On the Use of the Roman Liturgy Prior to the Reform of 1970, *Traditionis custodes*, effective immediately upon promulgation in *L'Osservatore Romano*;

Whereas, according to this Apostolic Letter it is the exclusive competence of the diocesan bishop "to authorize the use of the 1962 Roman Missal in his diocese according to the guidelines of the Apostolic See" (Art. 2);

Whereas, the "bishop of the diocese in which until now there exist one or more groups that celebrate according to the Missal antecedent to the reform of 1970 is to determine that these groups do not deny the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform, dictated by Vatican Council II and the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs"(Art. 3, § 1);

Whereas, the diocesan bishop "is to designate one or more locations where the faithful adherents of these groups may gather for the eucharistic celebration (not however in the parochial churches and without the erection of new personal parishes)" (Art. 3, § 2);

Whereas, the Mass according to the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 has been celebrated regularly in the parishes of San Secondo d'Asti, Guasti and Sacred Heart, Palm Desert since the promulgation of the *motu proprio Summorum Pontificum* of Pope Benedict XVI;

Whereas, according to canon 87, §1 of the Code of Canon Law, "A diocesan bishop, whenever he judges that a dispensation will contribute to their spiritual good, is able to dispense the faithful from universal and particular disciplinary laws issued for his territory or his subjects by the supreme authority of the Church."

Therefore, I, the Most Reverend Alberto Rojas, by the Grace of God and favor of the Apostolic See, Bishop of San Bernardino in California, do hereby decree the following:

1. It has been determined that the priests who celebrate the Mass regularly in the parishes of San Secondo d'Asti in Guasti and Sacred Heart in Palm Desert do not deny the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform as dictated by Vatican Council II and the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs, and therefore may continue to use the 1962 Roman Missal (Art. 3, § 1).
2. Since it will contribute to the spiritual good of the faithful, to the extent that it may be needed, a dispensation is granted from Art. 3, § 2 of *Traditionis custodes* authorizing the use of the 1962 Roman Missal at the parish churches San Secondo d'Asti in Guasti and Sacred Heart in Palm Desert. Eucharistic celebrations are permitted at these locations using the Roman Missal promulgated by Saint John XXIII in 1962 on any or all days of the year. In these celebrations the readings are proclaimed in the vernacular language, using translations of the Sacred Scripture approved for liturgical use by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (Art. 3, § 3).
3. Priests who already celebrate Mass according to the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 in the Diocese of San Bernardino are authorized to continue to enjoy this faculty upon request of the diocesan bishop (Art. 5).

This Decree is effective upon promulgation. Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of San Bernardino in San Bernardino, California, on the Twenty-Third of July, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.



Most Reverend Alberto Rojas
Bishop of San Bernardino



Very Reverend Monsignor Gerard M. Lopez
Vicar General