



THE MOST REVEREND FELIPE J. ESTÉVEZ
BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND FAVOR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE
BISHOP OF ST. AUGUSTINE

DECREE

IMPLEMENTING THE MOTU PROPRIO, *TRADITIONIS CUSTODES*, IN THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

In response to the Supreme Pontiff Francis' Apostolic Letter motu proprio "On the Use of the Roman Liturgy Prior to the Reform of 1970, *Traditionis custodes*," and after consultation with the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, *ad hoc* committee on the implementation of Motu Proprio *Traditionis custodes*, and Presbyteral Council, I hereby decree the following (Art. 2):

1. The celebration of the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 in the Diocese of St. Augustine is available at St. Joseph's Parish in Jacksonville, Fla. (exclusively in the non-parochial "historic church") and St. Edward's Parish in Starke, Fla. (for two years as per a dispensation granted by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments).
2. No authorization for the celebration of the *Missale Romanum* antecedent to the reform of 1970 shall be granted for new groups, places, or *ad hoc* requests, outside of the approved parish(es) (Art. 3 §6).
3. There should be no increase of Masses according to the *Missale Romanum* of 1962.
4. The readings for Masses according to the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 must be proclaimed in the vernacular language using translations approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (Art. 3 §3). The readings are not to be proclaimed in Latin.

5. A priest shall be appointed as the Bishop's Delegate to assist the priests and the faithful in the proper celebration of the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 (*Traditionis custodes*, Art. 3 §4).
6. Priests who have already been celebrating Masses according to the Missal of 1962 thus far must petition the Bishop for permission/authorization to continue enjoying this faculty (Art. 5).
7. The only priests permitted to celebrate Masses according to the Missal of 1962 are those who have been authorized by the Bishop.
8. There should be no celebration of other sacraments and/or rites according to the *Rituale Romanum*.
9. Appropriate catechesis should take place to ensure that the faithful who participate in the celebration of the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 are properly instructed regarding the celebration of the liturgy according to the liturgical norms of the Second Vatican Council, which forms the unique expression of the *lex orandi* of the Roman Rite.
10. It is never proper for elements of the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 to be brought into reformed liturgy promulgated by the Holy See following Vatican II.

This Decree is effective on June 29, 2022.

Given at the Catholic Center in Jacksonville, Florida on this 18th day of May 2022.

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