

**§150 POLICY IMPLEMENTING THE MOTU PROPRIO,  
TRADITIONIS CUSTODES,  
IN THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS**

*On July 16, 2021, the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis, issued an Apostolic Letter motu proprio On the Use of the Roman Liturgy Prior to the Reform of 1970, Traditionis custodes (TC), in which he said that 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).*

*Here in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, there are two locations where Sunday and weekday Masses have been authorized using the 1962 Roman Missal, namely, Sacred Heart Church in Springfield and St. Rose of Lima Church in Quincy. On November 9, 2008, pastoral care for the Latin Mass Community in Quincy and the surrounding area was entrusted to the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, a Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical right at Saint Rose of Lima Church in Quincy, Illinois. On January 1, 2014, St. Rose of Lima Parish was canonically established as a personal parish for those persons in the Quincy area who have an affinity for the celebration of the sacred liturgy according to the extraordinary form.*

*On November 10, 2014, pastoral care for Sacred Heart Church was entrusted to the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius, a public diocesan association of the Christian faithful (canon 312, §1, 3°), with juridic personality (canon 313), under the canonical authority of the Archbishop of Chicago, by agreement in accord with canon 271 of the Code of Canon Law between the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, and the Society of St. John Cantius for the ministerial services of priests belonging to the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius.*

*Approval was also previously given for weekday Masses celebrated according to the Roman Missal of 1962 on Saturday mornings at St. Isidore Parish in Bethany, Illinois.*

*According to the motu proprio Traditionis custodes, 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) and is “to proceed suitably to verify that the parishes canonically erected for the benefit of these faithful are effective for their spiritual growth, and to determine whether or not to retain them” (Art. 3, § 5).*

*The following policies and procedures are intended accordingly for the implementation of the motu proprio Traditionis custodes, as well as the provisions of the Responsa ad dubia, issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, effective in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois on January 25, 2022, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle.*

**150.1. Policy** The use of the Roman Liturgy prior to the reform of 1970 is to be conducted in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois in accord with the *Apostolic Letter* issued *motu proprio* by Pope Francis, *Traditionis custodes*, and as further delineated in these policies and procedures.

**§151 DETERMINATION THAT THESE GROUPS DO NOT DENY THE VALIDITY AND THE LEGITIMACY OF THE LITURGICAL REFORM (TC, ART. 3, § 1)**

**151.1. Policy** Through the assurance of those entrusted with their pastoral care, it shall be determined by the Bishop of Springfield in Illinois that the groups who attend the Masses according to the Roman Missal of 1962 do not deny the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform, dictated by Vatican Council II and the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs (TC, Art. 3, § 1).

**§152 DESIGNATION OF LOCATIONS WHERE THE FAITHFUL ADHERENTS OF THESE GROUPS MAY GATHER FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION (TC, ART. 3, § 2)**

**§152.1 St. Rose of Lima Church, Quincy, Illinois**

**152.1.1. Policy** The Bishop of Springfield in Illinois has determined that Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Quincy, Illinois, canonically erected for the benefit of these faithful, is effective for the spiritual growth of the faithful and is therefore retained (TC, Art. 3, § 5).

**152.1.2. Policy** The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, as a Society of Apostolic Life erected by the Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei, to whom the pastoral care of Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Quincy, Illinois, has been entrusted, falls under the competence of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies for Apostolic Life (TC, Art. 6).

### §152.2 Sacred Heart Church, Springfield, Illinois

**152.2.1. Policy** Sacred Heart Church in Springfield is designated as a non-parochial church for the eucharistic celebrations according to the Missal of 1962 (*TC*, Art. 3, § 2).

**152.2.2. Policy** The priests of the Canons Regular of the Society of Saint John Cantius, incardinated in the Archdiocese of Chicago, are entrusted with these celebrations and with the pastoral care of the faithful who attend the Masses at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield, Illinois (*TC*, Art. 3, § 4), in accord with the following provisions:

1. All Masses celebrated by the Canons Regular in the Diocese of Springfield will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month according to the *Novus Ordo*;
2. A plan of catechesis will be presented to assist and accompany those attached to the former rite to fully appreciate the restoration of the liturgy and the teachings of the Council; and
3. As requested by the Archbishop of Chicago, the priests incardinated in the Archdiocese of Chicago serving in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will be asked to affirm in their written petition to celebrate the sacraments in the earlier liturgical form that the restored liturgy of the Council is the unique expression of the *lex orandi* of the Roman Rite (Art. 1).

**Procedures:**

- a) Helping people to appreciate the *Novus Ordo* Mass “may also mean creatively including elements that people have found nourishing in celebrating the pre-Vatican form of the Mass, which has always been an option in the Mass reformed by the Council, e.g., reverent movement and gestures, use of Gregorian chant, Latin, and incense, as well as extended periods of silence within the liturgy” (Preamble to the Policy of the Archdiocese of Chicago for Implementing *Traditionis custodes*).
- b) Dispensation to celebrate the Sacraments according to the *Rituale Romanum* of 1952 should be requested of the diocesan bishop on *ad hoc* basis.

### §153.1 St. Isidore Parish, Bethany, Illinois

**153.1.1. Policy** Weekday Masses may continue to be celebrated according to the Missal of 1962 on Saturdays at St. Isidore Church, Bethany (per canon 87, §1 of the *Code of Canon Law*.)

**§154 PRIESTS WHO ALREADY CELEBRATE MASS ACCORDING TO THE MISSALE ROMANUM OF 1962**

**154.1. Policy** Priests who already celebrate Mass according to the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are authorized to continue to enjoy this faculty upon request (*TC*, Art. 5).

**§155 PRIESTS ORDAINED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE MOTU PROPRIO**

**155.1. Policy** Priests ordained after the publication of the *Motu proprio Traditionis custodes* who wish to celebrate using the *Missale Romanum* of 1962, shall submit a formal request to the diocesan bishop, who shall seek the authorization from the Apostolic See through the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. (cf. *TC*, Art. 4, and *Responsa ad dubia*).

**§156 BINATION AND TRINATION**

**156.1. Policy** If there is a shortage of priests, the Bishop of Springfield in Illinois allows priests to celebrate twice a day for a just cause, or if pastoral necessity requires it, even three times on Sundays and holy days of obligation, with no more than one of those Masses being celebrated according to the Roman Missal of 1962 (cf. canon 905, §2 of the *Code of Canon Law* and *Responsa ad dubia*).