BISHOP OKS LATIN MASS; 1st IN NC. SINCE 1970
TO BE CELEBRATED AT ST. LEO'S, WINSTON SALEM, 4 P.M. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Bishop John Donoghue of the Diocese of Charlotte, has sanctioned a traditional Latin Mass, the first authorized in North Carolina since use of the English language Mass began in 1970.

The Mass will be celebrated in St. Leo's Church, 335 Springdale Ave, Winston Salem, at 4 p.m. Sunday, February 10. Celebrant will be the pastor, Father Anthony Kovacic.

The one time experimental return to the Latin-language rite was approved by the Bishop in response to a request from parishioners who prefer the older version of the Mass, The Rev. Joseph Kerin of the Charlotte Diocese said in an interview with Associated Press.

"We want to provide to our people any opportunity to worship that is approved by the Pope, but it must be totally in accord with the instructions of the Holy Father", he said.

Instructions for trial use of the Latin Mass were issued by The Pope in October of last year. In granting the indult for the Latin Mass the Pope ordered that bishops make sure people requesting the Latin Mass were not disavowing the changes made in 1970 under Pope Paul VI. He further ordered that the old and new rites could not be mixed.

Catholics who want to celebrate the Latin Mass have, in recent years, organized and sought permission from church authorities to have the Mass said. In North Carolina, the Society of Traditional Roman Catholics was recently formed for the primary purpose of advancing the cause of the Latin Mass.

In one of their first moves following the Pope's indult, advocates of the Latin Mass received permission from the pastor of St. Leo's to petition members of the parish to get their feelings about the use of the Latin Mass. More than 600 people signed the petitions, which were presented to the pastor and to the bishop. It was on the basis of those petitions that the bishop granted the permission for the Mass which will be said on February 10.

SOCIETY URGES ATTENDANCE AT LATIN MASS

Martin Kupris, president of The Society Of Traditional Roman Catholics, urged Catholics from throughout the state to attend the Latin Mass at St. Leo's. "It's important we show our support and appreciation for the bishop's action by attending the Latin Mass wherever it is offered", he said. "The Bishop has been most cooperative and if we are to gain more Latin Masses we must support those that are being offered, no matter at what personal sacrifice".

Introibo Ad Altare Dei. Ad Deum Qui Laetificat Juventutem Mean.
MAJORITY OF U.S. ROMAN CATHOLICS WOULD ATTEND LATIN MASS, POLL SHOWS

More than 20 million Roman Catholics, 40 percent of the Catholic population in the United States, prefer the Latin Tridentine Mass, according to a national Gallup poll conducted recently.

In addition, 53 percent of the Catholics polled said they would attend a Latin Mass if it were conveniently available.

The poll results were released by Father Ronald Ringrose, pastor of St. Athanasius church in Vienna, Va., who said he was elated with the results. Father Ringrose said he hoped the survey results will encourage Vatican officials to lift what he and many Catholics throughout the United States feel are too stringent rules under which Catholic Bishops can allow celebration of the Mass, not only in Latin, but in the traditional form that had been used since the 16th century.

In the poll, conducted following the indult granted by Pope John Paul II in October, a sampling of Catholics throughout the nation were asked two questions:

1. As you may be aware, Pope John Paul II has authorized the use of the older Latin (Tridentine) Mass as celebrated just before the Vatican council in the mid-1960s. The local Bishops permission is required and certain conditions must be met. Do you favor bringing back, as an alternative to the newer Mass the older Latin (Tridentine) Mass without restrictions such as these, and celebrating it as it had been prior to the Second Vatican?

2. "If the older Latin (Tridentine) Mass were made readily available at convenient times and locations, and you were able to attend, would you do so or not?"

In answering the first question, 40 percent said they preferred the old Latin (Tridentine) Mass, 35 percent said they were opposed to it, and 25 percent had no opinion.

In answering the second question, 53 percent said they would attend, 37 percent said they would not, and 10 percent had no opinion.

Other poll results found that more support for the Latin (Tridentine) Mass is found in the South, where 50 percent of the people polled favored its return.

North Carolina's Society Of Traditional Roman Catholics made a financial contribution to help defray the costs of the poll.
In the mad rush to put this newsletter out, we at the Society have been so busy cutting and pasting, deciding how much space we needed for stories, etc., that we all forgot to make note in this letter that this is our very first issue. So I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who's contributed their time and efforts to make this possible. I'd especially like to thank you for your phone calls, letters, and the wonderful support you've given us. Believe me, it's what has kept us going on many an occasion. We will do our best to keep you informed of the progress in restoring the Mass, and in providing a forum in which you can express your desire to see this beautiful form of worship returned to our churches.

I'm afraid, though, that I'll have to ask for even more help from you. As you will notice, there are several items in this newsletter that report on petition drives, locations where the Mass has been returned, and how many Catholics in America agree with your desire to have the Mass back. There has been great progress made, but it didn't just happen by itself. A number of your fellow Catholics got out and talked to their pastors, wrote letters, and stood outside their churches gathering signatures on petitions. They are the real heroes in this effort.

I urge you to consider volunteering your time, too, to help with this effort. You'll be surprised at the amount of support you can generate in just a few Sundays. Mrs. Newton, of Winston-Salem, recently gathered 640 signatures requesting the return of the traditional Mass, all from her local church. And as you'll note on page 1 of this letter, she will now have the Mass in her church February 10th. Every signature on a petition is another reason for the bishop to make the Mass available to us again. If you would like to help, please note that on the registry form in this letter. If you can also manage a tax-deductible donation, it would be greatly appreciated. We need friends to help organize, make phone calls, and write letters. We especially need help in gathering petitions. We just can't get to every church in the state unless you pitch in. If you would like to lend us a much-needed hand, please let us know, and we will help you organize a local group to carry on this work. We will also send you a package of petitions, coordinate this activity with the local parish, send you a package of guidelines on gathering the signatures, and forward the names of others in your area who can work with you. We really do need your help; together we can make a difference.

"My Turn" is a column expressing the views of people interested in the work of The Society of Traditional Roman Catholics and its goals. Mr. Kupris is one of the founders of the Society and its first president. If you would like to contribute your thoughts to this column, please address them to "My Turn", c/o The Society of Traditional Roman Catholics, P.O. Box 13173, Charlotte, NC 28211.
The Society of Traditional Roman Catholics, a North Carolina organization dedicated to the return of the traditional Mass, has called on Catholics across the state to write to the Pope and prelates in the Curia to express their thanks for the Holy Father's actions in allowing the return of the old rite. According to president Martin Kupris, "We wholeheartedly support this action. Not only is it proper to express our thanks to the Holy Father, it is also a way of letting him know that there is a large group of Catholics who support him. I've been told that it was the constant flow of letters from the faithful that kept this issue alive for 15 years. And from the replies I've seen from Rome, I know that His Holiness and the cardinals will certainly appreciate hearing from Catholics who are in favor of the indult." Kupris also asked that copies of all letters to Rome be sent to the society in Charlotte for their files, and for personal delivery when the group meets in Rome this spring.

The Traditional Mass Society, a California-based national organization that is also working for the restoration of the Mass, is also soliciting its members to write letters to Rome expressing support for the Holy Father's action. In a recent newsletter of the society, president Robert Opelle noted, "Personally written letters to the Holy Father expressing one's gratitude...are certainly in order. By the same token, we ask that you do likewise in thanking Cardinal Ratzinger and Archbishop Augustin Mayer. Also particularly appropriate, we believe, is to write similarly to the American Cardinal Baum, who 'lobbied' for the indult."

Readers who wish to extend their thanks to the Holy Father and to the cardinals should write to them at the following addresses:

His Holiness
John Paul II
Vatican City
via Rome, Italy

His Eminence
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
Prefect of the Sacred Congregation
for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11
00193 - Rome, Italy

His Eminence
William Cardinal Baum
Prefect of the Sacred Congregation
for Catholic Education
3 Piazza Pio XII
00193 - Rome, Italy

His Eminence
Silvio Cardinal Oddi
Prefect of the Sacred Congregation
for Clerics
00121 Citta del Vatican
via Rome, Italy

His Eminence
Monseigneur Augustin Mayer
Prefect of the Sacred Congregation
for the Sacraments and Divine Worship
Piazza Pio XII, 10
00193 - Rome, Italy

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TRADITIONAL MASS GAINS ACCEPTANCE IN U.S. DIOCESES

In the wake of the Pope's indult granting permission to local bishops to allow celebration of the traditional Mass, a number of dioceses in the United States have made arrangements for its public celebration, the first time since 1970.

According to information received at The Remnant, a traditional Catholic newspaper, Archbishop Roach of Minneapolis was the first American bishop to grant permission for the public celebration of the old rite, on December 8th, 1984, the 2,000th anniversary of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass, which was attended by approximately 800 parishioners, was celebrated at St. Augustine's Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Other American prelates have also given approval for the traditional Mass in their dioceses, with varying frequency. Bishop Hannon of New Orleans has approved its celebration; Bishop Timlin of Scranton, Pa., has approved its monthly celebration at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church in Scranton; and Archbishop Plourde of Ottawa has granted recognition to St. Clement's Church, a traditional Catholic group that has worked for the restoration of the old Mass. Archbishop Plourde has allowed all Masses at St. Clement's to be said according to the old form, and has extended the diocese's support to the group.

In North Carolina, Bishop John Donoghue has granted permission for the public celebration of the Tridentine Mass at St. Leo's Church in Winston-Salem, scheduled for February 10th, 1985. Members of The Society of Traditional Roman Catholics plan to meet with the bishop in February to arrange for additional celebrations of the Mass in Charlotte and other cities across the state.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We are dedicated to working for the restoration of the traditional Mass in North Carolina. But we can't do it without you. We charge no fees for membership or for subscription to the NEWSLETTER, but depend upon your donations to continue our work. If you can help in any way, please fill out the coupon below and return to The Society of Traditional Roman Catholics.

( ) I am interested in the work of the Society. Please continue to send the NEWSLETTER.
( ) I would like to help the Society work within the Church to restore the traditional Mass. Please contact me.
( ) I would like to become a member of the Society.
( ) I would like to make my feelings known to my bishop and to the Holy Father. Please send me the Society's petition form.
( ) I would like to help the Society by making a tax-deductible contribution.
Enclosed is my donation of: ( ) $50.00
( ) $25.00
( ) $10.00
( ) $____ (other)

Phone: ( ) _____________
Parish: ________________

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P.O. Box 13173, Charlotte, NC 28211.
The Society Of Traditional Roman Catholics

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Society of Traditional Roman Catholics is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of North Carolina. Membership in the Society is open to the Catholic laity, clergy and religious.

The purpose of the Society is to respectfully and continuously work within the Church, for the return of the traditional Mass for those who desire it by petitioning the Hierarchy and the Holy See to permit all priests to celebrate the Mass of Trent with their congregations in Catholic chapels and churches on all occasions, and to promote Catholic values in the lives of the faithful.

The Society recognizes the need to safeguard and promote the historical, moral and cultural values that have sustained the purity and corpus of the Catholic Credo and Faith, as based upon the sacred Magisterial Tradition of the Church.

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"I will go unto the altar of God, to God who is the joy of my youth."