

Tridentine Community News

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St. Peter's Seminary Hosts Special Tridentine Mass



Last Saturday, April 5, St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario invited Fr. Peter Hrytsyk and members of the Assumption Church Tridentine Mass Community to make an afternoon presentation on the

Extraordinary Form Mass. St. Peter's Seminary prepares men for the priesthood from a number of Canadian dioceses, including the Diocese of London, which includes Windsor.

Fr. Peter spoke to the seminarians and faculty about the Classic Form. Of particular interest to the faculty was how his celebration of the Extraordinary Form influences his celebration of the Ordinary Form, a theme our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI raised in his accompanying letter to the Motu Proprio, *Summorum Pontificum*. As a bi-ritual priest, Fr. Hrytsyk was also asked to comment on the historical continuity between the Extraordinary Form and the Ukrainian Catholic Rite Divine Liturgy which he also celebrates.



A special Solemn Missa Cantata was held in the seminary chapel, to show the seminarians the Classic Form of the Mass. This was the first celebration of the Extraordinary Form in the chapel since the liturgical reforms of Vatican II.

The Assumption Tridentine Choir, along with altar servers from Assumption and St. Josaphat, provided the essential support for the Mass. The vigorous singing of the seminary community in conjunction

with the exquisitely clear sound of the chapel organ made for a powerful and memorable experience.

For many seminarians, this was their first exposure to the Classic Form of the Roman Rite. We applaud St. Peter's leaders for being the first seminary in our region to go beyond mere textbook teaching about the Tridentine Mass. In so doing, St. Peter's joins numerous other seminaries in North America who are taking a proactive stance towards our Holy Father's support of the Extraordinary Form.

The seminary graciously hosted a dinner after Mass for the volunteers who made the trip. Those present from St. Josaphat and Assumption considered it an honor to have been invited to introduce future priests to the Tridentine Mass.

Fr. Wolfgang Celebrates TLM on EWTN



Last Sunday, April 6, at 8:00 AM Eastern time, our own Fr. Wolfgang Seitz made history of sorts by celebrating the third live Extraordinary Form Mass on EWTN. The first such Mass was celebrated by Fr. Josef Bisig, FSSP, and the second by Fr. Paul Berg, FSSP, thus making Fr. Wolfgang the first non-Fraternity celebrant to be granted this privilege.

EWTN entrusted Fr. Wolfgang with a variety of responsibilities, including helping to prepare the chant, the Latin/English Propers handouts, and training their altar servers. Fr. Wolfgang in turn called upon members of St. Josaphat for assistance. Fr. Borkowski even loaned EWTN his familiar white Roman chasuble set. In many ways, therefore, last Sunday's televised Mass was a transposed version of our own.

Who would have ever guessed that the same weekend would see two such landmark events?

Silver Anniversary Mass and Reception

On Sunday, April 27, at 2:00 PM, Fr. Peter Hrytsyk will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the sacred priesthood with a Solemn High Mass at Windsor's Assumption Church.

Fr. Peter has become a familiar face in the St. Josaphat cluster, too, regularly filling in as celebrant. His particular interest in Gregorian Chant and sacred music has been a prime

motivation in the formation of a committed choir with professional lead singers at Assumption. Following Mass, join us for a reception for Fr. Peter in the basement Social Hall, located underneath the adjacent Rosary Chapel.

