

Tridentine Community News

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Sweetest Heart of Mary Church Debuts Tridentine Mass

On Friday, April 11, Sweetest Heart of Mary joined its cluster partners St. Josaphat and St. Joseph, as well as neighbor St. Albertus Church, in commencing hosting celebrations of the Extraordinary Form of Holy Mass. The occasion was the anniversary of the death of founding pastor Fr. Dominik Kolasinski. A Solemn High Requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr. James Miara of New York, with Fr. Peter Hrytsyk



as Deacon and Fr. Mark Borkowski as Subdeacon. The recently restored marble high altar was once again put to its originally intended use as an Altar of Sacrifice. Music was provided by a joint Assumption (Windsor)-St. Josaphat-St. Joseph Choir, once again demonstrating the cooperation amongst local Extraordinarians.

We believe this event makes us the first three-parish cluster in North America in which each church hosts the Extraordinary Form. Trivia question: What other cluster in the United States also hosts the Tridentine Mass in each of its churches? Answer at the end of the column.

Plans are underway for future Tridentine Masses at Sweetest Heart, which will, of course, be announced here.

Additional Tridentine Masses in the Region

This month has seen the startup of two more Tridentine Masses in the Archdiocese of Detroit. First, on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM, a Tridentine Mass is now being celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Yale, west of Port Huron. Sacred Heart retains many traditional elements of décor, including its original high altar, pictured at right. The celebrant is pastor Fr. Paul Czarnota, a priest long known for his interest in the Extraordinary Form.



Second is a weekly 6:00 PM Saturday evening Mass at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Sterling Heights, celebrated by Fr. Benjamin Kosnac. Fr. Ben was one of the regular celebrants at St. Josaphat in the early years of the Indult Mass. Like Jackson's St. Joseph Church, Ss. Cyril &

Methodius Church proves that even modern structures can successfully host the Classic Form of Mass.

For those who are counting, there are now eight churches in the Archdiocese celebrating the Tridentine Mass, plus Windsor makes nine. Still more are in the organizational phases. We believe this makes the Detroit region the second or third most active Extraordinary Form area in North America.

Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos to Visit North America

The President of the Pontifical Commission *Ecclésia Dei*, Dario Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos, is our Holy Father's designated point man for all matters pertaining to the Extraordinary Form. Aside from the Holy Father himself, Cardinal Castrillón has been the Vatican's most ardent supporter of our beloved Mass, articulately and forcefully defending our Holy Father's *Motu Proprio*.



Not surprisingly following the publication of *Summorum Pontificum*, Cardinal Castrillón is hitting the road in support of the Extraordinary Form. On Saturday, June 14, he will visit London, England's Westminster Cathedral, where he will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass. This visit must be at least partially in recognition of London's active Tridentine Mass scene: London is the base for the Latin Mass Society of England and Wales, a highly organized resource group and publisher that arranged this event; as well as the home of more Tridentine Masses than any other diocese worldwide save perhaps Campos, Brazil.

Prior to visiting England, on Friday, May, 30, Cardinal Castrillón will perform priestly ordinations at the Fraternity of St. Peter's Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska. This is his first visit to North America as head of the *Ecclésia Dei* Commission. Your reporter is planning on attending this historic event with camera in hand.

Traveling? Use This EF/TLM Directory

Since September 14, 2007, the effective date of the *Motu Proprio*, numerous new Extraordinary Form Mass sites have debuted, or are about to debut, in North America. If you are traveling and interesting in knowing if a Tridentine Mass is available near where you are going, the most up-to-date directory is found at: <http://web2.airmail.net/~carlsch/MaterDei/churches.htm>. Like the web site of the Latin Mass Society of England and Wales, this site also lists special occasion Masses such as the April 11 Mass at Sweetest Heart. As the Extraordinary Form becomes more prevalent, it will be handy to know about the certain-to-be-more-frequent one-time celebrations, as well, while one is traveling.

Trivia Question Answer: The two-parish cluster of St. Augustine and Holy Trinity in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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