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*"...And it came to pass,
that when they were
there, her days were ac-
complished that she
should be delivered. And
she brought forth her
first-born Son, and wrapt
in him swaddling cloths,
and laid Him in a manger
because there was no
room for them in the inn.
Luke Chapter 2*

True Spirit Of Christmas Found In Custom Of 3 Masses

by FR. KEVIN VAILLANCOURT
Editor, The Catholic Voice

It is sad that our modern society has corrupted the meaning of Christmas as it has. Commercialism, wild office parties, frantic searching for gifts and a fanaticism with going into deeper and deeper debt is what many call "the Christmas Spirit". If we have imbibed that spirit and confuse Christmas with what it was never meant to be, then we are wrong. We contribute to the perversion of society by our association with its corruption of Christian practices.

If we are inspired to give gifts to others at Christmas time, if we feel a lift in our spirit and a joy in our hearts, we are starting to understand in a small way what inspired holy men and women from the beginning of the Christian era with the joy in which they celebrated Christmas. After all, we celebrate Christmas as the day on which God the Father gave the greatest gift to mankind that He could: His Only-Begotten Son. It was on this day that the salvation of the world from sin and destruction was begun. It was on this day that the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled: a virgin had conceived

a son, while still remaining a virgin, and gave birth to the Emmanuel, the Savior of mankind. The Divine Office is overwhelmed with this thought that the most frequent word repeated throughout the Christmas liturgy is *Hodie*, the Latin word which means *today*. It is today when salvation is begun, it is today when joy is restored to mankind since the promised Redeemer has come in the form of a Child. No other day is so important as today -- Christmas Day!

It is out of a Christian world caught up with the importance of Christmas Day that the custom of offering three Masses on that day came about. Early Christian thought it important to be involved in the whole Liturgy of the Church -- not just attending
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A Note To Our Readers:

Even though this issue will probably arrive in your homes well after Christmas Day, we wish to share with you these thoughts at this holy time. Thank you for your prayers and support at this Holy Season.

Christ Is Born Unto Us, Come Let Us Adore Him!

From Our Mail: More Changes In Novus Ordo; Measuring Truth

by ROBERT D. DePIANTE
Publisher, The Catholic Voice

As always, the mail continues to bring us information that we want to share with all of you.

Several items we received during the past few weeks deserve your attention, but the one that was most fascinating was the article on the coming changes in the novus ordo mass that should be in place by 1998; or, at least that's the projected date for the newest changes to take place.

Our information comes from several sources, the most detailed being the article in the *St. Anthony Messenger* dated November, 1994.

Let me offer the following information from this in-depth report called: *Why They Are Changing The Mass Again*.

It looks like these latest changes will center around the translation of the Mass from Latin to English. It wasn't stated in the Messenger article, but from other sources we learned that in addition to the question about what word you really translate things like to, it is also the goal of the American Bishops to drop all those sexist things like calling God a man. There is a desire to create a genderless liturgy.

The Our Father, one report said, will start something like this: "Our Creator in heaven" and will drop references to all that Catholic stuff like "lead us not into temptation" and "deliver us from evil". Instead we'll talk of love and kindness and stop all that foolishness about sin, and hell, and what happens if you don't follow the rules.

The Article in the St. Anthony messenger says the Our Father (which they call The Lord's Prayer) will be translated like this: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.*

Other sections in the article in the St. Anthony Messenger present the upcoming changes in a very positive light, but even in that positive approach, it does recognize that the hurdles in making the changes will be hard to overcome. It says, for example: "Critics are burning the midnight oil to stymie the changes. They cry the translation committee is sacrificing the mass's integrity at the Altar of Inclusive language." Well, at least they sense the flaw in what is being done.

The new changes, according to this article, will be more in terms of quality and proclaimability than what we have now. At least that's what the magazine reports Archbishop Pilarczyk as saying, and he's the guy in charge of the changes. He further states that many prayers are to be revised only slightly, and many parts of the new translation will be shortened.

They are considering moving the sign of peace to an earlier part of the mass. We might recommend moving it to the front door of the church before mass starts, and making it optional.

The changes listed in the Messenger story are to numerous to list in our limited space, but I think there's enough been said to make the point. Once more the mass is being tampered with, even the questionable version we have come to know as the novus ordo.

We predict two things:

- 1.) Novus ordo Catholics will have this new form of worship, even further from the form of the True Mass than was the present translation, forced on them without any concern for their feelings.
- 2.) The translation, and this latest form of a "mass" will be further from the true Mass and closer to the wording found in the prayer books of many protestant services. And we hope for two things:
 - 1.) that these latest changes will open the eyes of many novus ordo Catholics and make them recognize the sins of their leaders and that the changes made will further move their form of worship away from the True Mass.
 - 2.) And as a result, they will be moved to inquire of a traditionalist as to how they can join the fight to have the True Mass returned to all churches.

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And a couple of quick comments: Across our desk came a Hymn titled: *Lord Preserve the Old Tradition...* and *Una Voce* took a much stronger than usual stand in their annual newsletter.

They really took Paul VI to task for his introduction of the novus ordo. They did soften their criticism, commending him for his encyclical *Mysterium Fidei*. They also failed to note that though the encyclical was very good, the damage he did with the change to the novus ordo was far more harmful than any good he did. The good that was done could hardly outweigh the bad.

It might be useful to point out that one of the cardinal rules for making major changes in any area, for telling big lies, is to cover the change or the lie with a thin veil of truth or by doing something wonderful, then the lie, or the big change is more easily accepted. Give them a great encyclical that propounds traditional teaching, then change the entire Mass. The encyclical paves the way for anything of a questionable nature the Pope who wrote the good encyclical might want. The reasoning is simple, and the plan follows that of the great tempter himself. "After all," people will say, "whatever a man of his goodness might do with the Mass must be o.k. After all, look at that great encyclical he wrote."

Friends, we may have gotten a good in the writing of Paul VI, maybe even great, encyclical, but we lost a True Mass in the process. Maybe we wouldn't have had need for the encyclical if we kept the True Mass.

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Our Christmas greeting is found elsewhere in this issue. But to it, may I add a request for prayers on a personal level. Thank you for your continued support, and please continue your fight for the return of our Tridentine Mass. †

**On behalf of the editorial staff
of The Catholic Voice
and all the members of the board
of the Society of Traditional Roman Catholics,
we wish to extend to you our sincere wishes
for a very Blessed Christmas
and a holy and grace-filled New Year.**

Larry Martin
President, STRC

Robert De Piante
*Publisher
The Catholic Voice*

Fr. Kevin Vaillancourt
*Editor
The Catholic Voice*

Three Masses On Christmas Is A Glorious Tradition

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Mass and observing the feastdays of the saints, but participating as often as they could at the public recitation and chanting of the Divine Office. It is in the praying of the Divine Office and attendance at Holy Mass that we can realize the true spirit of any feast day.

The Office of Christmas has always been sung with extraordinary solemnity. Matins, the first hour of the day, has been prayed, not just in the morning, but in close connection with the time when tradition says that Mary gave birth to Jesus: at midnight. The faithful would come for the chanting of Matins and stay throughout the entire night.

This custom became prevalent in Rome, beginning about the seventh century. Two Matins were sung. The first was at the church of St. Mary Major. The chanting began at sundown of Christmas Eve. As soon as it was over, the pope would celebrate the first Mass of the day or Midnight Mass. No sooner was it finished, than the people accompanied him to the Church of St. Anastasia, and there the pope sang the second Mass of the great night time vigil. It began when the first light of day broke through, and so was called the Mass of the Aurora. A final procession of chanting the Hours of the Divine Office formed up and the pope and the faithful would proceed to St. Peter's Basilica. There the third Mass of Christmas was sung, usually taking place about 9:00 a.m.

The modern liturgical innovators have made it a point that the new liturgy is a harkening back to past times of Christian spirit. Is this to happen when Sunday mass is said on Saturday and little is done to establish the faithful in the sense of true Christian justice as was known before. How lively was the faith in the people of those

olden time! How cold is our faith in comparison to theirs! The early Christians lived the Mysteries of our Holy Faith. It was their prayer with the Church and in the spirit of that Holy mother that helped them lead a life of great peace and fervent joy. The early Christians understood the value of the prayers of the Church, finding in them the tie which knit them all so closely together. The ceremonies of the Liturgy, the Divine Office and Holy Mass, were seen as those sacred actions which complete the tribute of man's inward worship to his Creator. These liturgical practices were not looked upon as some dumb show, ora, at best, an unmeaning poetry introduced for effect. People didn't attend because they had to, but because they truly wanted to be in the Church, worshipping Almighty God, and thanking Him for the great graces He has bestowed on us. What, in our days, are found only in individuals, were, at that time, in the great majority of the people. Faith and a keen sense of the supernatural was the spirit that drove these people.

The Christmas spirit is not just an abstract concept of selfless giving of gifts and smiling at our neighbors, it is one of prayerful thanksgiving to God for the gift of His Son. Three Masses offered in public gratitude to God exemplify that willingness we should all display in being ready "in season and out of season", at all times, and despite any weariness we might feel, to see that the salvation of mankind is accomplished in our souls and those of all men. Simplicity and prayer with the Church -- here is Catholic Christmas practice. We need to revive this spirit in our personal lives. Once it takes root there, we can be sure we will give the proper example to others and the great act of God's love at Christmas will dawn brightly. †

*Letters To The Editor***Old Books Shows Truth That Changes Were Wrong**

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

I enjoyed your newsletter and wish to have the 1995 calendar, a pin and anything else that you can send. I hope that women can join your Society of Traditional Roman Catholics. If not maybe I can still receive The Catholic Voice.

The article by Fr. James Stacey, SSMV, entitled: "Father, What Should a Good Catholic Do?" was exactly what I did. I educated myself by finding old books on the doctrine of the Catholic Church. But even if I hadn't found the books, I wouldn't have gone to this man-made church because I can't sing and I never sing in the morning.

Fr. Stacy also said that churches were closed in Chicago, and indeed they have been. I have cried upon hearing of this wild idea, the souls that are lost because their church was closed are in the hundreds of thousands now!

Thank you for the latest issue and would appreciate any back issues that you care to send. Did learn that Novus Ordo means 'New [World] Order'; it is very close now and I'm sure most people don't realize how important prayers are, especially the Rosary.

Thank you for your kind consideration. May God bless you.

S. G.

Arlington Heights, IL

P.S. Have a short prayer for all of you. "Pray that supplies of destruction of the enemy become useless!" I said that prayer for 2 days and then went to vote and we cleaned house!

Editor's note: Thank you for your kind comments and words of appreciation. The membership of the society is, as our statement of purpose says, open to all Catholics, with no regard to their sex. But because we get so many requests for back issues, we simply don't have very many, except those we need for our permanent files. Sorry we can't provide any as per your request.

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First Time Reader Wants Catholic Voice to Continue

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

Read for the first time a copy of your newsletter "The Catholic Voice". Enclosed is a donation. Please place my name on your mailing list. Would also like a listing of other material (bulletins) you have available. Any old copies of other newsletters would be appreciated. Very well written publication. Couldn't put it down.

Yours in Mary,

Mrs. R. H.

Brackney PA

Editor's note: Thank you. Other materials we distribute are almost always of limited supply, and distributed generally as thank you gifts to people who send us donations. There are numerous Traditional stores where you can buy various books, and our decision was made several years ago to put our efforts into a newsletter, rather than starting another book store. Sorry we can't offer you more.

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Wants 1995 Traditional Calendar: It's On The Way

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

For the enclosed donation, please send me a calendar for 1995. If I'm too late, do keep the donation for your wonderful work.

Sincerely,

A. P.

Peeksville, NY

Editor's note: The Calendar is coming your way, and probably you already received it. This year, as in the past few years, we have been able to send traditional Catholic calendars to all those people who were kind enough to send us donations in 1994. If you donated, and don't receive a calendar by the 10th of January, please write us and we'll send one.

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**Will New Mass, Doubtful Ordinations,
Destroy Our Church?**

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

Your September, 1994, issue of "The Catholic Voice" was outstanding. Patrick Omlor's article was so clear and simple and outstanding that I can't wait to read more of his writings. I want to make this letter short but I must comment on a few items.

Why did Pope Paul VI think that he could ignore the '*in perpetuity*' words of Pius V and then come up with the abomination called Novus Ordo? We know what influence [Cardinal] Bugnini had in getting six protestant ministers together to help change the Roman Catholic Mass into a Protestant service. But what possessed Paul VI to go along with this? Was he trying to leave his mark on the Church?

I have read that the ordination ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church used prior to Vatican II, which were done only in Latin, have changed so substantially that some have questions whether priests ordained in the new English rubrics are really, truly priests, the same as those ordained prior to Vatican II.

When I think that this may be true and that the novus ordo is also questionable, I wonder just how wrong things have gone. Back many years ago when the Anglican church tried to prove that they were still priests in the same sense as Roman Catholic priests, it was proven that they broke the necessary requirements of proper matter and form. With this fact in mind, I wonder if in time, perhaps 50 years or so, when all those bishops ordained properly by the Roman Catholic Church have died, and those bishops afterwards using what seem to be invalid matter and form and thus not truly ordaining valid priests and bishops, can it happen that there are no longer any valid and licit priests and bishops left in the Roman Catholic Church? I hope you see my point. Could this be addressed in a future article? Or is it possible Patrick

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Old Books Shows Truth That Changes Were Wrong

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Omlor may have already written on this point?

I also have another problem with priests. I am referring specifically to those who Sunday after Sunday NEVER say the Gloria and especially the Credo. If such priests cannot or will not say "I believe", I seriously question if such priests have the proper intent for consecrating when they pronounce the words of Christ [*if indeed they even do that!!! Editors note*] at the Consecration. If they do not have the proper intention, then how valid can their masses be? Believe me, there are a number of priests who leave out the Credo at mass. I seriously question whether the bread and wine truly change into the Body and Blood of Christ. Can this problem be addressed in a future issue?

I have copied the entire issue because it was so good. I urged a few of my friends to seriously read this issue. I made copies because I did not want to lose mine.

Please accept the enclosed check for your work. Please send me an oval Pro-Multis pin which I will proudly wear.

May God grant you many graces for your work.

Sincerely,

F. X. W.

Hawthorne NJ

Editor's note: The points you raise are serious and of great concern to every faithful Catholic. We may never know the reasons why Paul VI allowed the changes in the Mass, but the sad fact is that he did allow them. It is reported that not long before he died, Paul VI remarked that the church was "on a path of auto-destruction" from the many changes that were being made. He had the power to stop them, yet he did not. We don't know why. Thank you for your kind comments about our newsletter and the works of Patrick Omlor. The topic of the questionable new ordinations will be raised in future issues.

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Please, Keep Sending Me The Catholic Voice

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

I am sorry that I have not written to you. On August 5 I fell and broke my right hand in two places and was unable to do for myself. I just got Mother Angelica's golden jubilee cards out 1 week ago for her. After the first of the month I will send you a money order; I love your Catholic Voice. On December 15, I will be 89 years old (God willing). I thank our dear Lord and Blessed Mother and all the Saints who helped make my bones heal. Everyone was amazed that someone my age healed so quickly. Please don't stop your paper if you don't hear from me, for the few dollars I receive from the railroad pension doesn't go too far these days.

God bless you all for the great work you are doing. I pass the paper around to others.

R.M.

Cumberland, MD

Editor's note: We are sorry to hear of your illness and rejoice and your speedy recovery. We are glad to continue sending you our newsletter. Your donation of even a few dollars helps to offset our costs in producing our newsletter. If others would like to subscribe, please have them write and we will be happy to send them future issues.

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Tridentine Mass Real Center Of Our Church For Young Catholic

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

I am a recent returnee to Catholicism, my return being aided greatly by my exposure to the Tridentine Mass. I am too young to remember the days before the novus order, and while it was not the traditional rite that made me Catholic, it made the difference between my being an active Catholic and a mere Catholic sympathizer who couldn't stand going to church.

My letter is not intended for publication, but merely seeks information. I found the July 1994 issue of the Catholic Voice outside the chapel for our indult mass, and your work appears interesting. I would like to request that I be placed on your mailing list, and if possible, to receive a spare back issue or two, along with any other information that you may have. I would also like to request, if it is completed, a copy of your Mass Directory.

I realize that while you do not charge for your newsletter, there may be a charge for the directory. If so, please enclose an invoice and I shall reimburse you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

G. G.

Chula Vista CA.

Editor's note: The remarks of this young reader are a sad commentary to the changes over the past twenty-five years. Hundreds of thousands are growing up Catholic with little knowledge of their glorious heritage. When youth in its idealism is searching everywhere for peace of soul and meaningful worship to God, they will only find it through their prayerful attendance at the Latin Mass. Let us do all we can to make the youth aware of the work we are trying to accomplish in the Church.

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Bishops Support of Pope's Changes To Church Not Surprising

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

I just now received your September 94 newsletter. I read every word. I feel so sorry for the reader who finds it hard to believe that so many bishops and cardinals are supporting the Pope in the New (World) Ordo mass. You may remind him of the great apostasy as predicted.

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Readers Urge STRC: "Hold Fast To Tradition"

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Congratulations on your observance that the New (World) Ordo mass is the same as that of the mass promoted by Henry VIII. A thrilling point.

Keep up your wonderful work. I don't mean that the new sacrilegious mass is not a true Mass when I call the true Mass the true Mass. But the refusal to call the novus ordo a true Mass does get them (the novus ordo people) upset especially when I refer to the old Mass as the true Mass. It has always been called the true Mass.

Now that the lines have been drawn and we can expect only a few more comebacks from the Novus (World) Ordo church, can the victory of Mary be far away?

One last point: Until the Pope is officially declared to be a non-pope, it may well be a sin for any one to declare this on their own.

Sincerely,
L. A. G.

Inverness, FL

Editor's note: It's always amazing when we discuss the changes in the church to find that so many bishops accept the word of the Pope and the actions of Vatican II as the last word in what we are supposed to believe. In one-on-one conversations, many priests, even some bishops, will agree that the changes were wrong, that the way the mass is said casts doubt on its validity, but only the very strong will state it publicly.

No one has yet "officially" declared the pope to be a non-pope, but his strange and bizarre actions, including being anointed with the sign of the false god Shiva in India, his allowing a Buddha statue to be placed on top of the tabernacle in Assisi, his joining the Jews in a Synagogue in Rome and praying for the coming of the Messiah (thus denying the fact that Christ was the Messiah) certainly makes us wonder.

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'Voice' Provides Reader With Answers on Validity of Mass

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

Thank you very, very much for leaving me on your mailing list. Your paper is wonderful. I, like many others, have had my doubts and questions on the new mass, but now I have no more doubts. I just wish every Catholic in the world could read and understand what's going on in the church. I'm very fortunate and truly blessed to be able to go to a Tridentine Mass every Sunday and Holy Day.

I decided about six months ago that if there wasn't a Latin Mass then I would have to stay home, read and pray the Mass, pray the Rosary and ask God to give me strength to persevere.

I used to be a Lutheran and converted and when the church started to change so drastically I would sit and weep and finally God answered my prayers and directed me to a Latin Mass. I can truly say that was one of the happiest days of my life. Oh I still wept, but it was in great joy and gratefulness.

God knows our hearts; if man were to judge us we would probably be stoned but God knows our love for Him, in the Trinity and for the Blessed Mother and also of the angels and saints and we will be part of the Triumph that is promised.

Your friend in Wisconsin,

Mrs. V. A.

"Daughter of Mary"

New Franklin WI

Editor's note: The decision to stop going to the novus ordo mass was difficult for anyone who felt that even a novus ordo mass was better than no mass. But in the final analysis, necessary if we are not to betray our beliefs that the new mass is not the same Mass that we know as the Tridentine Mass. To live with both is to contradict what we claim to be true, that is, that the new mass is not the true Mass.

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Voice Editor Answers Questions from Student on Women Priests

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

I am writing to inquire if you have any information concerning STRC's stand on the ordination of women in the Catholic Church. I am currently researching this issue for a paper for one of my college classes and would greatly appreciate it if you could send me any helpful information you have that would aid me in understanding and presenting your stand on this topic. Also, I would be very grateful if you could send it as soon as possible.

I was also wondering if you would be willing to allow me to interview you over the phone. If you would not mind, please contact me to set up a time you would be available for the interview. I will be making the call so you will not have to worry about phone charges. This would be of great help to me since I am having trouble acquiring an interview with an organization against the ordination of women. Please consider it and contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

C. M. C.

Editor's note: The call from this young lady was forwarded to Father Vaillancourt, who agreed to her phone interview. We are all awaiting her report, which she promised to send us.

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Tridentine Mass An Answer For Woman Seeking Catholic Truth

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

A friend of ours that receives your publication offered it to me for reading. We've been going to the Traditional Latin Mass for about three years now so you can understand how I enjoyed reading it. Especially to know there are others who feel the same as I do about the rapid changes in the new church—novus ordo mass. My husband was so disgusted he was about to change or quit the Catholic Church. I was very worried and very relieved one night to find the Latin Mass

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Love And Prayerful Respect For God Found In Latin Mass

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Church advertised in the Saturday newspaper.

I feel God answered my prayers. After the first visit to this Latin Mass, he was overjoyed to find there was still so much love and respect left in the Latin Mass — that it had not changed and that it was still the same mass he loved so much as a younger man. He's retired now and I'm a homemaker.

Would you please place us on your mailing list so that we can enjoy reading your publication and possibly get others on the list also. Thank you in advance. Please let us know the cost of one year. We'll be glad to pay for this.

Praying for God's will and graces,

F. & B. W.

San Antonio TX.

Editor's note: Thank you for your kind letter. One of the wonderful things about our mail is the great many people who write us telling us how The Catholic Voice has offered them hope, has shown them that others, too, are in the same situation as they are. The novus ordo church, the priests and bishops of the novus ordo church, would like each one of us, as an individual, to think we are the only person that misses the old Mass, the traditional values, and that because you, as an individual feel that way there's something wrong with you. The Catholic Voice has given people the opportunity to see how many thousands, yes even millions of others out there, feel like they do. The feeling of unity that results keeps us all going.

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New Mass Raises Doubts In Mind Of Reader

Editor, The Catholic Voice:

I have received the July & September 1994 newsletters. I don't know who sent you my name but I am most grateful. I have never heard of your organization. I subscribe to THE REMNANT so I am sorrowfully aware of most of the horrors and tragedies discussed in your newsletter. However, I am very pleased to become a part of your communication network. Please keep me on your mailing list. I have enclosed a small donation.

I have been participating in daily Mass for more than 50 years... and I just can't imagine not receiving our dear Lord in Holy Communion every day. But things are changing so rapidly... for the worst... I just don't know what to do. Many times I wonder if the Mass is really valid or if I am really receiving Jesus' Body and Blood. The new canons are social not supernatural... are they really valid?

I read with great interest Patrick Henry Omlor's article. If he is correct, no Catholic should be attending the novus ordo... BUT... it is the mass that Pope John Paul II celebrates and prefers and he is the VICAR OF CHRIST ON EARTH...???

Another problem for me is EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) and Mother Angelica. We get her network in Pittsburgh 24 hours a day on TV. Their mass is close to the Roman Mass and is celebrated very reverently. Everyone genuflects on the way up and receives Holy Communion on their tongue. Several nuns and brothers prostrate at the

consecration but all the priests use "ALL" not "MANY"... She insists on promoting "Medjugorje" by inviting guests who are more charismatic than they are catholic proclaiming the great fruits coming from there even though Bishop Zanic of Mostar and the Vatican Commission, including Cardinal Ratzinger, have stated publicly that nothing supernatural is going on there. Again, is she is the only CATHOLIC NETWORK IN AMERICA...???

Bishop Wuerl has given us permission in Pittsburgh to have the Latin Mass. But he has put a Pastor, Father (pardon me, Monsignor) Lawrence A. DeNardo who must lay awake at night thinking up ways of making everything as difficult for us as possible. The rumor going around now is that the TABERNACLE (which is on the main altar) is going to be moved to an undisclosed area; the main altar is going to be moved up to where the novus ordo table is now and both rites will have to share the same altar (table)... we can't do this. It either means another move (this will be our fourth) or they will close us down. So much for the Indult Mass...

Would you please send me an oval "Pro Multis" pin? May God bless your wonderful work and may He give all of us clear discernment so that we will know how to do His will in these terrible times.

In Jesus and Mary,
R. M. T.

Pittsburgh, PA

Editor's note: Actions of bishops, priests and even the pope have confused many, many Catholics in the past 25 years. Where the confusion ends none of us know. We can pray for help, but the answer will come only with time, and the time will be decided by God, not by us. †

A Few More Words . . .

The Society of Traditional Roman Catholics encourages all to take part in the traditional practice of the Prayers for the Chair of Unity Octave, January 18 through 25. This is a special week of prayer for all mankind to be united in prayer in the Roman Catholic Church. We should also add special prayers commending unity in the Catholic Church against the modern mass and for the restoration of the true Tridentine Latin Mass. Copies of these prayers are available by writing to the STRC. Please include a donation to cover the cost of printing and postage.

As most of you know, the United States Postal Service has plans to increase postage rates beginning January 1, 1995. These postal increases will impact even the fees for non-profit postage. Since The Catholic Voice sends out subscriptions free of charge, our largest expense is in the postage needed to mail out over 4,000 issues four times a year. In addition to this, paper prices have increased almost 35% in the last four months making the cost of printing greater than we have ever had before. It is all the more important that we receive your donations to help us meet our expenses. In order for us to continue our apostolate for the True Mass, we need your support in prayers and donations. Thank you. †

Statement of Purpose

The CATHOLIC VOICE is the newsletter of the Society of Traditional Roman Catholics, a non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

The Society is a Catholic Apostolate, of both lay and clergy, established to work for the full restoration of traditional Catholic rites, most especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass of the Council of Trent, the ancient Latin Mass.

We, the directors and officers of the Society pledge our fidelity to the Roman Catholic Church and to her teachings as handed down by the Sacred Magisterium through the centuries. We dedicate ourselves and the works of our apostolate to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

We place our efforts under the patronage of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, and offer all we do in the name of Jesus Christ for the greater honor and glory of God. We invite all Catholics to join in our work. †

Among The Saints We Honor

(These are only some of the days in the next few weeks devoted to honoring a specific saint. The feast days of all saints are listed in the calendar which is distributed every year by The Society of Traditional Roman Catholics).

St. Francis Xavier December 3
Immaculate Conception December 8
Our Lady of Loretto December 10
Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12
St. Frances Cabrini December 22
Nativity of Jesus December 25
St. John Evangelist December 27
Holy Innocents December 28
Circumcision January 1
Holy Name of Jesus January 2
Epiphany of Jesus January 6
Chair of Unity Octave January 18 - 25
St. Agnes January 21
St. John Chrysostom January 27
St. Francis de Sales January 29
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