

# DOES THE LATIN TRADITIONAL (TRIDENTINE) MASS FULFILL THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION?

There are some who are saying that the Latin Traditional (Tridentine) Mass is forbidden. They are saying that it is unlawful, and that it is not an act of Catholic worship. They are also saying that one does not fulfill ones Sunday obligation when one is in attendance at the Latin Traditional Mass.

In all fairness, such remarks must be called what exactly they are: they are nothing more than the expressions of personal opinion, and they are the observations of the uninformed.

The following three FACTS IN HISTORY should be sufficient to demonstrate the historical truth concerning the ancient Latin Traditional Mass, and all those of good will should find consolation in the truth.

## FACT NUMBER I:

The Second Vatican Council DID NOT forbid the Latin Traditional (Tridentine) Mass, - - rather - the Council reaffirmed the Sacred place of the Latin Mass. The Council DID NOT abolish the Latin Traditional (Tridentine) Mass.

## FACT NUMBER II:

The TEXT of the Letter of Silvio Cardinal Oddi, dated March 17, 1984 is very clear and cannot be contested by anyone:

". . . According to the new Code of Canon Law, "The obligation of assisting at Mass is satisfied wherever Mass is celebrated in a Catholic Rite either on the day of obligation itself or in the evening of the previous day." (Canon 1248)

I hope that this settles your doubts."

SIGNED:

Silvio Cardinal Oddi  
Prefect of the Sacred Congregation  
of the Clergy  
March 17, 1984

(Note: Photographs of this letter are available)

## FACT NUMBER III:

The PAPAL INDULT dated October 3, 1984 gave very clear and official recognition to the Latin Traditional (Tridentine) Mass. After nearly twenty years of generalized persecution against priests and faithful who remained loyal to the Traditional Holy Mass, Pope Joh Paul II granted a special (though somewhat limited) INDULT (permission) to all Faithful people who prefer to attend the Mass of all ages and all times.

(Note: Photographs of this INDULT are available)

SPECIAL NOTE: All Catholic Bishops, Priests and Teachers and the News Media have always known about the above important FACTS. It shall always remain a mystery why the PEOPLE have never been sufficiently informed about them.