

WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL. We Feel that the following information is of interest to you. We ask for your Good Will!

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

There are those who INSIST on 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. They point out that attendance at such a Mass is an act of disobedience! They carefully indicate to us THAT IT IS A MORTAL SIN TO SAY SUCH A MASS OR TO ATTEND SUCH A MASS! Have you ever noticed that such people never state who the person actually is who is being disobeyed?? Do the local bishops have the authority to speak for the Vatican?-- for the Pope?-- for Vatican Council II?-- for the entire Church?--

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 IGNORANT AND THE UNINFORMED!

The following THREE FACTS IN HISTORY (there are many more) should be sufficient to demonstrate to any person of mental honesty and of simple ordinary learning, the HISTORICAL TRUTH concerning the ancient Latin Traditional Mass, and all those of GOOD WILL SHOULD FIND PROPER CONSOLATION IN THE EXPRESEION OF THE TRUTH.  
FACT NUMBER I: -----

The Second Vatican Council DID NOT(I repeat) DID NOT forbid the Latin Traditional (Tridentine) Mass, - rather, the COUNCIL REAFFIRMED THE SACRED PLACE OF THE MASS OF ALL AGES. The Council DID NOT(I REPEAT) DID NOT ABOLISH THE LATIN TRADITIONAL (Tridentine)Mass. All one has to do is TO READ the Documents of Vatican Council I EVERY WORD of this is to be found there! (cf: Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy)!  
FACT NUMBER II: -----

The OFFICIAL TEXT of the OFFICIAL LETTER of Silvio Cardinal Oddi, who is known in our locality, dated March 17, 1984 is very clear and simply cannot be contested by any HONEST THINKING PERSON:

". . 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 this settles your doubts:

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

(Note: Photographs of this letter are available upon request)

FACT NUMBER III: -----  
The PAPAL INDULT dated October 3, 1984 gave VERY CLEAR AND OFFICIAL recognition to the Latin Traditional (Tridentine) Mass. Even though the Indult is not altogether satisfactory because of certain RESTRICTIONS, it is MOST IMPORTANT. There is every reason to believe that these certain RESTRICTIONS will be removed by Pope John Paul II in the VERY NEAR FUTURE. After nearly twenty years of general and active persecution of priests and faithful people who have remained loyal to the Traditional Holy Mass, Pope John Paul II granted a special INDULT (permission) - - GAVE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION - - to ALL FAITHFUL PEOPLE WHO WISH AND PREFER TO ATTEND THE MASS OF ALL AGES AND TIMES!!! The Mass of my Ordination.  
(Note: Photographs of this INDULT are available upon request)

SPECIAL NOTE: ALL THOSE IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH (BISHOPS, ABBOTS, RELIGIOUS SUPERIORS OF RELIGIOUS HOUSES FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN) should know about the above Facts. It shall always remain a MYSTERY why the PEOPLE have never been informed about them!!!??????

ANYONE WHO HAS DOCUMENTS TO PROVE THE VATICAN PROHIBITION OF THE LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS IS HUMBLLY ASKED TO COME FORWARD WITH THEM!!