

"...hold fast to the traditions which you have received." II Thess.2:15

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Father Fenton, La Rita & Bill Quinn

Father Francis Fenton paid a visit to the Rocky Mountain area the latter part of November. After delivering lectures for the O.R.C.M. in Great Falls, Montana, in Rapid City, South Dakota, and in Denver, Colorado, he drove to Colorado Springs with me for a delightful Thanksgiving dinner and get-together at Bill and LaRita Quinn's new home. Father Placid White, from Stratton, joined us after dinner. It was the first time ever for him and Father Fenton to meet and get to know each other. Father White has been offering Mass regularly in Stratton, Colorado Springs and Denver. As we go to press it looks like he will no longer be including Colorado Springs on his circuit, but will probably help out, part time, at our new Chapel in Pueblo, instead.

Dear Readers,

I wish to thank all of you for all of your correspondence and for subscribing to the Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes, because if it weren't for all of you, I wouldn't have a good job working for and helping Father Jones.

Now, I need to ask all of you good folks to do me a tremendous favor, PLEASE! Put your name and return address on the outside of your envelopes. This will greatly speed our replies to you. With over 2000 names in our address file, I just can't remember them all. Also, if you move, please take a moment to send me a post card with your new address. This will expedite our mailings of the newsletter to you.

A couple of years ago, when I started working for Father Jones, we only had about 200 correspondents a month. Now we have 300 to 400. From a mailing list of about 400 for the newsletter, we now have about 800.

The Post Office charges us .25 for each corrected address we receive, then we have to remail the Newsnotes. You would already have received it before it came back to us.

Please help me to do a better, more efficient job and get your correspondence answered more quickly by doing me the consideration of following the above.

Thank you and God bless you all!

Regina Hurst (Secretary)

WYOMING CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLDS FAST

Dear Father,

I would like to take this means of letting you know that I will no longer be taking part as Lay Minister at Saint Margaret's Church; and some of the reasons for this action.

My wife and I have never been "sold" on all the changes that have been taking place within the Church, since the "new Mass" was forced upon the laity by the U. S. bishops.

While on vacation in Colorado, we found out that not all Catholic people are going along in blind obedience, but were holding fast to the true Catholic Faith. After reading, studying, discussing, and much praying, we feel that we can no longer go along in blind obedience either.

Over four hundred years ago, all the aberrations, all the doubts, all the personal preferences, and all other questions about the manner of saying Mass were settled. In July, 1570, Pope St. Pius V issued the solemn decree 'Quo Primum', ordering that the Tridentine Mass was to be used throughout the Catholic world "in perpetuity". Quo Primum states in part:

> Specifically, do we warn all persons in authority of whatever dignity or rank, Cardinals not excluded, and command them as a matter of strict obedience never to use or permit any ceremonies or Mass prayers other than the ones contained in this Missal....
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> At no time in the future can a priest, whether secular or order priest ever be forced to use any other way of saying Mass. And in order once and for all to preclude any scruples of conscience and fear of ecclestiastical penalties and censures, we declare herewith that it is by virtue of our Apostolic authority that we decree and prescribe that this present order and decree of our is to last in perpetuity, and never at a future date can it be revoked or amended legally....
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> And if, nevertheless, anyone would dare attempt any action contrary to this order of ours, handed down for all times, let him know that he has incurred the wrath of Almighty God, and of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul.

How much plainer could it be? Yet the Novus Ordo was forced on all Catholics, by the bishops..some even saying that one does not fulfill the Sunday obligation by attending the traditional Latin Mass!!!

Pope Pius V also spelled out the words of Consecration to be used, as defined by the Council of Florence, and re-affirmed by the Council of Trent. Quo Primum carried the full authority of the Pope, and was printed in all altar missals in use--up until the 1960's, that is! Which seems strange to us. Pope Pius V was not prescribing a Mass constructed by him or at his direction. He was certifying, with additional authority, the traditional Mass, which could trace its origins back to St. Gregory the Great, to the Fourth Century, and even to the time of the Apostles! No equivalent decree on the matter has ever been issued by Pope Paul VI, and, as you know, Pope Paul VI did not mandate the use of the Novus Ordo. Quo Primum has not been rescinded, and is still in effect.

In light of this, why the Novus Ordo Missae--the New Order of the Mass? Why were non-Catholics involved in the translation of the Latin version into the English? Why, more importantly, was the Consecration formula for the wine changed despite the fact that the Catechism of the Council of Trent (composed by decree) condemned any change, despite the words of Christ Himself, despite the General Instruction of the Roman Missal?

Some of the members of the Consilium who authored the "new mass" do not even believe in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. How strange! Perhaps even stranger, the fact that Pope Paul made the chairman of the Consilium, Annibale Bugnini (a known high-order-degree Mason) an Archbishop!

We keep asking ourselves why the U.S. bishops and priests go along with the subverters of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Why are they deceiving us? Could it be that they do not have the guts to stand up for Christ WITHOUT COMPROMISE?

As for us, we believe that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most perfect and most powerful source of salvation; that it is absolutely essential to our salvation, that it is so thoroughly sublime and redemptive that no other sacrifice is even possibly acceptable to God. However, we believe that the new Ordo is displeasing and irreverent to God, that it is irreconcilable with the true nature of the Mass-and with Catholic Faith, and that the new Ordo does, in fact, pose a definite threat to the Faith of the Catholic people.

That one shall not commit or share in the commission of a sacrilege, is an obligation imposed on us by divine law and by the natural law of God, and since divine law and natural law are superior to ecclesiastical (Church law), then one's obligation to obey the First Commandment and the natural law (written in our hearts) obliges above the duty to go to church--if such attendance were sinful. We believe that among other things, the Novus Ordo is irreverent and hence sacrilegious; that we are obliged to hold fast to the true Catholic Faith and Catholic Tradition. This will mean greater sacrifice, but that is what preservation of the true Chruch is all about! God willing, our sacrifices will help bring one of our sons back as a practicing Roman Catholic.

We have enjoyed the years at St. Margaret's, and wish to say thanks for all spiritual help given. We hope that you can understand our position, and give consideration to our belief that the Novus Ordo is displeasing to God; that our participation in, and encouragement of such, would be a far greater sin than not attending it at all. We must be obedient to God instead of to man.

Sincerely,

W. A. Svoboda and Family

SAGE ADVICE FROM FATHER OSWALD BAKER

"Like, no doubt, many other Traditionalists, I find myself in a tiny minority among lay Catholic acquaintances, and am constantly uncertain of the wisdom of entering into argument. I suppose much depends on personalities and circumstances" (Excerpt from letter).

The last statement is certainly very true. Whether it is advisable to engage in argument on religion or any other subject depends largely on circumstances and characters. On the present topic, the conflict between Catholics who retain the Old Faith and its Mass, and those on the other hand who acquiesce in the changes, any argument will usually shrink to one question, that of obedience. Are Catholics always and without question to comply with whatever is ordered by Rome, or, is it even permissible, even obligatory, to plead, "This is clearly wrong, is producing manifestly evil effects, and we must oppose it"? Those who insist on absolute, unquestioning obedience to any and every bidding will probably remain unimpressed even by the obviously valid argument that *practical, pastoral* decisions of the Pope are not binding in the same way as *ex cathedra* pronouncements. Insistence on unfailing, unthinking obedience to any and every directive from Rome is no part of Catholicism, and will blind the victims of such mentality to any rational appeal. A safe practical rule on the problem of arguing is that actions speak louder than words. Avoid bickering, and make the sad conflict in the Church an occasion for increasing one's gratitude for graces received, increasing the frequency of prayer for others, increasing charity and courtesy to all.

Taken from the October 17th, 1976 Sunday Bulletin of Father Oswald Baker, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9AB, England.

Christmas, 1976

Dear Father Jones,

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep the Church, One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. In a sense we are all living again in a time of "Crusade". But the leaders are few. Why have so many priests 'sold their birthright for a mess of pottage'? Surely they cannot in conscience claim they do not recognize the MODERNISM, the ERRORS inherent in ALL that has emanated from Vatican II.

It is obvious of course, that the errors were born and conceived long before this Counci gave the EXCUSE for bringing them to full bloom.

St. Pius X saw clearly the web being so cleverly prepared and sounded a clarion call of warning. The lay people, concerned with daily cares and ignorant of religious background (for the most part) might be excused for their failure to see the danger. But how can the clergy, the Heirarchy in particular, protest their guilt in allowing and in many cases aiding and abetting the destruction?

How can ANY priest justify the Novus Ordo as it has presently EVOLVED. Now that the GRADUALISM is unmasked and OBVIOUS to any one of sound mind, can they HONESTLY, before their God, continue to offer what is - at best - a questionable sacrifice?

Even Msgr. Durand, writing in the Remnant of NOV. 17th, says on Pg. 5- "Whether or not this newly devised formula validates or invalidates the Mass is not for us to say".

In other words, he is telling God Himself, that he does not dare to question if he is offering an invalid insult-a sacrilege-in place of the Holy Sacrifice!

And Walter Matt, on Pg. 10, same issue, says "Let us have the Old Mass alongside the New". And so he would-for the sake of a MODERNIST truce-equate validity and Truth with invalidity and falsehood! He would have the false imitation on the level of the Divine.

And the Faithful would then believe the "brainchild of the enemy" (the Novus Ordo) to be valid and good. Soon the aim-"Tolle Missam, Tolle Eclesiam" would become a reality. The few priests saying the True Mass would die and those few remaining would believe in the supposed validity of the counterfeit 'service'.

It is most difficult for me to believe that neither Msgr. Durand nor Mr. Matt are aware that in advocating the acceptance of the counterfeit service, they are doing the work of the enemy and contributing fully to the destruction of the Faith.

For your part, Father, in contributing your own limited personal funds to disseminate the truth, our poor 'thank you' is inadequate. But it is obvious your motivation is divinely given. And for your generous response-without regard to human respect-for that may God bless you as only He can do.

And may He give you the grace to be able to touch the hearts and souls of those weak brothers in the Priesthood-that they too, may forsake ALL to follow Him.

With Sincere love in Corde Jesu,
P.R. (Michigan)

October 18, 1976

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Dear Mr. Matt:

I read your September 30th issue of The Remnant with great interest. I have some questions to ask you that are of great concern to me and, I think, to many other Traditional Catholics. This concern is over the contradiction of stating positions which are at variance with those of Archbishop Lefebvre while at the same time praising his steadfast courage throughout your paper.

In the extensive quoting of individuals supporting Lefebvre, you do not question the general attitude that the Old Mass should be offered along with the New Mass. You must certainly know that Archbishop Lefebvre has never said he will accept this kind of compromise. Along this line, he himself has questioned the sanctity and validity of the New Mass as have many other Traditionalist groups. The whole tone of the letters and articles was frankly defeatist. This sentiment of wanting to give "the Tridentine Mass an equal and honoured place among the range of liturgies..." is something I'd expect from The Wanderer or the National Catholic Register but not from a Traditionalist paper which The Remnant is supposed to be and in the past has been.

Now I think I should pause here to express my gratitude for the courageous work you have done. I have learned much from your excellent articles and their high quality have often given me courage during some of the darker days of this struggle. Your good record, however, stands in stark contrast to your recent shifts in emphasis.

How can you allow statements like "...possible schism by Catholic traditionalists..." to stand unchallenged? Are you that convinced that, should a complete and final break with Rome occur, we would be the one's in schism? One gets the distinct impression you are becoming more and more uncomfortable with the scope of Lefebvre's traditionalism. What other explanation is there for allowing unchallenged a statement like: "I accept freely the aggiornamento (updating) was necessary, and the fact that for my children and their generation the 'revised' mass is more acceptable."? These positions are a disgrace and befit only the "Conservative" fantasy world which overlooks the Modernist, Masonic and Communist influence on Vatican II and all the post conciliar reforms.

One of the most essential positions of Traditional Catholics as a whole is that the Traditional Mass is not just one among other Western Liturgies; it is the official liturgy of the Roman Church. The wishes of Pope Paul VI (recall he has never correctly abrogated the Old Mass-if indeed it is possible to do so) do not rescind the teachings of Popes and Councils on this matter. This position was certainly not communicated in your September 30th issue.

Before closing I would like to express my sympathy with your dilemma. I am the editor of La Tradicion No Muere (recently changedfrom Our Lady of the Rosary Newsletter) for the Orthodox Roman Catholic Movement. I am also the public relations assistant for Fr. Daniel Jones of that organization. I have, in a much smaller way, faced pressures similar to the ones you surely face every day. Please do not think I am doubting your integrity. I certainly am not. It is just that the positions of The Remnant, the last issue in particular, go far beyond the realms of flexibility or willingness to consider alternative positions. They seem, on the contrary, to be the result of bowing to pressure. I hold you and The Remnant in very high regard, but your recent retreat has left a hole in our ranks. I beg you to consider the great harm which will ensue upon a continued policy of compromise.

Yours in Christ and Our Lady,

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Dedication of the Basilisas of the
Holy Apostles Peter and Paul
November 18th, 1976

Dear Father Jones

Received your letter on my return from trip aboard T.S.S. Fairwind to the Caribean (given to my husband and I by his boss). It was a time of contemplation, with prayers of gratitude for our Gift of Faith and prayers of petition for the privilege of attending Traditional Tridentine Masses somewhere in our area. Father we attended, daily, the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, but not for ten years now. Like many we remained silent and attended Mass on Sunday because we cannot live without the reception of Our Blessed Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We have felt as if we were behind the "iron curtain". After the episode written in "The Wanderer" in which Archbishop Lefebvre was so vehemently attacked, we felt we must stand up and be counted. God bless you for enclosing the article by Mgr. Marceau. A dear friend, Peggy Wind, sent me a copy of "A Bishop Betrayed." God bless Father Nelson and "Maryfaithful", now there is a shining light in our lives after ten years of "lostness". Our rosaries are offered everyday for all these dear Priests and Sisters and laity who stand firmly with the Traditional Holy Roman Catholic Church.

By any chance would it be possible to have a copy of Father Fenton's lecture "The Roman Catholic Church-Its Tragedy and It's Hope"?

In the "Remnant" we read about a closed Retreat '76 and are joyfully counting the days till December 10th, Feast of Our Lady of Loretto, to attend. It is in Central Florida. Our Blessed Lord is so good to us for this opportunity.

Father there are so many suffering souls lost without the "Immemorial Mass"-hesitant to say anything. A dry martyrdom.

This great 'brainwashing' was done much like taking a frog and setting it in a pan of warm water and very slowly bringing to a boil - Frog dies! It would have jumped out if the water had been hot at the start!

Yours in Christ, Our Lord and King through the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.

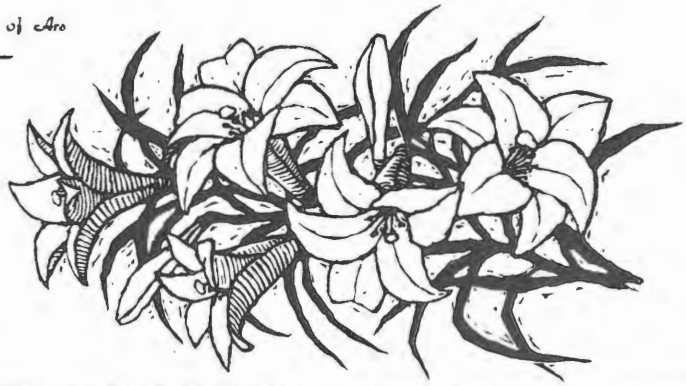
Mary (Florida)



Happy are those who love God and those who surround them !

The Saint Cure of Ars

Happy Easter



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Dear Father Jones,

We sent Ed's uncle, Father Jake, a Christmas Card and a letter. We thought we would try one more time to persuade him about becoming a traditional priest. The following is an excerpt from my letter. We thought you might be interested in what we had to say.

"As I recall, I mailed you some literature and I've been waiting patiently for you to answer me. I would appreciate your remarks, comments or whatever.

Ed and his brother Adolph bought a used limousine that seats 12 passengers. They overhauled it, Alvin gave it a beautiful paint job and now we all jump in and travel to Denver every Sunday to attend the traditional Latin Mass. We now have a permanent church and a traditional Catholic School. We have one traditional Nun, in fact, I believe she is the only traditional Nun in the State of Colorado.

We have made tremendous progress in one year. The parish is growing every Sunday--new faces all the time and the women dress modest, no pantsuits, and heads are covered. We have a communion rail and how wonderful it is to kneel to receive Communion. We have Benediction once a month and words can't express how one feels to have his peace and sanity restored and to be back to the True Mass once again. It seems, financially, we have no problem, our biggest drawback is, we don't have enough priests. Our Pastor, Father Dan Jones, is on the road constantly. After he reads Mass in the morning in Colorado he flies all over the country, New Mexico, Texas, Ohio, Louisiana and Florida. There are Chapels going up everywhere.

If and when your ears are ringing and you begin to wonder who is talking about you; let me tell you it is YOUR NEPHEWS. They are constantly wishing and praying and praying and wishing, "Oh, if Father Jake was just here serving as a Traditional Priest".

Sorry about the errors, Father Jones, I just hope and pray this does the trick.

Carmen and Ed Dreher

Traditional Catholicism Offered at Aurora Church

An Aurora church, Our Lady of Victory, offers area Catholics traditional Latin mass and traditional Catholic education for children in grades one through 12.

According to Edwin Dreher of Longmont, the church is "traditional" in that its mass and teachings adhere to Catholicism of the pre-1960 era.

The Latin mass is celebrated on Sundays at 9 a.m. at the church located at 2566 Sable Blvd. in Aurora.

Our Lady of Victory Traditional Catholic School, at the same location, began operation in September. There are five teachers and 34 students, with room for 19 more students, according to school officials.

Dreher said the school enforces the traditional values of discipline, modesty, "ABC" grading, religious instruction and prayer. All teaching is regulated by traditional Catholic church dogma and morals.

The school is financed by tuition and fees and private donations.

Persons wanting more information about any of the programs offered at Our Lady of Victory may contact Edwin Dreher at 772-5232.



Longmont limousine

As the ship was sinking rapidly, the captain called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?"

One man stepped forward. "I do, sir."

"Good," said the captain. "You pray. The rest of us will put on life preservers. We're one short!"



On Sunday, October 24, 1976, I offered Mass near Orlando, Florida, and gave Aliisa Werick her first Holy Communion. After Mass this photo was taken of the Kevin and Carol Werick Family and your editor. Kevin is Father Fenton's "chief advisor", main organizer or what-have-you for the O.R.C.M. in the Orlando area.

At the lower left you see Colorado's Ute Chief, Ouray (painted by Dr. 'Dinosaur' Jim Jensen of Brigham Young University) posing with Krystyna, Steve and Tony Wisniewski of Logan, Utah. They were at my parents' home in Delta around Christmas time. Krys has been courageously promoting the traditional Catholic cause in the Logan area to the consternation of the local Novus Ordo pastor.

And in the lower right you see Mrs. Pat Morrison, a fearless, tireless traditional Catholic leader at Port Angeles Washington. Here Pat is at the local airport on January 26th to see me off back to Colorado.

Your service does not bear fruit according to your speaking and preaching but according to whether God dwells in you and shines forth in you. MB



My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me;
I may not choose the colors,
He knows what they should be
For He can view the pattern
Upon the upper side,
While I can see it only
On this, the under side.

Sometimes He weaveth sorrow,
Which seemeth strange to me;
But I will trust His judgment,
And work on faithfully;
'Tis He who fills the shuttle,
He knows just what is best;
So I shall weave in earnest
And leave with Him the rest.



