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In the name of the Lord, Amen.

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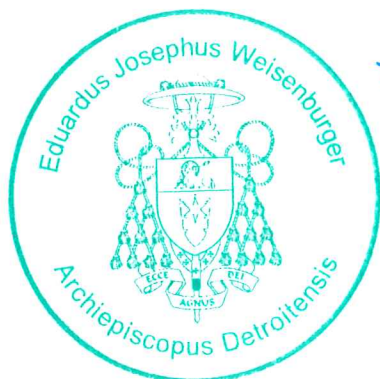
I, the Most Reverend Edward J Weisenburger, Archbishop of Detroit, wanting to safeguard and promote the unity of the Church for all of Christ's Faithful, having considered the direction of the *Motu Proprio Traditionis Custodes* given by His Holiness, Pope Francis, as well as the complimentary *Responsa* given by the Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, His Eminence, Arthur Cardinal Roche, Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, after consulting the Presbyteral Council on June 10, 2025, in wanting to safeguard and promote the unity of the Church for all of Christ's Faithful, decree that the contents of the document titled ***Traditionis Custodes Implementation Norms for the Archdiocese of Detroit*** bearing revision date June 12, 2025, enjoys the force of particular law for implementation of *Traditionis Custodes* in the Archdiocese of Detroit beginning July 1, 2025.

All previously issued norms for the implementation of *Traditionis Custodes* in the Archdiocese of Detroit are hereby abrogated.

Further, I decree that the contents of the document titled **Regional locations for Mass in the Archdiocese of Detroit pursuant to the *Traditionis Custodes* Implementation Norms** bearing revision date June 12, 2025 also assume the force of law in the Archdiocese of Detroit effective July 1, 2025.

Given at Detroit, Michigan, on this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.


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The Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Archbishop of Detroit



ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

***Traditionis Custodes* Implementation Norms for the Archdiocese of Detroit (June 12, 2025)**

The following norms replace any prior-existing ones for the implementation of the articles of *Traditionis Custodes* (=TC) and *Responsa ad Dubia* (=Responsa) issued December 2021 by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments.

St. Joseph Shrine Parish, Detroit:

- A. At the time *TC* took force, the Archdiocese of Detroit had one personal parish to care for Christ's Faithful in accordance with the *Usus Antiquior*: St. Joseph Shrine Parish. The ministry of this parish will continue.
 - 1. Pursuant to *TC* articles 1 and 8, as well as clarity in the *Responsa*, notwithstanding any right the priests and deacons incardinated in the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest may have by virtue of the proper law of the Institute, the priests incardinated in the Institute and authorized for ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit may utilize the *Rituale Romanum* (last *editio typica* 1952) for administration of the sacraments in St. Joseph Church and in other non-parish churches, oratories, and private chapels (notwithstanding restrictions on what cannot occur in the latter two categories of sacred places) in the Archdiocese of Detroit when caring for parishioners belonging to St. Joseph Shrine Parish and Catholics visiting for the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick.

For Priests wanting to celebrate daily Mass using the 1962 *Missale Romanum*:

- B. Pursuant to *TC* article 5, any priest authorized for ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit may submit a letter to request permission from the Archbishop of Detroit to use the 1962 *Missale Romanum*. The letter of request must include:
 - 1.
 - i. evidence that the priest who is requesting permission is both linguistically and rubrically prepared and competent to use the 1962 *Missale Romanum*.
 - ii. a testamentary written statement that the priest fully accepts the teaching and validity of the sacred liturgy promulgated and implemented in accord with the Second Vatican Council as the ordinary and proper means of worship for the Latin Church *sui iuris*.
 - iii. written agreement by the priest that he will use the 1962 *Missale Romanum*
 - a. only on a weekday;
 - b. when none of the faithful are able to be present;
 - c. not when the Mass would constitute bination on said weekday; and

- d. in a non-parish church, oratory, or private chapel (notwithstanding the requirement of 1.iii.b)¹
2. The permission outlined in section B will be given for one year or through June 30, whichever date occurs sooner following the granting of the permission (the same applies to the deacon noted below). Not more than two months and not less than one month before the expiry of that time, the priest or deacon must renew their request for the permission outlined in this section. No provision is made for automatic renewal.

Regional Mass for pre-existing stable groups of the Faithful:

- C. Pursuant to *TC* articles 3.1 and 3.2, public celebration of the Mass using the 1962 *Missale Romanum* will be permitted on Sunday-only at one location within each region of the Archdiocese determined by the Archbishop of Detroit;
 1. The location for the Central Region is St. Joseph Church and Shrine, Detroit. The remaining three locations will be designated by separate document. The other three locations may change according to the circumstance of the sacred place (e.g., it not being available for use on a given Sunday) or by discernment of the Archbishop of Detroit.
 2. The Regional Mass will only occur once each Sunday; St. Joseph Shrine Parish is exempt from this provision.
 3. A priest will be stably designated, *ad nutum episcopi*, to coordinate the celebration of the Mass using the 1962 *Missale Romanum* at each of these locations.
 - i. The designated priest, or other priests who assist with the Archbishop's permission, must provide:
 - a. a testamentary written statement that the priest fully accepts the teaching and validity of the sacred liturgy promulgated and implemented in accord with the Second Vatican Council as the ordinary and proper means of worship for the Latin Church *sui iuris*.
 - b. If said designated priest is not available for Sunday Mass (e.g., he is ill), he may ask another priest who has received the permission in section B to preside.
 4. The permission will be given for one year or through June 30, whichever date occurs sooner following the granting of the permission (the same applies to the deacon noted below). Not more than two months and not less than one month before the expiry of that time, the priest must renew their request for the permission outlined in this section. No provision is made for automatic renewal.
 5. Transitional or Permanent Deacons (transitional and permanent) may not participate in the Mass outlined in Section B and C.
 6. A priest possessing the permission outlined in section B of these norms may serve in the liturgical role of deacon.

¹ When a parish has more than one church building – usually as a result of two or more parishes merging – one of these churches is designated the parish church within the meanings of, by way of example, canons 857, 858, 934, and 1177.

7. The Faithful who present themselves for Sunday Mass are to be reminded at every Mass of their necessary belonging to a territorial (or personal) parish for which there are assigned priests who have full care of souls. The following text shall be used and placed in any printed materials or announced at each Mass:

“Those gathered for the celebration of Mass using the 1962 *Missale Romanum* are reminded that you belong to a parish for which priests are assigned for full care of souls and from whom the Faithful receive such care. Participation in this Mass is not a substitute for such care and the obligation to support your parish community.”

- D. A Delegate will be named to ensure that the provisions of these norms are implemented and observed throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit.
- E. Pursuant to Section C, the proclamation of Sacred Scripture within Mass using the 1962 *Missale Romanum* must be in the vernacular language employing translations of Sacred Scripture approved by the USCCB, as referenced on the USCCB website (cf., *TC* article 3§3 and *Responsa*).
- F. These norms for implementation of *TC* and the *Responsa* are subject to change and will be reviewed from time to time by the Archbishop of Detroit or his Delegate (cf., Section D).
- G. These revised implementation norms take force on July 1, 2025, with the prior editions of these implementation norms no longer having force.

The following, though unrelated to *TC*, nevertheless treat Divine Worship and are added to these norms for observance.

- H. Motivated by a unity proper for the Catholic community across the Archdiocese in our divine worship of God, use of the *ad orientem* posture by the priest when using the ordinary form of the Mass is no longer permitted and the Mass must be celebrated on a freestanding altar. If a permanent free standing altar is not already installed in the parish church it shall be installed no later than 180 days from the promulgation of these norms unless a dispensation for extension of time by which to erect a free standing altar is approved by the Archbishop of Detroit or a local Ordinary acting on his behalf.
- I. When celebrating the ordinary form of the Mass or any of the Church’s prescribed liturgies, no cleric or lay person may add, omit, or alter anything in the ordinary form of the Mass on his own authority (cf., canon 846), so that “*the truth of the faith as celebrated might appear ever more in all its beauty*” and “*how the reformed liturgy is the witness to an unchanged faith, the expression of a renewed ecclesiology, and the primary source of spirituality for Christian life*” (*Responsa*).



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Regional locations for Mass in the Archdiocese of Detroit pursuant to the *Traditionis Custodes* Implementation Norms issued June 12, 2025

Pursuant to Section C of the *Traditionis Custodes* Implementation Norms for the Archdiocese of Detroit issued June 12, 2025, the following churches will be used for the Regional Mass celebrated by a priest with permission from the Archbishop of Detroit to celebrate Mass using the 1962 *Missale Romanum*, notwithstanding:

- the need to establish an agreement with the respective parish or juridic person responsible for these sacred places;
- the immediate coordination of the Mass at these locations by the priest designated for such, who, with the exception of St. Joseph Shrine Parish, will not be the parish priest responsible for the parish that owns the sacred place; and
- instruction given by the Archbishop's delegate for the application of the *Traditionis Custodes* Implementation Norms for the Archdiocese of Detroit (revised June 12, 2025 and subsequent editions) concerning the Mass in these locations.

Central Region	St. Joseph Shrine Church, Detroit, which is the parish church of a personal parish
Northeast Region	St. Joseph Church, Port Huron
Northwest Region	Our Lady of Orchard Lake Chapel, Orchard Lake
South Region	St. Irene Church, Dundee

With the exception of the personal parish, Mass using the 1962 Missal in these places is not a parish Mass and, as such the parish *cannot* in any way publish the Mass (e.g., not in the parish bulletin or on its website, *et al.*).

Notwithstanding other agreements that preexist or may be required, sacred goods necessary for the celebration of the Mass will be obtained by and belong to the parish or juridic person that owns the property.

Notwithstanding other agreements that preexist or may be required, offerings made at Mass by the Faithful who attend Mass in these churches is considered to be a gift to the parish or juridic person that owns the sacred place and said parish or juridic person will acknowledge these gifts.

With the exception of the personal parish, those who attend Mass at these locations are to belong to a territorial (where they are domiciled) or personal parish and are to support said parish. Indeed, with the exception of the personal parish, those who attend Mass at these locations are to be informed of the following at each Mass:

“Those gathered for the celebration of Mass using the 1962 *Missale Romanum* are reminded that you belong to a parish for which priests are assigned for full care of souls and from whom the Faithful receive such care. Participation in this Mass is not a substitute for such care and the obligation to support your parish community.”

With the exception of the personal parish, these locations may be changed at the discretion of the Archbishop of Detroit and hosting Mass at these locations does not constitute an acquired right.