



**Monday, 19 September 2022**

Dear brothers in the ordained ministry,

As you would recall, on Friday, 16 July 2021, Pope Francis issued *motu proprio*, *Traditionis Custodes*, with an accompanying letter to his brothers in the Episcopate. Subsequently, I wrote to the clergy of the Archdiocese of Perth on Thursday, 22 July 2021. Within this letter, I indicated:

*'The pope's motu proprio makes it clear that decisions relating to the authorisation of the use of the 1962 Roman Missal now belong to the bishop of each diocese. The letter also makes clear that any determination by the local bishop must be in conformity with the directives of the motu proprio. It will take time and careful prayer and reflection for me to determine how best to implement the motu proprio in this Archdiocese ... Therefore, I will seek further advice in relation to these considerations.'*

In my letter of Thursday, 22 July 2021, I subsequently outlined a series of interim arrangements with respect to the celebration of the Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962 in the Archdiocese of Perth.

In acknowledgement of both the complexity and the need for pastoral sensitivity with respect to the implementation of *Traditionis Custodes* within the Archdiocese of Perth, I again wrote to each of you on Friday, 10 September 2021, with an invitation to share with me your thoughts and counsel with respect to this matter. I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the not insignificant number of you who took this opportunity to share with me your reflections and insights.

Prior to the Council of Priests meeting of Thursday, 23 September 2021, all clergy and Zones were invited to reflect on and submit responses to questions relevant to *Traditionis Custodes*. At its meeting on Thursday, 23 September 2021, I received the advice of the Council of Priests in relation to these questions, together with the responses received from each of the Zones, which were tabled at the meeting. A summary of the discussions of the Council of Priests regarding the implementation of *Traditionis Custodes* within the Archdiocese of Perth is reflected in the Minutes of this meeting.

In my most recent Pastoral Letter of Tuesday, 16 August 2022, and within the spirit of the Holy Father's apostolic letter, *Desiderio Desideravi*, I outlined a series of steps relating to Liturgical Renewal within the Archdiocese of Perth. Within my Pastoral Letter I took the opportunity to share with the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Perth the following reflections with respect to the implementation of *Traditionis Custodes* within our archdiocese:

*'I have moved slowly in implementing the new legislation of Pope Francis, and have consulted widely in the archdiocese and elsewhere. I have wanted to ensure that in responding to the Pope's very clear instructions to the Bishops of the world, I have also given myself the time to reflect on the Pope's directives, to seek advice, and to move with*



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*appropriate caution. What I do want to express in this letter is my deeply-held conviction that I, as a bishop, must faithfully implement the very clear directives of Pope Francis, according to both the letter of those directives and the intentions which underlie them'.*

In view of what I have outlined above, I have issued today, Monday, 19 September 2022, the norms for the implementation of the Apostolic Letter, *Traditionis Custodes*, of Pope Francis in the Archdiocese of Perth. The norms come into effect immediately. The Decree whereby these norms have been established accompanies this letter.

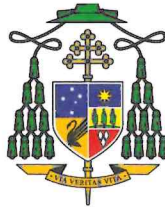
In accordance with Article 3 §4 of the Apostolic Letter, *Traditionis Custodes*, I have appointed Monsignor Michael Keating DCL, STL as my delegate. In considering my appointment of a priest delegate, I gave due consideration to Monsignor Keating's wide-ranging and ongoing liturgical and pastoral experience in celebrating the Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962, as well as his long-standing ministry as a canon lawyer. I take this opportunity to thank Monsignor Keating for accepting appointment as my Delegate.

If we are, as Saint Augustine suggests, called to become what we celebrate, then the Eucharist must be the greatest and clearest sign and effective instrument of the unity we share as brothers and sisters in the one community of faith. Just as the Holy Father seeks to bring about greater unity in the Church through the celebration of the Mass and sacraments according to the 1970 Roman Missal of Pope Paul VI, it is also my intention to follow the Holy Father's intention that those who seek to celebrate the Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962 are provided for in our archdiocese.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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**Archbishop of Perth**

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## DECREE

### Norms for the Implementation of the Motu Proprio *Traditionis Custodes*

Pope Francis issued *motu proprio* on 16 July 2021 his Apostolic Letter *Traditionis Custodes* on the use of the Roman Liturgy prior to the Reform of 1970<sup>1</sup>.

In a letter to his brothers in the Episcopate accompanying his Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis advised us that a principle for implementing his call for unity was ‘... to provide for the good of those who are rooted in the previous form of celebration and need to return in due time to the Roman Rite promulgated by Popes Paul VI and John Paul II’.<sup>2</sup>

In response to my invitation, I received the reflections and insights of individual clergy and of the Zones regarding the implementation of *Traditionis Custodes* in the Archdiocese of Perth. The Council of Priests, having deliberated on those reflections, presented me with their counsel as to its implementation.

I hereby decree the norms for the implementation of the Apostolic Letter, *Traditionis Custodes*, within the Archdiocese of Perth.

1. In accordance with Article 3 §4 of the Apostolic Letter, *Traditionis Custodes*, and having sought the counsel of the College of Consultors, I appointed Monsignor Michael Keating DCL, STL as my delegate on 18 August 2022.
2. In accordance with the provisions of the Apostolic Letter, *Traditionis Custodes*, Monsignor Keating is delegated:
  - 2.1 to oversee the implementation of the norms of the Apostolic Letter applicable within the Archdiocese of Perth;
  - 2.2 to supervise the process whereby a priest is to request authorisation from the Archbishop of Perth to celebrate the Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962;
  - 2.3 to ensure that a priest, authorised by the Archbishop of Perth to celebrate the Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962, is available for those groups permitted to celebrate this Mass;
  - 2.4 to ensure that those groups do not deny the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform, dictated by Vatican Council II and the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs; and
  - 2.5 to ensure that no new groups for celebrating the Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962 are established.

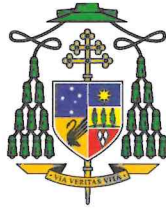
<sup>1</sup> POPE FRANCIS, Apostolic Letter: *Traditionis Custodes* issued *motu proprio* - On the Use of the Roman Liturgy prior to the Reform of 1970, 16 July 2021.

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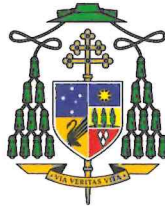
<sup>2</sup> POPE FRANCIS, Letter of the Holy Father Francis to the Bishops of the whole world that accompanies the Apostolic Letter issued *motu proprio* - *Traditionis Custodes*, 16 July 2021.

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3. In accordance with Article 3 §2 of the Apostolic Letter, *Traditionis Custodes*, the locations at which Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962 will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Perth are:
- the Church of St Anne at Belmont; and
  - the former parochial Church at Kelmscott.
- 3.1 The days on which Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962 will be celebrated at these locations are Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. The celebration of this Mass on any other day requires a special mandate from Monsignor Keating.
- 3.2 In these celebrations of the Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962 the readings are proclaimed in the vernacular language, using translations of the Sacred Scripture approved for liturgical use by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference [cf. Article 3 §3 Apostolic Letter *Traditionis Custodes*].
4. From the date of this Decree, and in accordance with the provisions of the Apostolic Letter, *Traditionis Custodes*, a priest who wishes to seek authorisation from the Archbishop of Perth to celebrate Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962, is to present his request in writing. Written requests for authorisation are to be emailed to the Archbishop of Perth: [archbishop@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:archbishop@perthcatholic.org.au)
- 4.1 All previous authorisations for priests to celebrate Mass using the Roman Missal approved by Pope John XXIII in 1962 have been abrogated [cf. Article 3 §3 Apostolic Letter *Traditionis Custodes*]. Priests who were previously authorised are now required to request authorisation from the Archbishop of Perth to continue to celebrate this Mass. These requests must be received by the Archbishop of Perth no later than **30 September 2022**.
- 4.2 When a written request has been received by the Archbishop of Perth, it will be referred to Monsignor Keating who will in-turn arrange to meet with the priest to ensure that he understands the conditions under which an authorisation may be granted and especially the declaration to be made in regard to “the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform, dictated by Vatican Council II and the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs” [cf. Article 3 §1 Apostolic Letter *Traditionis Custodes*].
- 4.3 Having completed the relevant formalities, Monsignor Keating will formally present the request to the Archbishop of Perth for his consideration and determination.
- 4.4 An authorisation issued by the Archbishop of Perth applies only within the Archdiocese of Perth.
5. Monsignor Keating will visit the various gatherings and celebrate Mass with each community. He will keep the Archbishop of Perth informed regularly as to the manner



in which the groups of Christ's faithful of the Archdiocese of Perth are responding to the call to unity and fidelity to the Magisterium of Pope Francis.

These norms come into effect on the same day as this Decree is issued.

Given at Griver House, Adelaide Terrace, Perth, on 19 September 2022.

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