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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 1970¹.

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’.²

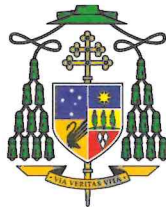
In response to my invitation, I received the reflections and insights of individual clergy and of the Zones regarding the implementation of *Traditionis Custodes* in the Archdiocese of Perth. The Council of Priests, having deliberated on those reflections, presented me with their counsel as to its implementation.

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

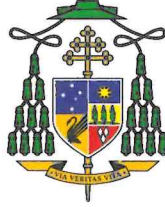
1. In accordance with Article 3 §4 of the Apostolic Letter, *Traditionis Custodes*, and having sought the counsel of the College of Consultors, I appointed Monsignor Michael Keating DCL, STL as my delegate on 18 August 2022.
2. In accordance with the provisions of the Apostolic Letter, *Traditionis Custodes*, 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.

¹ 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.

² https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/20210716-motu-proprio-traditionis-custodes.html
 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.
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2021/documents/20210716-lettera-vescovi-liturgia.html>



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
 - 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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