

Misconception: God Must Want These Changes Since They Have Occurred

To attempt to argue that the New Rite of Mass was directly willed by God seems contrary to logic. God is unchanging, and the limits of the New Rite speak for themselves. If we argue that the New Rite of Mass has been more beneficial to the faithful than the Old Rite, we are clearly in error. The Old Rite denies clear evidence to the contrary. Even if the New Rite is celebrated according to the rubrics, it would be an improvement to many problems which will still remain. The trouble is not so much the abuses (although that is a grave problem), but the changes. (The liturgical isle represents the rite which Cardinals and Bishops said they would like to see in the future, and which was formulated in Session XXII of the Council of Trent.)

Are we seriously to believe that God - who is unchanging - suddenly wanted us to drop a Mass which developed over the centuries under the guidance of Holy Spirit for one created by men in the 1960's with the assistance of Protestant "observers"? Are we to believe that God wanted us to abandon the Mass that was called "the most beautiful thing this side of heaven" and produced many saints for one that is plagued with abuse and one that even high-ranking prelates call "banal"? Common sense alone tells us that the changes - which have resulted in a loss of faith, rampant sacrilege, widespread heresy, a "near collapse" of the Church, and include changes which are contrary to the teachings, warnings or practice of many popes, saints, councils, and even those which oppose Scripture (e.g. 1 Cor. 14:33-35 / 1 Cor. 11:4-10) - could not be positively willed by God. In fact, not even Vatican II called for - or wanted - all the changes which have occurred. We must remember that the mere fact that something has happened, does not mean that God positively willed it, but rather that He tolerates it. In fact, we know that God tolerates many bad (and even evil) things - and the fact that they have occurred in no way means that God directly wills them.

Error: We Can't Have a Traditional Latin Mass at My Parish

Fact: Pope Benedict XVI's 77/07 Motu Proprio allows parishioners to request the traditional rite at their parish (both daily and on Sunday, as well as on feast days) absent from the pastor, who is supposed to "willingly" accept their request. Should he not do so, they may go to the bishop who is "strongly requested" to satisfy their wishes. If he also does not facilitate their request, they may have recourse to the Pontifical Commission "Ecclesia Dei". Ask your Pastor for this incomparable Mass today! *Ask your Pastor for this incomparable Mass today!*

"For the first 30ish years of my life, I attended the New Mass. I have to admit that I attended mostly out of a sense of duty, not wanting to go to hell for missing Mass. Now that I have found the Traditional Mass, I am in love with it. Not only will I do anything I possibly can to attend only this Mass, sparing no expense or trouble, but I look forward to it each week. No longer is Mass merely an obligation, but it is now a true joy. There is nothing like it on this earth." (Traditionalist Testimonies, G.C.)

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The Traditional Latin ("Tridentine") Mass

"Whatever could be conceived as more religious, whatever more excellent in beauty, whatever more sublime in power, this, you may be sure, belongs to God." (St. Ambrose of Milan, Doctor of the Church, c. 378 A.D.)

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Selected Latin Mass Facts

- The Traditional Latin Mass (the "Tridentine" Mass) is the Mass in use for most of the 2,000 years of the Catholic Church. Note: Although formally codified after the Council of Trent, the most important parts of the Mass are said to trace back to apostolic times.
- Many great saints, including St. John Bosco, St. Teresa, and St. Francis de Sales attended Mass in the Tridentine rite.
- Respected clergy, theologians, and laymen have considered the Tridentine Latin Mass the most perfect form of worship on Earth.
- The "Tridentine" Mass is a completely different rite of Mass than that said at most Catholic churches today. The Mass said in most Catholic churches today is the "Novus Ordo" (New Order) Mass which was codified by men in the 1960's. There are numerous and significant differences between the Novus Ordo Mass and the "Tridentine" Mass. Note: See below for more information on various differences.
- Even when the Novus Ordo Mass is said in Latin, there are still numerous and significant differences between it and the "Tridentine" Mass.
- "Latin Mass" does not mean a Spanish Mass. A "Spanish Mass" is a Novus Ordo Mass said in the Spanish language. There are numerous and significant differences between the Novus Ordo Mass and the "Tridentine" Mass.
- The "Tridentine" Mass is said to have been "authorized by the Holy Spirit", not by a committee.
- The "Tridentine" Mass uses an entirely different calendar than the Novus Ordo Mass.
- Both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have supported the desire for the Traditional Mass.
- The "Tridentine" Mass is still validly said in many Catholic parishes today and may be expected to see continued growth with the publication of Pope Benedict XVI's 77/07 Motu Proprio "Summorum Pontificum" which allows the faithful to request this Mass directly from their pastor who is to "willingly" accept their request.

Why The Latin Mass?

Although some may not be aware, Roman Catholics can still attend a traditional "Tridentine" Latin Mass, even in the 21st century. The Novus Ordo Missae ("New Order Mass"), promulgated in the 1960's and undergoing frequent "updating", is much more common today, but the traditional Latin Mass, "the Mass of all ages", is making a great comeback among Catholics of all ages.

Some might be wondering why anyone would still want to attend an "old Latin Mass" - we are in the 21st century. The majority of people probably don't know a thing about Latin and, to top it off, traditional Latin Masses have been pretty hard to come by, involve much silence, and require a lot of kneeling (for those physically able). So why bother attending one?

That's a great question that many Catholics are asking themselves. Nowadays, many younger people who were never exposed to the traditional Latin Mass are flocking to it with great joy. They are in love with the traditional Mass and have been willing to undergo long drives to attend licit Latin Masses, and may even be willing to uproot their entire family and move to be near them. Those blessed enough to remember attending the traditional Mass before the 1960's changes may also go through great pains to attend this incomparable Mass.

Reasons for such devotion are many, and may include:

- The great reverence of the Mass
- The great respect shown the Holy Eucharist
- The unquestionable Catholicity and orthodoxy of the Mass
- The lack of liturgical abuse, distraction, sacrilege, and profanation (which, unfortunately, are so common to Novus Ordo Masses)
- The prayerful atmosphere of the Mass
- The beauty and majesty of the Mass
- The fuller calendar
- The clear sense of the Mass as a sacrifice
- The clarity of the doctrine of the Real Presence
- The emphasis on our sinfulness and dependence on God
- The safeguards inherent in the Mass
- The clear vertical focus of the Mass
- And many other reasons...

Devotees may also point to the Mass' long history, its outstanding fruits, its ability to keep persons safe from modernism ("the synthesis of all heresies"), and the ability of the Mass to foster one's faith. It also preserves a link to our Catholic ancestors.

Furthermore, attendance at "Tridentine" Masses enables one to avoid the concerns so often associated with the Novus Ordo Mass. For example:

- Concern regarding the assistance of Protestant "advisors" in the fabrication of the Novus Ordo Mass
- Concern regarding the parallels between the Novus Ordo Mass and Protestant "worship services"
- Concern that the changes made to the Mass parallel the changes made by the 16th century Protestant Reformers who purposely introduced those changes to destroy the faith of Catholics
- Concern regarding the near elimination of all negative topics in the readings and prayers of the Novus Ordo Mass (e.g. references to sin, judgment, hell, purgatory, etc.)
- Concern that the Novus Ordo Mass fails to produce a sacred atmosphere conducive to prayer

Concern that the Novus Ordo Mass has a more horizontal focus

Concern regarding the blurring of the distinction between the lay and the priest in the Novus Ordo Mass

Concern over rampant liturgical abuse and novelties in the Novus Ordo Mass (e.g. altar girls, Communion in the hand, lay "ministers", etc.)

Concern over the bad fruits associated with the Novus Ordo Rite of Mass (e.g. reduced Mass attendance, loss of belief in the Real Presence, etc.)

Concern that at the Novus Ordo Mass, one is often unable to kneel, pray, etc.

Concern that it is often difficult to follow biblical precepts regarding worship in a Novus Ordo Mass (e.g. women in head coverings (1 Cor. 11:4-10), silence of women in church (1 Cor. 14:33-35), worship in reverence and awe (Heb. 12:28), etc.)

Concern regarding the unprecedented fabrication and imposition of a new Mass on the faithful

• Etc.

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