

Indult Masses Are Set Up In Dioceses To Destroy Tradition

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(Editor's Note: Many letters were sent to us regarding a comment made in the Letters to the Editor column in our July, 1996, issue. In response to a reader, we expressed our concerns about attending Indult Masses -- that is, those Masses which are said under the 1983 Indult and which, to our grave concern, are only allowed if the priests and people attending them agree that the Novus Ordo Missae is, side-by-side, equal in validity with the Tridentine Latin Mass.)

Our readers know our position on this issue. That is why we urge extreme caution in attending a Latin Mass being offered in any area which has been said to have the approval of the local bishop. It has been our experience that Indult Masses are set up in dioceses throughout the world to snuff out the work of a traditional chapel close by and, bit-by-bit, to bring traditional chapels and the people who attend Mass there, back under the umbrella of the conciliar church.

One such letter we received was from Fr. Bolduc, a priest of much experience in the Traditional Movement in the United States. His comments are a good expression of many we received on this point.)

The July, 1996, issue of *The Catholic Voice* was excellent as usual. I especially appreciated the fact that you brought to the attention of your readers that there is a pattern developing concerning the Indult Masses being usually allowed only in areas served by independent priests or those of the Society of St. Pius X. There is no question that the bishops, unable to destroy the faith of Traditional Catholics by attacking them for following priests who offer the Old Latin Mass, have now employed another means to achieve the same end. This very subject was discussed at the last bishops' meeting among bishops who have priests offering the Old Latin Mass in their areas.

In case there should be any doubt about their intentions, consider the following:

1. Bishops publically state that they view the Indult Mass as only a temporary thing to placate nostalgic Catholics.
2. At least three bishops have stated that they would allow priests of the Institute of Christ the King and the Fraternity of St. Peter to operate in their dioceses because:
 - A. These priests go only where they are invited by the bishop.
 - B. They can be effectively used to siphon traditional Catholics from private chapels operated by independent priests and those of SSPX.
 - C. These priests are always assigned where traditional priests are already well established.
 - D. In many instances, these priests share a church building with one or more novus ordo priests where the new liturgy

is celebrated at one hour and the Indult Mass at another hour on the same day. Often the table used for the novus ordo is pushed against the old altar to form one large altar for the celebration of the Latin Mass.

E. Hosts consecrated by the questionable novus ordo rite are frequently distributed at the Indult Mass.

F. Even well intentioned bishops can and are replaced by one means or another or can rescind their permission or change their minds whenever they want or when they feel the time is right.

G. Donations at the Latin Mass are shared with the diocese, and special collections are required to be taken and sent to the bishop who very frequently uses them for projects harmful to the Church and the Traditional Movement.

Here is an example from a group who attends an Indult Mass in Ohio and which avoided contributing to these "special" collections as they know these funds go toward liberal causes and even towards horrendous sex-education courses. They were recently told at Mass by their old priest that unless the contributions to the bishops projects showed a dramatic increase, the bishop had informed him that the Latin Indult Mass would be cancelled. Talk about offering worship to false gods!!!

One bishop told his priests (the information comes from a priest who was present) that, "As long as we can use these priests (Fraternity of St. Peter and Institute of Christ the King) to close down the traditional Latin Mass chapels in this diocese, we will do so." He added, "Once we have them (Traditionalists) under one roof, and under our control, it will be easier to introduce changes or to shut them down." This sounds almost identical to what happened when the novus ordo was forced down our throats.

Yes, we need support and peace among our traditional groups. However, this should not be peace at any cost. Priests who cooperate with bishops should have enough moral responsibility to make certain that they are not being used for an evil purpose. †

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Among the differences between the Tridentine Latin Mass and the novus ordo is the dress and conduct of the people at the liturgies of the conciliar church as compared to the time-honored customs of reverence in dress at Holy Mass. Not infrequently do those who come to the Tridentine Latin Mass for the first time feel out of place by the way they dress. This is especially true for women when they witness traditional parish members wearing hats or veils in church as a sign of respect for the Blessed Sacrament. As a premium for this issue, we are offering as a gift a simple chapel veil for all who send in a donation and who request this veil. †