



# DIOCESE OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS

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### Decree Implementing the Motu Proprio *Traditionis Custodes*

**September 10, 2021**

1. This decree supersedes the previous policy established by the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings providing guidance for the celebration of the 1962 Missale Romanum under *Summorum Pontificum*. The former policy is thus rescinded.
2. Priests of the Diocese who already celebrate Mass utilizing the 1962 Missale Romanum are authorized to continue celebrating Mass under this form and may receive the faculty upon request (TC Art. 5).
3. Given that there are no suitable locations other than parish churches, locations where Masses utilizing the 1962 Missale Romanum may be celebrated are: St. Luke's church (Corpus Christi Parish) in Great Falls; St. Leo the Great church in Lewistown; St. Anthony of Padua church in Laurel; St. Mary's church in Livingston (Art. 3 § 2). Readings are to be proclaimed in the vernacular language, using translations of the Sacred Scripture currently approved by the USCCB. Practices and arrangements of liturgical space and altar which merge elements of the 1962 Missale Romanum onto the Novus Ordo Masses are not permitted.
4. Celebration of Mass using the 1962 Missale Romanum is restricted to weekday Masses (which includes Saturdays) and is not to be used for Solemnities, Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (TC Art. 3 § 3). The normal ritual for weekday Mass remains the Novus Ordo Mass.
5. No new locations are allowed in which Mass may be celebrated using the 1962 Missale Romanum other than the locations cited under item 3 above. Priests who have been granted the faculty to celebrate Mass under the 1962 Missale Romanum may continue to do so privately.
6. Whereas *Summorum Pontificam* granted permission to use older rituals in the administration of the sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, Penance and Anointing of the Sick, priests and deacons celebrating these sacraments are to use the currently approved liturgical books.

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7. The Congregation of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer (Transalpine Redemptorists) erected under the Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei, may continue to use the 1962 Missale Romanum exclusively and associated rites as promulgated under their constitution (TC Art. 3, § 1).

**These directives are to be observed fully by Sunday, September 25, 2021**



Michael W. Warfel  
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