



# **DIOCESE OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS**

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

**February 9, 2022**

1. This decree supersedes the previous policy established by the Diocese of Great FallsBillings 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 The former policy is thus rescinded.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). Granting of the request to celebrate the 1962 Missale Romanun Mass will be for a three-year period but is renewable.
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 Nevus 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 Nevus Ordo Mass. Celebration of the Mass using the 1962 Missale Romanum is not to be held during regularly scheduled parish events.
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 Roman um may continue to do so privately.



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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 and not from the Rituale Romanum or the Pontificale Romanum.
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.)
8. Deacons and instituted ministers participating in celebrations using the Missale Romanum of 1962 must receive authorization from the diocesan bishop.
9. A parish priest or chaplain who celebrates on weekdays with the current Roman Missal is not permitted to binate celebrating Mass with the Missale Romanum of 1962 either with a group or privately.

**These updated directives are to be observed fully effective immediately.**

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