

AFF – Lent 2023

Handout – 5 Vatican II: The Aftermath

### End of Vatican II

Missale Romanum: Pope Paul VI April 3, 1969 (in effect Advent I 1969)

- Sacrosanctum Concilium (of Vatican II) established basis for new Missal
- The Preface provided a General Instruction
- 3 new Canons added
- “mysterium fidei” led to a new acclamation by the laity
- Homily, Prayer of the Faithful, and Penitential Rite restored
- Larger portion of Scripture will be read over a set cycle of 3 years
- Responsorial Psalm restored

### Quattuor Abhinc Annos (1984) (Indult for use of the Roman Missal 1962)

- Circular letter sent to all bishops from the Congregation for Divine Worship regarding the continuation of problems in holding on to the Latin Mass
- Pope grants to diocesan bishops the possibility of using an indult whereby priests, after request to their bishop, may be able to celebrate Mass using the Missal 1962 with stringent conditions

### Motu Proprio: Ecclesia Dei (1988) by Pope John Paul II

- “with great affliction” the church has learned of the episcopal ordination conferred June 30 by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre
- He and all 4 that were consecrated were excommunicated

### Priestly Society of Pope St. Pius X

- International fraternity of traditionalist Roman Catholic priests
- Founded by Archbp. Lefebvre: the leading oppositionist of Vatican II
- In 2022: membership: total 1,135 – 3 bishops, 707 priests, 268 seminarians

### Motu Proprio: Summorum Pontificum (Pope Benedict XVI on 07/07/07)

- Missal 1970 promulgated by Pope Blessed John XXIII is to be implemented on September 14, 2007
- “All priests may freely celebrate the Mass of the 1962 Missal as well as all sacraments”
- “There is no opposition between the liturgy renewed by the Second Vatican Council and this liturgy. A priest may use either form and needs no permission of a bishop to do so.”
- Benedict later commented that this motu proprio was “an act of tolerance with a pastoral aim”

### Motu Proprio: Traditionis Custodes (Pope Francis on 07/16/21)

- Missal of 1970 is the unique expression of the Roman Rite
- The diocesan bishop has the right to authorize use of the 1962 Missal according to the guidelines of the Apostolic See
- Previous norms that do not conform are abrogated
- This document takes effect immediately

- Very stringent restrictions on the use of the Tridentine Rite
- “There is only one Roman Rite.”

#### Pope Francis’ Criticism of Pope Benedict

- Benedict’s reform has become a source of division in the church and has been exploited by Catholics opposed to Vatican II
- Benedict’s reform backfired

#### Criticism of Pope Francis

Where do we go from here?