



MOST REVEREND JOSEPH R. KOPACZ, D.D., PH.D.
CATHOLIC DIOCESE *of* JACKSON

**DECREE PROMULGATING NORMS
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
MOTU PROPRIO OF POPE FRANCIS, *TRADITIONIS CUSTODES*
IN THE DIOCESE OF JACKSON**

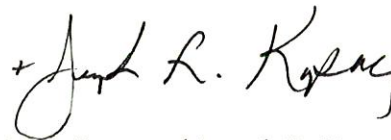
Having studied and consulted concerning the *motu proprio* of the Holy Father Pope Francis, *Traditionis custodes* (TC), which governs the use of the older forms of the Sacred Liturgy, I, Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, hereby decree the following norms for the Diocese of Jackson, effective immediately:

1. Since it will contribute to the spiritual good of the faithful, to the extent that it may be needed, a dispensation is granted in accordance with canon 87 § 1 of the Code of Canon Law from TC, art. 3 § 2, in order to continue authorizing the use of the Missale Romanum 1962 on any or all days of the year at the parish church of St. Jude in Pearl.
2. The celebration of other sacraments using the *usus antiquior* (i.e. Baptisms, First Communions, Marriage) will be solely at St. Jude in Pearl. Since it is reserved for the Bishop, the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Jackson will be celebrated using the 1970 Missale Romanum only.
3. TC, art. 3 § 3 states that “in these celebrations the readings are proclaimed in the vernacular, using translations of the Sacred Scripture approved for liturgical use by the respective Episcopal Conferences.”
4. According to TC, art. 5, “Priests who already celebrate according to the Missale Romanum 1962 should request from the Diocesan Bishop the authorization to continue to enjoy this faculty.” Therefore, any priest ordained prior to July 16, 2021, is to request permission of the Diocesan Bishop in writing.
5. Outside of St. Jude in Pearl, those priests who possess the requisite faculty may celebrate non-scheduled, non-publicized, non-public Masses in a sacred place with the explicit permission of the Diocesan Bishop; this includes all visiting priests to the diocese. These Masses may admit a single minister to make the requisite responses and assist the celebrant during Mass. To be in accord with diocesan Protection of Children directives, the server/minister must be 18 years of age or older. The norm of TC, art. 3 § 3, pertaining to

the vernacular readings, is presumed not to apply to these non-public celebrations outside of St. Jude in Pearl.

6. Public Masses according to the Missale Romanum 1962 with a congregation outside St. Jude in Pearl may not be scheduled under any circumstances.
7. A mingling of the rubrics, vesture and elements of the 1962 and 1970 Missale Romanum is prohibited.
8. All other directives listed in TC are to be strictly kept.

Given at the Chancery in Jackson this 7th day of October 2021, Our Lady of the Rosary.

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Most Reverend Joseph R. Kopacz, DD, PhD
Bishop of Jackson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Woodward". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mary Woodward
Chancellor

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