

Tridentine Rite

The week of 11th-17th November 2007

"I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world"

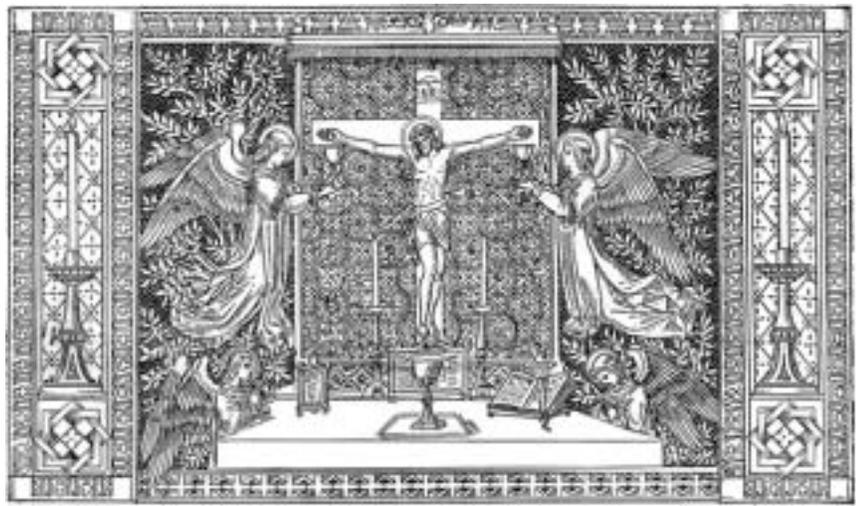
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Encyclical of His Holiness Pope Pius XII on the Sacred Liturgy November 20, 1947

Therefore, they are to be praised who, with the idea of getting the Christian people to take part more easily and more fruitfully in the Mass, strive to make them familiar with the "Roman Missal," so that the faithful, united with the priest, may pray together in the very words and sentiments of the Church. They also are to be commended who strive to make the liturgy even in an external way a sacred act in which all who are present may share. This can be done in more than one way, when, for instance, the whole congregation, in accordance with the rules of the liturgy, either answer the priest in an orderly and fitting manner, or sing hymns suitable to the different parts of the Mass, or do both, or finally in high Masses when they answer the prayers of the minister of Jesus Christ and also sing the liturgical chant.

These methods of participation in the Mass are to be approved and recommended when they are in complete agreement with the precepts of the Church and the rubrics of the liturgy. Their chief aim is to foster and promote the people's piety and intimate union with Christ and His visible minister and to arouse those internal sentiments and dispositions which should make our hearts become like to that of the High Priest of the New Testament. However, though they show also in an outward manner that the very nature of the sacrifice, as offered by the Mediator between God and men,[102] must be regarded as the act of the whole Mystical Body of Christ, still they are by no means necessary to constitute it a public act or to give it a social character. And besides, a "dialogue" Mass of



this kind cannot replace the high Mass, which, as a matter of fact, though it should be offered with only the sacred ministers present, possesses its own special dignity due to the impressive character of its ritual and the magnificence of its ceremonies. The splendor and grandeur of a high Mass, however, are very much increased if, as the Church desires, the people are present in great numbers and with devotion.

Liturgical Ordo of Pope Bl. John XXIII

Sunday XXIV after Pentecost, 2nd CL.

Monday, St. Martin, 3rd CL.

Tuesday, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 3rd CL.

Wednesday, St. Josaphat, 3rd CL.

Thursday, St. Albert the Great, 3rd CL.

Friday, St. Gertrude, 3rd CL.

Saturday, St. Gregory, 3rd CL

