

An Additional Mass in Latin to be Celebrated

Bishop Brown oversees all aspects of the liturgical life of our local Church. This includes the implementation of *Ecclesia Dei*, a 1988 apostolic letter by Pope John Paul II in which he recognized the "rightful aspirations" of all Catholics who wished to worship according to traditional forms and called upon bishops to apply both widely and generously the indult, *Quattor abhinc annos*, issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship on October 3, 1984. A similar *moto proprio* is expected soon from Pope Benedict XVI.

Bishop Brown has listened to the concerns of those faithful of our local Church who are attached to the older liturgical form of the Mass, i.e., the Missal of 1962, often referred to as the "Tridentine Mass." Although one such Mass is currently celebrated each Sunday morning at 8:00 AM at the historic Serra Chapel of Mission San Juan Capistrano, the level of interest is such that Bishop Brown has directed that an additional Mass utilizing the *Missale Romanum – editio typica 1962* (Latin Mass) will be celebrated "*ad experimentum*" at the John Paul II Polish Center, located at 3999 Rose Drive in Yorba Linda, on Sundays at 7:00 AM. The first Mass at that location will be celebrated on the 25th of February 2007, the First Sunday of Lent.

Bishop Brown made his decision after consultation with his College of Consultors and with the agreement of Fr. George Blais, the director of the Center, and the willingness of the Rt. Reverend Eugene Hayes O. Praem., Abbot of St. Michael's Abbey, to supply priests able to celebrate these Masses fittingly. It is hoped that this additional location, one that can accommodate a larger number of the faithful, will be of pastoral benefit to those who are attached to this older form of the Mass.

It is the role of the Diocesan Bishop to be at the service of *communio* within the Church that he is called to shepherd. May this broader and more generous application of the norms articulated in *Ecclesia Dei* be a sign of this solicitude for all God's Holy People in the Diocese of Orange.

