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**DIOCESE OF  
ROCKFORD**

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# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

## **STATEMENT FROM THE DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF *Motu Proprio TRADITIONIS CUSTODES***

*Traditionis Custodes* ("Guardians of the Tradition") is the papal document, issued by Pope Francis on Friday, July 16 and effective immediately, placing limits on and allowing individual bishops across the globe to authorize the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass using the 1962 *Missale Romanum* in their respective dioceses.

### **After receiving the letter and on preliminary review Bishop David Malloy states the following:**

"Having received *Traditionis Custodes*, I am working with the diocesan canonists and the Office of Divine Worship to implement faithfully what has been asked by the Holy Father with respect to the Traditional Latin Mass, keeping in mind the tradition, as well as the history, beauty, theology, and the instruction of the liturgy of the Church throughout history and in our own time.

"There are aspects of this *motu proprio* that need more study before I can confidently make final decisions in regard to the celebration of the Mass according to the 1962 *Missale Romanum* and implementing the norms given in the Holy Father's *motu proprio*.

"In the meantime, the celebration of the Mass using the 1962 *Missale Romanum* will be allowed to continue at those locations in the Diocese of Rockford and by those priests as previously permitted.

"Forthcoming decisions on further implementation of *Traditionis Custodes* will be communicated directly to the priests and parishes of the diocese as well as published in *The Observer Catholic* newspaper and on the Diocese of Rockford web site."

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