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With the motu proprio Traditionis Custodes (TC) of July 16, 2021, which entered immediately into force, Pope Francis has established that "The liturgical books promulgated by the Holy Pontiffs Paul VI and John Paul II, in conformity with the decrees of the Second Vatican Council, are the only expression of the lex orandi of the Roman Rite" (TC Art. 1). In the letter accompanying the motu proprio, the Roman Pontiff exhorted the bishops to “work for a return to a unitary form of celebration, verifying case by case the reality of the groups celebrating with this Missale Romanum.” At the same time, the Holy Father has entrusted to the diocesan Bishops the exclusive competence to authorize, in their dioceses, the use of the Missale Romanum edited by St. John XXIII in 1962, always in the light of the guidelines of the Apostolic See, indicated in the same motu proprio TC (cfr. Art. 2).

In Guadalajara, following the regulations established by St. John Paul II, especially with the motu proprio Ecclesia Dei (ED) (1988) and later expanded by the motu proprio Summorum Pontificum (SP) of Pope Benedict XVI (2007), the stable celebration of the Mass according to the extraordinary form of the Roman Rite, foreseen by the above mentioned documents, officiated by the presbyters of the SACERDOTAL FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER IN CHAINS, was allowed, first in the church of St. Peter the Apostle (Vallarta Poniente) and successively in the church of Our Lady of the Pillar, and the quasi parish of the same title was instituted. Pastorally I have received ample information uninterruptedly regarding the consequences for this archdiocese and other archdioceses and dioceses of Mexico. We are, therefore, in a position to proceed to fulfill the motu proprio Traditionis Custodes in the Archdiocese of Guadalajara.

Therefore, with the present

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the following is hereby established:

- 1) It is authorized to continue the above-mentioned Mass according to the 1962 Missal (art. 2 TC), with the sole proclamation of the readings in the vernacular, using the translation of Sacred Scripture approved by the Mexican Episcopal Conference (art. 3 §3 TC);
- 2) The celebrations will be carried out without adding to those already established (art. 3 §3 TC). Once the time of the pandemic is over, the number of celebrations will be reviewed in each case.
- 3) It will continue to be held only in the church of Our Lady of the Pillar on a daily basis; on weekdays only one Mass in the Chapel of Christ the King; and on Sundays in the Chapel of

Christ the King, on Sundays and Tuesdays in the parish of St. Francis Xavier of the Hills (art. 3 §2 TC);

- 4) The celebrations inside the House of Formation, or another House of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter in Chains present in the Archdiocese, will be regulated according to the directives of the CONGREGATION FOR THE INSTITUTES OF CONSECRATED LIFE AND THE SOCIETIES OF APOSTOLIC LIFE, remembering that this chapel, and similar ones, do not have the permission of public worship of this Archdiocese, it is reserved only to the members in formation of this Fraternity.
- 5) The quasi-parish of St. Peter in Chains (art. 3, §2) is also hereby canonically suppressed (art. 3 §2, §5 and §6 TC);
- 6) The person in charge of the celebration and of the pastoral care of the faithful who participate will soon be made known (art. 3 §4 TC);
- 7) According to the provisions of the motu proprio TC, other possible celebrations according to the Roman Missal of 1962 must obtain, on a case by case basis, the corresponding authorization (art. 2 TC) and only in the two places assigned;
- 8) The priests who intend to celebrate according to the Roman Missal of 1962 must be authorized, on a case by case basis, to do so, according to the norms of the motu proprio TC:

- in art. 4, concerning priests ordained after the publication of the motu proprio, for which the Apostolic See is to be consulted;

-in art. 5, concerning presbyters who are already celebrating according to the Missale Romanum of 1962, and regarding whom whom the Apostolic See is to be consulted.

- in both cases, each priest will present to me the corresponding signed request, giving the reasons for such a request, along with which he must formally declare that:

A) He does not exclude the validity and legitimacy of the liturgical reform and of the dictates of the Second Vatican Council and of the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs (art. 3 §1 TC);

B) He also recognizes that the only expression of the lex orandi of the Roman Rite are the liturgical books promulgated by the Holy Pontiffs Paul VI and John Paul II (art. 1 TC);

C) That he is obliged to celebrate ordinarily according to the norm of the liturgical books promulgated by the Holy Pontiffs Paul VI and John Paul II (art. 1 TC), including the Holy Eucharist, in cases where he does not have the exceptional explicit authorization to follow the 1962 edition of the Missale Romanum, or the other Sacraments, in all cases without exception (since previous norms, instructions, concessions and customs that do not conform to the provisions of the motu proprio are abrogated. Art. 8).

As I am making these provisions to provide in our Archdiocese for "the good of all those who are attached to the form of celebration preceding the Second Vatican Council and need time to return to the Roman Rite promulgated by Saints Paul VI and John Paul II" (Cfr. POPE FRANCIS, Letter to the Bishops of the whole world to present the Motu proprio "Traditionis Custodes," 16 July 2021), it is my

duty to ask everyone for a renewed commitment to see to it “that every liturgy is celebrated with decorum and fidelity to the liturgical books promulgated after the Second Vatican Council, without eccentricities that easily degenerate into abuses,” as Pope Francis exhorts in the aforementioned letter. The healthy liturgical tradition, which has left an unmistakable mark on our local Church, is a beautiful garden to be cultivated with a new love and passion, without resigning ourselves to tiredness and laziness that – even if they do not usually degenerate into serious abuses – end up weakening the formidable strength of the liturgy, from which the Church is always born and constructed.

Given at the Archbishop's Curia, in Guadalajara, Jal., on the 21st day of the month of September in the Year of the Lord 2021, Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist and the full anniversary of the 525th anniversary of the first baptisms in Latin America.

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