



DICASTERIUM DE CULTU DIVINO
ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

Prot. N. 446/25

Vatican City, 8 September 2025

Your Excellency,

The Dicastery received your letter of 1 July last in which you ask that the dispensation from art. 3 § 2 of the Motu proprio *Traditionis custodes*, which was granted by a decree dated 30 May 2023 (Prot. N. 279/23), so that Mass according to the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 could be celebrated in the parish church of Saint Patrick, Iowa City, be renewed for a further period, and that a new dispensation be granted to the parish church of Saint Alphonsus, Davenport, thus replacing that which was in place for Holy Family Parish, Davenport.

Having considered the information contained in your letter the Dicastery is pleased to note how matters have developed in Saint Patrick's while at the same time acknowledging the difficulties which were encountered in Holy Family Parish. From your account it is obvious that it will take more time to ensure that the path traced by the late Pope Francis in his Motu proprio is completely followed so that the members of the faithful who are attached to the antecedent ritual form develop an ever greater appreciation for the Church's unique *lex orandi*. In this context your request to seek a dispensation for the parish church of Saint Alphonsus in Davenport seems prudent.

Therefore, attached to this letter you will find the decree by which the dispensation for the parish church of Saint Patrick, Iowa City, is granted for a further **two years**, while a new dispensation is granted to the parish church of Saint Alphonsus for **two years**. We ask that you continue resolutely to lead the faithful who are attached to the anterior ritual form towards a full appreciation and acceptance of the liturgical books renewed by decree of the Second Vatican Council and promulgated by Popes Saint Paul VI and Saint John Paul II.

(attachment)

His Excellency
Most Reverend Denis G. WALSH
Bishop of Davenport
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Perhaps one further step on this path would be to suggest to the groups involved that, once a month, one of the Masses usually celebrated according to the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 be celebrated in Latin using the *editio typica tertia* (2008) of the current *Missale Romanum*.

We look forward to hearing from Your Excellency towards the end of this further two-year period and to your evaluation of the situation at that point. Obviously, should you wish then to renew the dispensation for a further period of time it will be necessary to provide another *relatio* detailing the number of participants at these Masses as well as recounting the steps taken to lead the faithful who are attached to the antecedent liturgy towards the celebration of the liturgy according to the liturgical books which form the unique expression of the *lex orandi* of the Roman Rite.

We are grateful for Your Excellency's diligence in overseeing the correct application of the *Motu proprio Traditionis custodes* and we remain at your disposal should you require any further assistance in this regard.

With every good wish and kind regard, I am,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+ Vittorio Francesco Viola, O.F.M.

✠ Vittorio Francesco Viola, O.F.M.
Archbishop Secretary



+ Aurelio Garza (mauris)
Undersecret.



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DAVENPORTENSIS

Instante Excellentissimo Domino Dionysio Gerardo Walsh, Episcopo Davenportensi, litteris die 1 mensis iulii 2025 datis, vigore facultatum peculiarium huic Dicasterio a Summo Pontifice LEONE XIV tributarum, attentis expositis, licentiam celebrandi secundum Missale Romanum a sancto Ioanne XXIII anno 1962 promulgatum, in ecclesia parœciali Deo in honorem sancti Patricii dicata, in oppido v.d. *Iowa City*, perlibenter concedimus *in aliud biennium*. Item, novam licentiam celebrandi secundum idem Missale Romanum in ecclesia parœciali Deo in honorem sancti Alfonsi dicata, in urbe Davenportensi, *ad biennium* concedimus, servatis semper de iure servandis.

Transacto biennio, relatio de utraque licentia ad hoc Dicasterium transmittatur.

Contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus.

Ex ædibus Dicasterii de Cultu Divino et Disciplina Sacramentorum, die 8 mensis septembris 2025, in festo Nativitatis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis.

Arturus Card. Roche
Præfectus

✠ Victoriuss Francisus Viola, O.F.M.
Archiepiscopus a Secretis



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CONTRIBUTO ECONOMICO PER I DECRETI

Decreto Prot. N.	446/25
del	08/09/2025
a favore di	Diocesi di Davenport
oggetto	<i>Rinnovo della dispensa del art. 3 § 2 del MP Traditionis custodes affinché la Messa secondo il Missale Romanum del 1962 possa essere celebrata nella chiesa parrocchiale di Saint Patrick a Iowa City, e si concede la dispensa per la chiesa parrocchiale di Saint Alphonsus a Davenport.</i>
importo	250 €
data	08/09/2025

Firma amministratore

Firma richiedente

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1. in CONTANTI presso la sede del Dicastero;

2. presso la Nunziatura Apostolica;

3. con ASSEGNO BANCARIO intestato a:
Dicastero per il Culto Divino e la Disciplina dei Sacramenti.

4. GIROCONTO I.O.R.

Intestatario: Dicastero per il Culto Divino e la Disciplina dei Sacramenti

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5. BONIFICO BANCARIO

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