

Charlotte Church Calendar

507 South Tryon Street
B—St. Patrick's ED 4-2293
 1621 Dilworth Road East
C—Assumption FR 5-5187
 2105 Shenandoah Ave. at the Plaza
D—Consolation FR 5-4330
 (1) 1121 Beattie's Ford Road
 (2) St. Mary's 116 N. McDowell St.
E—St. Ann's FR 5-2033
 800 Hildebrand Avenue

Holy Mass	Sunday	Holy Day	Daily
6:30 a.m.	A	AB	B
7:00	B	CD-2	CE
7:30		B	AD-2
8:00	ACED-1	AC	B
8:15	B		C
8:30		B	
9:00	AC	AC	
9:30	BD-1	B	
10:00	AE	A	
10:30	C	B	
10:45	B		
11:00	AD-2		
12:00	ABCE		
12:15 p.m.		A	
6:30		C	
7:30		A	
8:00		D-2	
Confessions p.m.	Saturday	Holy Days	1st Friday
4:00-4:30	AD-2	A	A
5:00-5:30	BCD-2	B	BC
7:30-8:00	AD-2	A	A
8:00-9:00	BCD-2E	B	BC

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Holy Father Writes Prayer For Orphans

VATICAN CITY — A special prayer to Our Lady to be recited by orphans has been composed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The Holy Father composed it at the request of the Somaschi Fathers, who run schools and orphanages.

The text of the prayer is: "Hail, O most pure virgin, most powerful queen, whom the human family calls by the most sweet name of mother! We who cannot call upon an earthly mother because we never knew her or lost her sweet and needed help so soon, we turn to you with the certainty that you will be a mother especially for us. "If it is true that our condition arouses pity, compassion and love in all others, so much more will we arouse them in you, who are the most loving, most tender and most compassionate of all pure creatures.

"O true mother of all orphans, we take refuge in your immaculate heart, certain of finding there all the consolations our desolate hearts seek. We put all our confidence in you, so that your motherly hand may guide us and support us along the difficult path of life.

"Bless all those who help us and protect us in your name. Reward our benefactors and those who have been chosen to dedicate their lives to us.

Above all, always be our mother, moulding our hearts, illuminating our minds, tempering our wills, adorning our souls with all the virtues and protecting us from those evil ones who would harm us and would have us lost forever.

"Finally, our most beloved mother, our delight and our hope, carry us to Jesus, your own Dear Child, so that, if we may not enjoy the happiness of a mother here below, we may be all the more worthy of you in this life and afterwards enjoy your motherly love and your presence for eternity, joined with that of your Divine Son, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen."

Cardinal: Pope Reforms Liturgy For All To Share Christ's Life

ASSISI — The Cardinal in charge of the Church's official worship said the "principal and only reasons" for the many reforms in the liturgy made by His Holiness Pope Pius XII is his desire that the "faithful live truly the life of Christ."

The head of the Sacred Congregation of Rites said the Pope's reforms have not been motivated by the demands of the times, new desires or tastes, or a desire to return to antiquity.

"The motive and cause of every liturgical rule," he said, "... is whatever serves to unite souls to God..."

His Eminence Gaetano Cardinal Cicognani made the point in opening the International Congress of Pastoral Liturgy here. Theme of the Congress was "The Pastoral-Liturgical Renewal in the Pontificate of Pius XII."

The liturgy is the official public worship of the Church — the Mass, the other sacraments and the divine office. The liturgical movements in the various countries have been chiefly concerned with focusing attention on this official public worship and the role of the laity in it.

The basic aim of the congress, said Cardinal Cicognani, was to review the "admirable activities of Pope Pius XII in the field of pastoral liturgy." He said such a review was being made in a "spirit of loyalty and reverence which every one of the faithful ought to nourish toward the supreme Shepherd who guides us."

In his address, Cardinal Cicognani said, to see in the various liturgy "is precisely that of leading the faithful to form a very compact union in the Mystical Body of which Christ is the Head." He said its aim is also to lead the faithful "to participate in an equal manner in the liturgical rites."

It would be a mistake, said the head of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, to see in the various liturgical reforms a nostalgia for ancient formulas, "a kind of romanticism based on esthetic or mystical motives, a sentimentalism for things past."

"No, absolutely no," said the Cardinal. "The principal and, we might say, the only reason of such reforms and reorderings consists in the ardent desire that the faithful live truly the life of Christ."

He spoke of two "bold steps" that the Pope has taken to enable the faithful to "take part with more

ease in the sacrifice of the altar ... and [to] exercise their 'royal priesthood.'"

"I refer," said Cardinal Cicognani, "to the evening Masses and the restored ordo of Holy Week." He continued:

"The evening Masses seemed like a superfluous novelty; but their pastoral character was seen immediately. Experience has since demonstrated how useful they are for those who cannot fulfill the Sunday precept, or can fulfill it only with great difficulty.

"So also was the new ordo of Holy Week inspired by pastoral considerations ... Far from weakening or disturbing the piety of the faithful, the new ordo has increased that piety in an admirable manner. Even those who did not seem favorable have had to change their minds in the face of the splendid reality. They themselves have affirmed that the outcome has been superior to every expectation.

"Again, and I insist once more on this point, the motive of the reform was a deeply anxious pastoral solicitude and not, as some may have thought, a desire — praiseworthy in itself, for that matter — to call back ancient ceremonies to new life."

The Vatican official praised the Latin language as a sign of the universality and unity of the Church. He said the inability of the faithful to understand the Sacred Rites in Latin "does not necessarily demand the substitution of the vernacular."

"The Latin language," he continued, "is not simply a means of communication ... it helps us to understand 2,000 years of civilization and culture." Latin's precision has served theologians to advantage, he added.

"It is true," he continued, "that our people today do not succeed as in past centuries in understanding sacred rites in the Latin tongue. But this does not necessarily demand the substitution of the vernacular, for sacred rites can also be understood by means of a good translation."

It is erroneous, he said, to insist that the people should read in their missals all that the priest reads at the altar, for the priest has his own part in carrying out liturgical functions and the faithful have theirs.

However, he added, the faithful do participate in an equal manner in the Holy Sacrifice. For this reason their participation and understanding of the rites should be encouraged "by wise and constant effort."

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