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CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS

Prot. N. 309/14

DECREE

The Lord Jesus, the Eternal Shepherd, having been raised from the dead and taken up into heaven, did not abandon his flock, but through the ages guards and governs them with the continual protection of those he has made his vicars. Conformed to the Shepherd of Shepherds and serving the sheep of his flock with true charity, Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II stand out among these Popes.

Truly they have not despised the Cross of Christ and the wounds of the brethren and, filled with the boldness of the Holy Spirit, have offered to the Church and to the world outstanding living testimony to the kindness and mercy of God, who loves all things which he has called into being, and spares all, because they are his (cf. Wisdom 11, 24-26). Moreover, these two successors of the Fisherman have themselves increased among the People of God the living hope and indescribable joy that have been accumulated by the gift of the risen Lord (cf. 1 Peter 1, 3.8), for which in turn the People of God have honoured them with grateful and everlasting remembrance. Furthermore, the Church recalls with fervent prayers the excellence of life and doctrine and that “science of love” shining forth, which derives from the illumination of the Spirit through the experience of the mysteries of God, by which she has benefited from their pastoral care and now rejoices spiritually at their intercession.

Having weighed the considerable excellence of these great and holy Pontiffs as an example of the virtues for the clergy and the Christian faithful, and as nourishing their life in Christ, the Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS, taking into consideration the universal wishes of the People of God from many and diverse regions of the world, has decreed that the celebrations of Pope Saint John XXIII and Pope Saint John Paul II should be inserted into the General Roman Calendar, to be observed annually with the rank of Optional Memorial, the first on 11 October, the second on 22 October.

These new Memorials are therefore to be inserted in every order for the celebration of Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, and reference to them is to be printed henceforth in the liturgical books, published under the authority of the Conferences of Bishops.

With regard to the liturgical texts in honour of Pope Saint John Paul II, those attached to the decree of this Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments for 2 April 2011 (Prot. N. 118/11/L) have already been approved and issued and are to be maintained. With regard to the texts in honour of Pope Saint John XXIII, those here attached are to be used, and by virtue of this decree, are now declared typical and are to be sent to the press.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 29 May 2014, on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

✠ ANTONIO Card. CAÑIZARES LLOVERA
Prefect

✠ ARTHUR ROCHE
Archbishop Secretary



CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
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Prot. n. 354/19

FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

At the request of the Most Eminent Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, made in a letter dated 5 July 2019, in virtue of the faculties granted to this Congregation by the Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS, we are delighted to confirm the texts and variations which have been added to the Roman Missal and Liturgy of the Hours relevant to the feast of Saint Mary Magdalene and the optional memorials of Popes Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II, set forth in the English language, as it stands in the attached copy.

In the printed edition, this Decree, by which the Apostolic See has granted the requested *confirmatio*, must be inserted in its entirety.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 22 July 2021, on the Feast of St Mary Magdalene.

✠ ARTHUR ROCHE
Prefect

✠ AURELIUS GARCÍA MACÍAS
Bishop Undersecretary



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE
OF ENGLAND & WALES

DECREE OF PUBLICATION

In accord with the norms established by the Holy See, the texts and variations which have been added to the Roman Missal and Liturgy of the Hours relevant to the feast of Saint Mary Magdalene and the optional memorials of Popes Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II, and is published by authority of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

The texts and variations which have been added to the Roman Missal and Liturgy of the Hours were canonically approved for use by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on 19 April 2018, and subsequently confirmed by the Apostolic See by decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on 22 July 2021 (Prot. n. 354/19).

Given at the General Secretariat of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, London, on 26 July 2021, the memorial of Saints Joachim and Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

✠ VINCENT Cardinal NICHOLS
Archbishop of Westminster
President

Rev. Canon CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
General Secretary

THE ROMAN MISSAL

11 October

Saint John XXIII, Pope

From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in Pope Saint John the Twenty-Third
have given a living example of Christ, the Good Shepherd,
to shine throughout the whole world,
grant us, we pray,
that, through his intercession,
we may joyfully pour out
an abundance of Christian charity.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

LECTIONARY

From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view, so shall I keep my sheep in view.

The Lord says this: 'I am going to look after my flock myself...'

[Lectionary II: 1480]

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22 (23): 1-3. 4. 5. 6. R. 1

℟. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

[Lectionary II: 1481]

Alleluia verse before the Gospel

John 10:14

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

[Lectionary II: 1500]

Gospel

John 21:15-17

Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.

Jesus showed himself to his disciples, and after they had eaten he said to Simon Peter...

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THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in the village of Sotto il Monte in the province of Bergamo in Italy in 1881. At the age of eleven he entered the diocesan seminary and then completed his studies at the Pontifical Roman Seminary. In 1904 he was ordained a priest and became secretary to the Bishop of Bergamo. In 1921 he entered the service of the Apostolic See as President of the Central Council for Italy of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith; in 1925 he became Apostolic Visitor and then Apostolic Delegate to Bulgaria and, in 1935, to Turkey and Greece; in 1944 he was named Apostolic Nuncio to France. In 1953 he was created Cardinal and made Patriarch of Venice. In 1958 he was elected Supreme Pontiff. During his pontificate he convened the Roman Synod, established the Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law, and summoned the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. He died in Rome on the evening of 3 June 1963.

From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope.

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Second Reading

From the addresses of Saint John XXIII, Pope

(At the solemn inauguration of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, 11 October 1962: AAS 54 [1962], 786-787, 792-793)

The Church is the most loving mother of all

Mother Church rejoices that, by a singular gift of Divine Providence, the most longed-for day has now dawned when, under the patronage of the Virgin Mother of God, whose maternal dignity is commemorated on this feast, the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council solemnly begins here at the tomb of Blessed Peter.

Truly, the very serious issues and questions that the human race needs to resolve have not changed after almost twenty centuries. Indeed, Christ Jesus always holds the central place in history and life. People either adhere to him and his Church, and so enjoy the goods of light, sweetness, right order and peace; or else they live without him or act against him and deliberately remain outside the Church. And so they cause confusion among themselves, bitterness in human relationships, and the imminent danger of bloody wars.

At the beginning of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, it is evident, as always, that the truth of the Lord will remain for ever. Indeed, as one age gives way to another, we see that uncertain human opinions take over one from another; and often errors vanish as soon as they are born, like mist dispersed by the sun.

The Church has never failed to oppose these errors, and has even condemned them often, indeed with the greatest severity. But at the present time the Spouse of Christ is pleased to apply the medicine of mercy, rather than take up the weapons of severity. She judges it prudent to meet the needs of today by demonstrating more amply the power of her teaching, rather than by condemning. It is not that there is any lack of false doctrines, opinions, and dangers to be guarded against and eliminated; but these are all so openly in conflict with the right principles of honesty and have produced such deadly fruits, that today people seem to have begun to condemn them on their own account, even by naming those ways of living which despise God and his laws or place too much confidence in technological

progress and a well-being based solely on the comforts of life. They understand more and more the dignity of the human person and that the need to perfect it is a matter of great importance and very difficult to accomplish. And what is most important, they have at last learned by experience that force exerted on others, the power of arms and political domination are of no use at all in finding a happy resolution to the grave issues which afflict them.

In these circumstances, the Catholic Church, as she raises the torch of religious truth through this Ecumenical Council, wishes to show herself a most loving mother of all, benign, patient, and moved with mercy and goodness towards the children separated from her. To the human race, labouring under so many difficulties, she says, as Peter once said to the poor man who had asked him for alms, I do not have silver and gold, but what I have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, arise and walk. That is to say, the Church does not offer to the people of our time riches that perish, nor does she promise them mere earthly happiness, but she imparts the goods of heavenly grace, which, since they raise people to the dignity of the children of God, are powerful safeguards and aids to making their life more human. She opens the springs of her life-giving doctrine, by which people, illumined by the light of Christ, can understand in the depths of their heart what they really are, how excellent is the dignity they possess, and what end they should pursue. Finally, through her children, she extends everywhere the bounds of Christian charity: nothing is more suited to eliminating the seeds of discord, nothing is more effective in promoting harmony, a just peace, and the fraternal unity of all.

Responsory

Cf. Mt 16: 18; Ps 47 (48): 9

℟. Jesus said to Simon: I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, * and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

℣. God has established it for ever. * And the gates...

Prayer

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who in Pope Saint John the Twenty-Third
have given a living example of Christ, the Good Shepherd,
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grant us, we pray,
that, through his intercession,
we may joyfully pour out
an abundance of Christian charity.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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THE ROMAN MISSAL

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Collect

O God, rich in mercy,
who willed that Saint John Paul the Second
should preside as Pope over your universal Church,
grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching,
we may confidently open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ,
the sole Redeemer of the human race.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

LECTIONARY

From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope.

First Reading

Isaiah 52: 7–10

All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news... [Lectionary II: 1476]

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95 (96): 1–2a. 2b–3. 7–8a. 10 r. 3

℟. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples. [Lectionary II: 1477]

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Karol Józef Wojtyła was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and took up various pastoral and academic tasks. First he became Auxiliary Bishop of Krakow. In 1964 he was named its Archbishop and took part in the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. On 16 October 1978 he was elected Supreme Pontiff and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people, and the sick, led him to make numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich body of teachings, the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and of the Codes of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches. In Rome on 2 April 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he died peacefully in the Lord.

From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope.

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SECOND READING

From a homily of Saint John Paul II, Pope

(For the inauguration of his Pontificate, 22 October 1978: AAS 70 [1978], 945-947)

Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ!

Peter came to Rome! What else but obedience to the inspiration received from the Lord could have guided him and brought him to this city, the heart of the Empire? Perhaps the fisherman of Galilee did not want to come here. Perhaps he would have preferred to stay there, on the shores of Lake of Genesareth, with his boat and his nets. Yet guided by the Lord, obedient to his inspiration, he came here!

According to an ancient tradition, Peter wanted to leave Rome during Nero's persecution. However, the Lord intervened and came to meet him. Peter spoke to him and asked. "Quo vadis, Domine?" — "Where are you going, Lord?" And the Lord answered him at once: "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." Peter went back to Rome and stayed here until his crucifixion.

Our time calls us, urges us, obliges us, to gaze on the Lord and to immerse ourselves in humble and devout meditation on the mystery of the supreme power of Christ himself.

He who was born of the Virgin Mary, the carpenter's Son (as he was thought to be), the Son of the living God (as confessed by Peter), came to make us all "a kingdom of priests."

The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council has reminded us of the mystery of this power and of the fact that Christ's mission—Priest, Prophet and Teacher, King—continues in the Church. Everyone, the whole People of God, shares in this threefold mission. Perhaps in the past the tiara, that triple crown, was placed on the Pope's head in order to signify by that symbol the Lord's plan for his Church, namely that all the hierarchical order of Christ's Church, all "sacred power" exercised in the Church, is nothing other than service, service with a single purpose: to ensure that the whole People of God shares in this threefold mission of Christ and always remains under the power of the Lord, a power that has its source not in the powers of this world, but instead in the mystery of the Cross and the Resurrection.

The power of the Lord, absolute yet at the same time sweet and gentle, responds to the whole depths of the human person, to his loftiest aspirations of intellect, will, and heart. It does not speak the language of force but expresses itself in charity and truth.

The new Successor of Peter in the See of Rome today raises a fervent, humble and trusting prayer: "Christ, make me become and remain the servant of your unique power, the servant of your sweet power, the servant of your power that knows no setting. Make me a servant: indeed, the servant of your servants."

Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Help the Supreme Pontiff and all those who wish to serve Christ and, with Christ's power, to serve the human person and the whole human race.

Do not be afraid. Open, I say, open wide the doors to Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of states, economic, and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development. Do not be afraid. Christ knows "that which is in man." He alone knows it.

So often today, man does not know that which is in him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you, therefore, we beg you with humility and with trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, yes, of life eternal.

Responsory

℟. Do not be afraid. The Redeemer of the human race has revealed the power of the Cross and has given his life for us. * Open, open wide the doors to Christ.

℣. In the Church we are called to partake of his power. * Open...

Prayer

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