

His Excellency
Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
By the grace of God and the Apostolic See
Bishop of Richmond


**DECREE PROMULGATING NORMS
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
MOTU PROPRIO OF POPE FRANCIS, *TRADITIONIS CUSTODES***

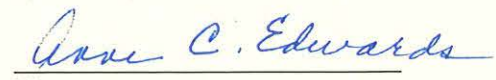
Having studied and prayerfully consulted concerning the *motu proprio* of the Holy Father Pope Francis, *Traditionis Custodes*, which governs the use of the antecedent liturgy, I decree the following norms for the Diocese of Richmond:

1. The following locations in the Diocese of Richmond may continue to offer Mass according to the Missal of 1962: Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Petersburg; Holy Comforter Catholic Church, Charlottesville; All Saints Catholic Church, Floyd.
2. In light of the *Responsa ad dubia*, approved by the Holy Father on December 4, 2021, celebrations for groups according to the *Missale Romanum* of 1962 should not be included in the parish Mass schedule. Additionally, these celebrations should not be held at the same time as the pastoral activities of the parish community. Pastors are to refrain from promoting or advertising the antecedent liturgy by means of the weekly parish bulletin or on the parish website.
3. The Very Reverend Brian W. Capuano, J.C.L., Vicar for Vocations and Interim Director of the Office of Worship has been delegated to assist the priests, previously granted permission to celebrate the Missal of 1962, and the faithful gathered in the parish communities above.
4. The present norms do not impact the parishes of St. Benedict Catholic Church, Chesapeake or Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Richmond, which are ably served by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

These norms implementing *Traditionis Custodes* in the Diocese of Richmond shall enter into force on November 1, 2022, remaining in effect for two years.

Given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Richmond on October 25, 2022.


Bishop of Richmond


Notary