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PRESS RELEASE

The faithful attending the Latin Mass at the Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City will not experience a change in worship for the time being due to the July 16 announcement from the Vatican.

Bishop R. Walker Nickless said he is awaiting further clarifications on the July 16 motu proprio, *Traditionis Custodes*, from Pope Francis regarding Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, commonly known as the Latin Mass. The Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City is the only diocesan church that has received permission from the bishop to offer Mass in the Extraordinary Form, celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal.

The bishop said he has given the priests assigned to the Cathedral of the Epiphany the faculty to offer Mass in the Extraordinary Form at this time.

After consulting with bishops and the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith through a 2020 survey, Pope Francis determined that the norms regarding the Mass celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal established in 2007 (freely allowing all priests to offer the Extraordinary Form of the Mass without the permission of their Bishop) have resulted in disunity in the church. The motu proprio states the pope wants to avoid disunity between the faithful attending the Ordinary Form of the Mass, established following the Second Vatican Council, and those attending Mass in the Extraordinary Form.

Bishop Nickless and his advisors will continue to study the motu proprio and await further clarifications to determine what further changes will impact the celebration of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form.

Additional information is available from the Vatican

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/20210716-motu-proprio-traditionis-custodes.html

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Cutline: The Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite is currently celebrated at the Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City.