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Booklet Missals Project Sign Up Form (printable)**

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Dear Catholic Friend,

I'm writing to you because I have an urgent request.

Will you please participate in one of the most important Catholic projects of our time?

If we succeed, I think it will gradually yet dramatically improve the life of the Church, over a generation. And if you, like me, have felt powerless in recent years, watching the breakdown of Catholic life as it once was, then please join me in this effort.

Before I give you all the details, let's look at how sadly different Catholic life is today compared to about 50 years ago.

50 years ago, the average Catholic family had parents who were decidedly not divorced, and in fact were raising several children -- many of whom were taught by Catholic nuns, brothers, and priests who essentially worked for "free." It was their vocation.

Because of them, Catholic schools were *growing* at the rate of hundreds per year. Recently they have been closing at a similar rate.

50 years ago, the average Catholic parish saw between 70% and 80% of the Catholics in its area attending Mass each and every Sunday. Now that's down to about 20%.

50 years ago, Catholic children memorized the Baltimore Catechism and knew what was happening at Mass, and indeed followed along at Mass *even though Mass was always in Latin*.

I don't have to tell you the comprehension level of most Catholic adults today, never mind what the children know.

Most Catholics attending Mass today do not believe that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ! Most young Catholics rarely see the inside of a Catholic church.

Which is logical, because they don't see their parents going to Mass, either.

50 years ago, the vast majority of Catholics thought artificial birth control was a mortal sin. Today, over 80% of Catholics polled think contraception is morally acceptable.

*When the Mass changed, everything else seemed to change too.*

But now, the secretary of state of the Vatican, Cardinal Bertone, has announced that the Pope is issuing a major ruling on the old Latin Mass, bringing it back from oblivion as an option for you and me and our fellow Catholics! Priests are going to be allowed to offer this Mass not only alone, privately, but for the faithful, broadly and often!

If you were reading either Catholic newspapers or major dailies like the *New York Times* or *Wall Street Journal*, or big websites, you may have noticed this news.

In fact now we learn from Benedict XVI, the New Mass was not supposed to be what it has become in most parishes: a less reverent form of worship, often shockingly casual.

And, the Holy Father also says, the “old” traditional Latin Mass is once again to be permitted everywhere the Catholic people want it.

But the problem is that the vast majority of the Catholic faithful no longer have any idea what the Latin Mass is...why it is so important to passing on the Faith... how it anchors people in the Church’s doctrinal tradition even when it is not “trying” to.

*And here is where you and I and the new project come in.*

Over time, Roman Catholic Books’ new project will introduce millions of our fellow Catholics to the old Latin Mass -- and Catholic life will be elevated and blessed for all.

The Holy Father is not replacing the typical parish Mass, even though it is very clear that he wants more reverence for the Body and Blood of Christ than is shown at many Masses. Yet at the same time, the Pope is telling the Church to provide for anyone who wants it the old Latin Mass, which was the norm before the Second Vatican Council.

The Holy Father has insisted on several occasions that the traditional Latin Mass never should have been taken away from the faithful and was never intended by Vatican II to be taken away.

With Pope Benedict’s new directive, Catholics who have missed the Latin Mass so much can now expect:

- No more Latin Masses that are 200 miles away from most people.
- No more Latin Masses at difficult times for most people.
- No more Latin Masses in out-of-the way churches with absentee pastors who really don’t care.

At least, this is said to be Pope Benedict's clear directive. Whether or not he is obeyed quickly is another question that we must leave up to prayer and to the Lord Jesus Christ.

But *you and I can and must* do our part to promote this magnificent Mass, this treasure for all ages. And so I am asking you to join me in the following effort, from the comfort of your own home:

**Please contribute financially to producing ONE MILLION booklet missals for the traditional Latin Mass**

If possible, would you be able to contribute by the end of next week?

If you can purchase extra copies of this Booklet Missal, which is what you will be doing by assisting Roman Catholic Books now with your check, we can increase the size of our printings of the missal, bringing costs down.

At the same time as costs go down, the number of fellow Catholics who are introduced to the traditional Latin Mass grows.

Because in large part, the size of the new printing is determined by how many people like you respond to my appeal.

Be assured that the Booklet Missal is already in progress. Through the gift of one benefactor, Roman Catholic Books has raised the seed money to:

- use 20 great works of art in full-page color reproductions as part of the Missal
- pay for a very fine layout of the Booklet Missal

But now we need the funds to print thousands of Booklet Missals.

We traditional Catholics have waited too long for this moment to once again be able to:

- \* Love the old Latin Mass without being made to feel disloyal
- \* Show it to others, family and loved ones and friends who never quite understood its value and its importance to the Church
- \* Promote this magnificent liturgy across the whole country

Our ultimate goal is to raise \$500,000 in advance purchases and donations in order to print ONE MILLION Booklet Missals that will be distributed to the faithful far and wide.

We have the support from one important cardinal and one archbishop.

A bishop in the United States is writing the Foreword, and an official in Rome is writing the Preface. Many, many others will join the effort once we get the first printing out and distributed.

We must make it easy for pastors across the country to provide the traditional Latin Mass to their flocks. The Booklet Missal, sold to them as cheaply as possible, will go a very long way toward doing that.

We must make it easy for the faithful to follow along with the traditional Latin Mass. Obviously the Booklet Missal will do that.

We must introduce new millions of the faithful -- who through no fault of their own know nothing about it -- to the Latin Mass.

We must do the work of traditional Catholic evangelization no matter what our age or financial means or other family or job related distractions. *This Booklet Missal project is one you can easily help and join* simply by checking the appropriate box in the Reply/Order Form, which you can print out and mail to us. Or, if you prefer, you can make your donation here on the website.

*It will have a wonderful and grace-filled impact on the Church in America!*

Is there a chance that you can please click on our donation button right now or write a check and mail it to us, with the Reply Form, as soon as you possibly can, possibly even tomorrow?

Hopefully, there is a postage stamp somewhere in the house.

Can you take care of this today or tomorrow?

Thank you so very much. A prayer for our effort would help most of all!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Barreiro', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Msgr. Ignacio Barreiro  
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ONE MILLION LATIN MASS MISSALS

P.S. No matter your age, or how easily or poorly you are able to explain to our fellow Catholics about the old Latin Mass, this Booklet Missal Project makes it easy for you to help spread the Faith, from the comfort of your own home. The more Missals we can print, thanks to you, the more the use of the old Latin Mass (as an option) can spread. Please rush your help today!

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**Yes** sign me up as a participant and keep me posted on how the Booklet Missal Project is progressing! Enclosed is my “advance purchase” gift, which is tax-deductible, and I understand that you will have one copy of the Missal sent to me in the Spring once it is printed:

\_\_\_ \$10,000 \_\_\_ \$5,000 \_\_\_ \$1000 \_\_\_ \$750 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$25

[ ] I would like \_\_\_ EXTRA copies of the Booklet Missal

[ ] Please send my note, with my signature (scroll down for note), along with all the others, to the Pope to express my gratitude for his upcoming liberation of the traditional Latin Mass.

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**THANK YOU, HOLY FATHER...**

... for making much wider use of the traditional Latin Mass possible. There are millions of Catholics who are grateful, or will benefit now and in the future, but who will never write to you. My prayers are with you.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Signature and Printed Name

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