

His Holiness, Pope Francis
Apostolic Palace
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Your Holiness,

I am writing this letter to express my dismay and consternation of soul at the promulgation of the Motu Proprio *Traditionis custodes* which restricts the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass according to the *Missale Romanum* (editio typica, 1962) in use prior to the promulgation of the *Novus Ordo Missae* in 1970.

Since the promulgation of the Motu Proprio of *Summorum Pontificum* of Pope Benedict XVI in 2007, I have been privileged to attend the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on a regular basis/ somewhat regular basis at Parish in..... I would like Your Holiness to know that I have derived immense spiritual benefits from the celebration of this Mass and the instruction I have received during it. My participation has been conscious, active and fruitful. As a result, my commitment to our faith has deepened. Our community has grown in fervour and charity and I have come to know, to understand and to love our faith more deeply. My commitment to Christian life spiritually and in active charity has intensified because of the spiritual nourishment I have received.

I am asking Your Holiness to consider the spiritual needs of your children. We are sons and daughters of the Church who desire the greater glory of God, the salvation of our own soul and the salvation of all people. The charity of Christ Our Saviour which excludes no one, has urged me to write this letter; and it is my hope that Your Holiness will rescind your Motu Proprio bearing in mind what your venerable predecessor Pope Benedict XVI observed in the letter accompanying *Summorum pontificum: what earlier generations held as sacred, remains sacred and great for us too, and it cannot be all of a sudden entirely forbidden or even considered harmful.*

I have the honour to profess myself with the most profound respect, a faithful son/daughter of Holy Mother Church and Your Holiness' humble servant,

(Signature)

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