

First came the Flying Nun ...

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Williamson to Consecrate a Bishop?

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Pope offered tiara in today's General Audience

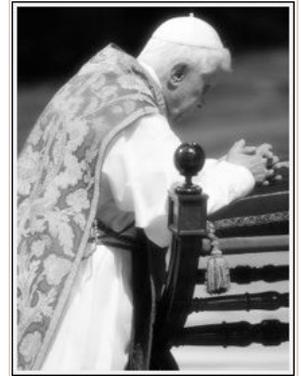


At today's weekly general audience the Holy Father received a new tiara made for him and presented by Catholic and Orthodox Christians.

The tiara was commissioned by Dieter Philippi, a German Catholic businessman who has a great devotion to the papacy as well as to the call to Christian unity.

The tiara was created in Sofia, Bulgaria by Orthodox Christians of the Liturgix studio.

Today a small delegation of Roman Catholics and Bulgarian Orthodox on pilgrimage in Rome had the honor to present the tiara to the Holy Father in the name of Christian unity.



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Posted by New Catholic at 5/25/2011 03:21:00 PM

64 comments:

David L Alexander said...

Now all he has to do is wear it, then let the media feeding frenzy begin.

25 May, 2011 15:24

shane said...

He won't wear it --- unfortunately.

25 May, 2011 15:30

Martial said...

I wish he would wear it but I doubt he will. Does the media make a big deal out of Orthodox prelates wearing bejeweled miters? I've never understood why if the patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church wears such mitres then why doesn't the Pope?

25 May, 2011 15:35

Cruise the Groove. said...

"He won't wear it --- unfortunately."
How do you know this?

25 May, 2011 15:40

Anonymous said...

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WikkiMissa (Fr./En.)

He doesn't look too thrilled, but who knows.

Would it have been better to have this presented by the Moscow or Constantinople patriarch, or some other high-profile group, so giving the Holy Father a reason and excuse to wear it?

A great thing anyway and congrats to Mr Philippi and all behind this.

25 May, 2011 15:45

Daniel said...

Wonderful! Please, o Holy Father, wear it!

25 May, 2011 15:49

rams said...

The pope has several much more glorious tiaras at his disposal. If he wanted to wear a tiara he could have worn one of those by now- Also note, that the papal coat of arms on this tiara is the one with the miter, not a tiara. It would sort of be a contradiction in terms for him to wear this tiara.

Anyway, him putting a tiara on does not change anything. It would just be a facade- a farce. He must restructure the way the Vatican conducts itself in order to truly put on the tiara. It must become a monarchy again, not the democratic episcopal conference overrun organization that it is now. If he put it on, it would just be another one of the false concessions that he is giving the traditionalists... like lifting excommunications that were arguably never valid to begin with, giving permission for a mass that was never abrogated and supposedly "reinterpreting" the VII documents that were "misinterpreted" by the very liberal minds that drafted them...

I'm not trying put a damper on this this joyous gesture, but, I'm just trying to be realistic. I've learned not to rejoice too much in such things. I hope in Mary. She is the one who will restore the church, not some gesture of a pope gutted of any real meaning which amounts to the pope putting on a hat.

Call me a cynic, but I don't want to see empty gestures anymore. I want the real thing.

25 May, 2011 16:10

Anonymous said...

I will join in to say, please Holy Father wear it!!! But me thinks he will not, hopefully I will be proved wrong.

25 May, 2011 16:22

Mickey said...

If you clicke the picture to enlarge, notice the bishop in the background. It is almost as if he is saying "oh please, oh please, oh please wear it, sigh". The bishop seem to reflect the sentiments of us all.

25 May, 2011 16:26

Anonymous said...

I'm not sure if our Eastern Orthodox friends can share some thoughts on the gesture.

Am I mistaken in seeing something prophetic in Eastern Orthodox Christians making a papal tiara which signifies Papal leadership of Christ's Kingdom on Earth?

While I share some of Rams' cynicism and do not see anything profound necessarily taking place, one has to at least imagine that Our Lady has prophesied at at Fatima precisely the Conversion of Russia at which time, one must believe that Russians will acknowledge the Pope as Christ's Vicar on Earth.

As such, there is a prophetic element to this friendly gesture from the Bulgarians.

At the very least, it is a welcome token when compared to some extreme Eastern Orthodox factions who howl at the Pope being the Anti Christ.

25 May, 2011 16:27

Jack said...

I believe the tiara was never a liturgical headdress.

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25 May, 2011 16:34

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Which was the act of an absolute monarch, not a democratic episcopal conference overrun organization . . .

25 May, 2011 16:45

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That is when the third crown was added, but not when the pope began to wear a crown. The second crown of the tiara apparently was added about the middle of the 1200s.

But it doesn't matter that the custom of the papal tiara is 700 years old and dates to the time of the Avignon popes. No longer wearing a tiara is a much more recent and dubious custom than wearing a tiara.

25 May, 2011 16:54

Dan said...

I for one am deeply moved by this.

It is interesting to study the middle photo and reflect upon the expression of Benedict. It's fascinating to surmise from that expression what is going through his mind at that moment. One can see many different thoughts there, I believe. He does appear to be touched at least by the gesture.

This is in its quiet and non-spectacular way a wonderful thing.

25 May, 2011 17:33

Anonymous said...

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Princess Delphina

25 May, 2011 17:40

Anonymous said...

"Am I mistaken in seeing something prophetic in Eastern Orthodox Christians making a papal tiara which signifies Papal leadership of Christ's Kingdom on Earth?"

Reality check: a German Catholic commissioned a tiara from a Bulgarian Liturgical Company (the Orthodox still make such things). He presented it to His Holiness with officials from the company who certainly would appreciate more business. Also, popes wear the tiara after they are crowned. It is not a Mexican sombrero to be worn for photo ops and his holiness knows it. Actually, the significance of the triple crown would be the last thing the Orthodox would subtly suggest.

25 May, 2011 17:50

Henry said...

All the polemical pro and con arguments are irrelevant. Since the tiara was given to the Pope in the name of Christian unity, then to demonstrate his sincere commitment to ecumenism, he should wear it in the name of Christian unity.

25 May, 2011 17:54

Anonymous said...

This tiara will soon be worn: on the 29th June, in fact, but by the statue of St Peter in the basilica!

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25 May, 2011 17:58

Anonymous said...

How nice! Now the Holy Father has a different tiara to wear each day of the week! Oh wait, they stopped wearing them.

25 May, 2011 18:13

LeonG said...

What an extraordinary brouhaha by some here over a tiara. They made him one and he accepted it. Could anyone in their right mind imagine he would reject this?

25 May, 2011 18:14

Anonymous said...

"Now all he has to do is wear it, then let the media feeding frenzy begin."

I suppose media feeding frenzies are what it's all about. Let's give them something to talk about.

25 May, 2011 18:15

Jon said...

Looks a tad tiny for his big German noggin (I should know, I have one, German noggin, not tiara, that is).

25 May, 2011 18:26

Anonymous said...

According to one report, there is an invisible layer of crazy-glue lining the rim. The presenters know that he'll don this tiara in his private apartments, before his great looking-glass. Removing it will be the problem.

P.K.T.P.

25 May, 2011 18:27

Athunes said...

Well heck, maybe he should have kissed it. Oh wait, its not a Qur'an.. wrong "Great" Pope anyway..

25 May, 2011 18:28

Prof. Basto said...

If the Pope were to wear this tiara, then, in the first occasion of such use, wouldn't it be appropriate for the tiara to be imposed upon the Pontiff's head by the Cardinal Protodeacon, who should at the minimum pronounce just the Coronation formula itself ("Accipe tiaram..")?

As for those who say that the tiara is not a liturgical ornament, I disagree:

- The tiara is imposed during a Liturgical celebration, at the end of the ceremonies of a Coronation Mass, with the Pope wearing chasuble, pallium, and all.

- For the Coronation with the tiara, there prayers and a formula of imposition prescribed by the Liturgy of the Church (the Caerimoniale Romanum and other books of papal liturgy in the usus antiquior).

- On other occasions, the tiara is not worn by a Pope when he is wearing cassock or the mozzetta, but is worn with the cope/mantum, for entering and leaving liturgical celebrations, and for the giving of blessings.

25 May, 2011 18:33

Anonymous said...

Jordanes writes:

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Well, if we want to get this picky we can say that the U.S.A. is not a democracy, since the U.S. Senate, which limits the power of Congress in several important respects, is not elected on the basis of one citizen, one vote. In other words,

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Americans living in California have less political voice than do those living in Delaware. Frankly, the U.K. and Canada are far more democratic than is the U.S.A. But then we have trouble calling them democracies too, with the 'first past the post' system.

The point being made by some here is that democracy has crept into the Church since the Council. This has mainly happened from the grass roots through elected parish councils, which have become like little governments for each parish. The parish councils rule the parish priests, synods of busybodies plus the same councils rule the bishops, and so forth. Democracy. Kakistocracy: the ignorant rule.

P.K.T.P.

25 May, 2011 18:38

Anonymous said...

Jordanes writes:

"But it doesn't matter that the custom of the papal tiara is 700 years old and dates to the time of the Avignon popes. No longer wearing a tiara is a much more recent and dubious custom than wearing a tiara."

That is my view as well. Tradition is respect for that which is handed down, not for ancient but long-dead norms. The tiara has been handed down for centuries. Therefore, its abandonment is a sign of radicalism.

P.K.T.P.

25 May, 2011 18:43

Anonymous said...

Word comes from Belgium that Cardinal Daneels is willing to wear it if the Pope does not. This will usher in a new era of revolution and guitars. The New Springtime was displaced by a bout of bad weather but is about to return!

Once the Cardinal has donned this tiara, he will simply command that all priests return to wild liturgical experimentation and burn their copies of the new English translation of the New Mass; permission to use the T.L.M. will be revoked; &c..

P.K.T.P.

25 May, 2011 18:46

Anonymous said...

It's true! The tiara on the each infula has a mitre on it. What a perfect symbol for the contradiction of the Council!

I have a new idea. I am having a special tiara made for this Pope. It will be argent. Its face will be charged with a tiara in gules and or!

P.K.T.P.

25 May, 2011 19:05

Anonymous said...

Even better, ladies and gentlemen, imagine replacing the mitre on the Pope's coat of arms with a mitre that has on a plain white face, the charge of a tiara in gold and red! Contradiction: the true symbol of post-conciliarism.

P.K.T.P.

25 May, 2011 19:07

Anonymous said...

This tiara seems to be much lighter and more traditional than the one offered to Blessed John Paul II (who never wore it): <http://wdtprs.com/blog/2007/11/the-hungarian-tiara-given-to-pope-john-paul-ii-in-1981>

The tiara should have been depicted on the lappets as well...

25 May, 2011 19:26

I am not Spartacus said...

Soi disant Traditionalists have to face facts and the fact is this Pope is not who many thought he was.

"Culture Wars," just published a devastating review of his most recent Jesus of Nazareth book. I provide the link below

to the piece which appeared at the gentleman's own website, not "Culture Wars, a magazine I think is indispensable.

After reading the review, who wants to read the Pope's book?

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25 May, 2011 19:39

Jordanes551 said...

Well, if we want to get this picky we can say that the U.S.A. is not a democracy, And we'd be entirely correct to say that.

25 May, 2011 20:16

Adeodatus said...

"Thanks for Universae Ecclesiae, boss."

I *so* want to see him wear it. Like practically everybody else who reads this blog. All in good time, I suppose.

25 May, 2011 20:28

Johannes said...

"...No longer wearing a tiara is a much more recent and dubious custom than wearing a tiara."

What did bishops of Rome wear on their heads for the first thousand or so years?

25 May, 2011 20:34

New Catholic said...

Halos?

25 May, 2011 21:00

Jordanes551 said...

The proper term for the U.S.'s form of government is "constitutional republic," Cruise.

25 May, 2011 21:04

Jordanes551 said...

What did bishops of Rome wear on their heads for the first thousand or so years?

Until about A.D. 950, bishops in Western Europe (including the Roman Pontiff) wore nothing on their heads. About that time the Roman Pontiff began wearing a kind of mitre. By about 1100 he was wearing a crown. Following the pope's example, and upon obtaining his permission, the use of mitres in the Latin Church began to spread.

The pope thus has been wearing a mitre and/or tiara for such a long time that it is foolish both to object to the custom and to attempt to abandon it. The tradition of crowning the statue of St. Peter with the papal tiara has already been revived, so in the near future we may hope that the tradition of the tiara will be restored in full (with a proper coronation liturgy as well). It's only fitting, inasmuch as Christians, and bishops in particular, and the Roman Bishop especially, "live and reign with Christ for a thousand years."

25 May, 2011 21:15

I am not Spartacus said...

Prior to 1965, it would literally been impossible to have imagined that a Pope would make a visit to a place like this place and to say what this Pope said.

From The Holy See website:

PILGRIMAGE OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XV TO THE HOLY LAND(8-15 MAY 2009)
MEETING WITH MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADERS, MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND
RECTORS OF UNIVERSITIES IN JORDAN

ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI

Mosque al-Hussein bin Talal - Amman Saturday, 9 May 2009

Your Royal Highness, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a source of great joy for me to meet with you this morning in this magnificent setting. I wish to thank Prince Ghazi Bin Muhammed Bin Talal for his kind words of welcome. Your Royal Highness's numerous initiatives to promote inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue and exchanges are appreciated by the people of the Hashemite Kingdom and they are widely respected by the international community. I know that these efforts receive the active support of other members of the Royal Family as well as the nation's government, and find ample resonance in the many initiatives of collaboration among Jordanians. For all this, I wish to express my own heartfelt admiration.

Places of worship, like this splendid Al-Hussein Bin Talal mosque named after the revered late King, stand out like jewels across the earth's surface...

To me that was a bit like Bossie the Cow visiting and praising an abattoir.

Sure, that statement sounds disrespectful and sarcastic, but, what else is one to do? Seriously.

This is Our Holy Father who is doing this and there is not one, not one, Pope prior to the Bestest Council Ever (BCE) who would have been caught dead doing that but I am expected to just slough-off this scandal as no big deal.

I mean, I am not the equal of the men who post here and yet even I am aware of the shocking scandals to which we, as Catholic Traditionalists, are becoming slowly inured.

"He did what? Oh, well; ya know, that is, ah, well, that is, um, ecumenism or something; I guess. I mean, don't get me wrong. I wouldn't do it but I am not Pope so it would be wrong for me to judge."

And yet some think Our Holy Father might wear a Tiara? Really?

There is a better chance he will respond to the Bishop's request (I am drawing a blank on his name) for a new Syllabus.

25 May, 2011 21:19

Anonymous said...

Anon. 19.26:

You are right: John Paul II never wore the blessed tiara.

P.K.T.P.

25 May, 2011 21:25

Anonymous said...

It is very, very sad that the Holy Father will not wear this for Blessings..For Continuity's sake....If it was supposed to have been abandoned completely then it should have been stated,.....It is so wrong to have left people hopeful to see the return of what was only given away as a gesture by one Pope. In humility I would think this Pope would have worn one once in a while. Just very sad for the Church. Why shouldn't we look to the Tiara, a symbol of the Papacy and expect to see it? Every other religion does what they want. Only the Catholic Church is told what to do and how to do things. Very sad, no stability.

25 May, 2011 21:31

Anonymous said...

I have some excellent news to report from Texas today. As at 10th July of this year, the Diocese of Beaumont, in Texas, will gain an every-Sunday Traditional Latin Mass at Vidor, Texas. Details will be announced on the Mater Dei website. It will be offered regularly for the first time in forty years at 10.00 a.m. each Sunday.

P.K.T.P.

25 May, 2011 21:32

Auricularis said...

It actually looks rather well crafted - even better than the one presented to John Paul II in 1981 by Hungarian Catholics.

25 May, 2011 21:45

Timothy Mulligan said...

I am pleased that the Holy Father was offered a beautiful papal tiara at a time when he has begun to exercise his universal jurisdiction more frequently and forcefully. (The Australian bishop; the Trappist hoteliers; etc.)

It's too late, but . . . it would have been wonderful for him to put it on just for his meeting with Bishop Morris. It's possible that Bishop Morris is simply a visual learner.

26 May, 2011 00:16

Pascendi said...

As long as the Holy Father has put on Jesus Christ... a tiara does not a Pope make.

26 May, 2011 02:40

LeonG said...

Tiaras, dalmatics and the like do not necessarily equate with being a traditional pope because the earlier pontiffs did not use these. The essence runs deeper to an inner vestige surrounded by appropriate outward demeanour.

26 May, 2011 04:06

Fr Paul McDonald said...

I understand that the Patriarch of Lisbon, Portugal has the right to wear the Tiara.

26 May, 2011 04:19

rodrigo said...

This topic always raises a smile.

Perhaps if enough laymen give the Pope tiaras, he'll eventually put one on. Ideally, we'd have them being donated by groups of the faithful from undeveloped backwaters or places ravaged by war. That would make it harder for anyone to run with Judas' argument that "this should have been sold for the poor".

As for future pontiffs wearing the tiara: rather than moaning about it online, why not take a leaf out of Mr Phillip's book and do something about it. The Focolarini and Neo-Cats were able to shape the narrative and influence cardinalatial opinion by turning up at the papal funeral with signs saying "santo subito"; why not resolve that, when the next conclave is called, a group of trads will be there, ready to greet the new pope with banners of welcome: "VIVA IL PAPA! TIARA SUBITO!"

26 May, 2011 05:25

Mar said...

New Catholic said... Halos?

Thanks, NC, you made my day!

26 May, 2011 05:36

Anonymous said...

"If he doesn't want it, he can send it to me. I'll wear it when I sit in front of my computer.

Princess Delphina"

Love it. =)))

26 May, 2011 05:48

Anonymous said...

Ok guys the Tiara and all is great!

I am all for that, but I rather see him celebrating the Traditional Mass, the Mass of always instead.

I hope he dares to it before he runs out of time.

26 May, 2011 05:55

Anonymous said...

Well said P.K.T.P.
25 May, 2011 18:38

I am totally with you!

26 May, 2011 05:59

Anonymous said...

I would love to see the pope wear it !

26 May, 2011 07:06

Jack O'Malley said...

I share Not-Spartacus' consternation at the Pope's remarks in Jordan. But my cynicism is tempered by two mitigating facts. He did not kiss the tarmac and mercifully did not plant the Papal Osculation upon the coran. A small vigil light glows through the reek of the smoke of Satan.

26 May, 2011 13:03

Jack O'Malley said...

De corona triplici, utinam Summus Pontifex ipsam pulcherrimam tiaram gerat! Ubi formam extraordinariam Missae denique celebrabit.

Atque ad propositum de forma extraordinaria, tempori ne desim ut mulieri in priori tabulae parte ob ubera gloriosa ac copiosa gratuler. Tiaram igitur paene omisi. Quid dicam? Opificia Dei excedunt hominis.

26 May, 2011 13:22

Johannes said...

Halos indeed. From the first thirty one bishops of Rome we have twenty three martyrs. That is the better crown. For any bishop. I shall not go into a long, likely blocked, harangue on what I hope for and believe is best.

It is true that the liturgical clothing of the clergy developed quite naturally and yet held fast to what was elemental, so that at Mass one can (depending, in part, upon the bishop or priest offering...) stand outside of time, in the same apostolic atmosphere which we have had in all centuries since the apostles; that holy savour that allows all to taste and see the difference between Catholic and heresy.

Though there should be here some room for movement; provided the mover is not the spirit of the age - he who is in the world, but rather the same Spirit the True King of Glory had our Father send to the apostles at the beginning of the Church. From which the tiara came - it is unedifying to discuss or argue over here. Liturgical crown or none - statvit ei Dominus testamentum pacis et principem fecit eum. Vt sit illi sacerdotii dignitas in aeternum. Alleluia.

26 May, 2011 17:05

Anonymous said...

"Culture Wars," just published a devastating review of his most recent Jesus of Nazareth book. I provide the link below to the piece which appeared at the gentleman's own website, not "Culture Wars, a magazine I think is indispensable. After reading the review, who wants to read the Pope's book?

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After reading this insightful review it is tragically evident that for all his sweetness, gentleness and nostalgia for liturgical beauty, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI is as much a confused, distorted product of VII as the rest. He is only better packaged than most

26 May, 2011 17:33

Louis said...

Why's the "beehive" which supports the three crowns gold in colour? Traditionally it is silver/white. I've never seen a

traditional papal tiara like it.

So much for continuity!

26 May, 2011 19:44

Anonymous said...

On the assessment of this pontificate, I see things somewhat differently than do most on this blog. This Pope is not a traditionalist but has many traditionalist tendencies. Particularly on doctrine, I see no evidence that he has abandoned his orientations from the 1960s. On the other hand, that does not mean that his views have not developed or changed, and I expect that they have to some extent. As far as I can see, he regards his rôle as one of watching the Barque so that most stay on board and the vessel does not sink beneath the waves. This means bringing liberals and traditionalists closer together, merging them into some sort of *via media*. What he wants to do with the liturgy he also likely wants to do for doctrine: to broaden perspectives, tolerating much on both extremes but refusing to condemn either.

He must realise that he lacks the time needed to settle Church doctrine or policy or liturgy. So he would like to set the ship on course in a certain direction. He must know full well that only God and our Lady really know where the port is exactly. By setting the ship in a certain direction, he does not purpose really to make it firm but more to prevent the ship from going in certain contrary directions, especially the one he favoured in his foolish youth.

Truth, however, will not bend to accommodate what men of this age or that 'feel' more comfortable about. So we must realise at every point that where he's taking the Church today need not be where she will go.

The bit about the tiara and titles is indicative of this Pope's policy: he restores some traditional vestments and the camauro but refuses the tiara even on his personal arms. He is a man of compromise! He values what is great from the past but will not be bound by it. How liberal he is! How intellectual! How sound! How pastoral! How spiritual! Not! Look to St. Gregory the Great! Look to St. Pius X!

P.K.T.P.

26 May, 2011 20:23

Anonymous said...

As the days roll by, we so far see little effect for *Universæ Ecclesiæ*. This is what I expected when I saw the text. We shall see slow and gradual progress on this one from behind the scenes, now that the P.C.E.D. has the authority it needs. Again the real disappointment with the Instruction was not the few bad points in it. The main problem is what it failed to do, not what it did. I was hoping that the Pope would establish a minimum number of every-Sunday T.L.M.s (even one) per see, as a norm at law to be fulfilled in accordance with available manpower and resources. This has not happened. As a result, the *motu proprio* of 2007 will continue to be demand-driven only. That is not very positive for Africa and Asia and Latin America. It does not meet Cardinal Burke's hope for a more even distribution of Masses around the world.

EXPECTATIONS

I predict the following for various regions and countries:

France:

1. The more populous dioceses still having not even one T.L.M. every Sunday (plus others having demands) will be forced to supply just one. These would be Cambrai, Reims, Soissons, Verdun, St-Denis, La Rochelle, Angoulême, St-Claude, Rodez, Tulle, Digne, Ajaccio. It will likely not affect Langres, Viviers, Mende or Châlons, although some of these might start Masses for other reasons.

2. On the huge number of petitions from some populous sees, the P.C.E.D. will accept great restriction, so that only a small per centage of them are satisfied. The Commission will ask local bishops to approve a few more Masses in various regions to ensure a more even distribution. That is all.

Germany: Eventually, the Diocese of Essen will get a T.L.M. every Sunday from the F.S.S.P. Other than that, I don't expect any real action from the P.C.E.D.

Austria and Switzerland: Again, those sees not having every-Sunday Masses but having requests from fairly well-organised groups will get one T.L.M. per Sunday. These would be Eisenstadt, Feldkirch (perhaps: it could rely on Liechtenstein), Lugano, Saint Gall, maybe Sion.

Belgium: Certainly, improvement is coming for Bruges and Ghent. Perhaps an extra Mass for Antwerp? That's about it.

Netherlands: I expect an every-Su. T.L.M. in Rotterdam now that we have a new bishop there. Established groups in Breda and Den Bosch should mean improvements, and a bettering of the situation in Roermond. Forget the north.

Italy: Not much action will be taken. There has been a substantial recent improvement that will continue.

Portugal: Something must be done. Sorry, but da Cruz Policarpo cannot be seen to defy the Holy Father so brazenly. Masses coming from Lisbon, Oporto, Braga, perhaps even Coimbra.

Spain: I expect a doubling of dioceses having our Mass, which will still leave many not having it.

Poland and the Czech Republic: Progress has been good and will continue at the same rate.

Baltics, Central Europe: What happened to our approved Mass in Lithuania? It must return. We might get one in Slovenia and a restoration of the one at Bratislava in Slovakia, plus the new one at Zagreb, Croatia. I don't see much more coming. There has been some progress in Hungary.

Ireland: There will be a few important victories; otherwise, the same glacially-slow progress.

Scotland and Wales: forget it.

England: A Mass for the Diocese of Hallam. Its rotter bishop is about to turn 75. I have a bath chair waiting for him. Elsewhere, there is now a slow improvement in the other dioceses, which will continue.

Malta: We shall have our Mass, possibly in both sees.

P.K.T.P.

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Anonymous said...

EXPECTATIONS, Continued:

U.S.A. There remain about 25 of 176 Latin sees not having our Mass every Sunday. I predict that ten to fifteen of these are about to gain one. Likely candidates are Mobile, Las Vegas, Gallup, Laredo, Amarillo, Pueblo, perhaps Helena, Steubenville, Greensburg, Saginaw, Jefferson City, Duluth, New Ulm, Crookston, Bismarck, Shreveport, Nashville.

Not as likely to get one are Jackson, Lubbock, San Angelo, Grand Island, Great Falls-Billings, Evansville, Springfield (Mass.), Superior.

Sioux City will likely get its Mass restored to every-Sunday basis.

Elsewhere, populous sees will continue to acquire more T.L.M.s but at a very slow rate.

Canada: My country is a disaster zone.

I expect to achieve every-Sunday status in the following: Winnipeg, St. Boniface, perhaps St. Paul (Alberta), Kingston, perhaps Peterborough, Gatineau, Halifax, Charlottetown (courtesy of the coming Anglican Ordinariate), Moncton, perhaps Antigonish (courtesy of the coming Anglican Ordinariate?).

The problem is Quebec and its Maoist bishops. Where is the Taliban when you need it?

Mexico: I think that we shall achieve every-Sunday Masses in about five dioceses over the present four. The additions should include Mexico City. A contact, who also reads this blog, has sent me some interesting information on the situation there.

Central America; Look for a surprise in Costa Rica. As for the Caribbean, I have not heard a peep. One would think that some retiring priests from farther north would start Masses, They have not done so. Curious.

Colombia: We now have the Mass at Bogota and Medellin, at Girardot and Zipaquirá. Thanks to the F.S.S.P. and Institute of the Good Shepherd! I think we can hope for progress in Bucaramanga, Cali and two or three other cities.

Venezuela: No sign of life. It is said that the President's braincase retains a perfect vacuum. Again, Taliban assistance might be advantageous.

Ecuador and Peru: There might be some very minor progress. Nothing on the horizon for Bolivia. Really, there is almost zero for this region.

Argentina: There has been substantial progress in just the last year and this will continue. Eventually, our Mass will enter Buenos Aires, despite Cardinal Bergoglio. Similar progress continues in Chile.

Uruguay: Our Mass there should be improved again to the every-Sunday basis at Montevideo. That's about it.

Paraguay: No idea and little comment.

Brazil: Substantial growth continues. We now have every-Sunday T.L.M.s in 27 dioceses, about ten per cent of the total. Brazil is the centre of the movement for all of Latin America but access there is pathetic, of course, when you consider the huge populations and distances involved.

The Philippines: Slow progress will likely continue, perhaps centred on Luzon and in the larger cities farther south.

Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea, Japan, India, Ceylon: We may be about to acquire foot-holds in these countries, which currently have zero T.L.M.s on the every-Sunday basis.

China: Forget it. Hong Kong is it and will remain so.

Other Asian countries: No dice.

Africa: I see little hope anywhere, except for a small expansion in Gabon and a bit of progress in South Africa.

Australia: some progress might follow. Watch Hobart, Ballarat, Wollongong, Toowoomba, Rockhampton.

New Zealand: I expect that we shall eventually triumph in the Diocese of Hamilton and then have full compliance for the entire Dominion, at least in terms of dioceses. The presence of the Sons of the Holy Redeemer on South Island bodes well both for Christchurch and Dunedin. It looks as if the F.S.S.P. will eventually get into Wellington.

South Pacific: Guam is it and no improvement is expected.

Afghanistan: Could do better than Portugal at this rate.

P.K.T.P.

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des said...

I was hoping that the Pope would establish a minimum number of every-Sunday T.L.M.s (even one) per see, as a norm at law to be fulfilled in accordance with available manpower and resources.

The problem with that is that many bishops would "allow" the minimum and nothing more, perhaps even putting pressure on priests not to do more than the minimum in dioceses that are already over the minimum. No, better for that to be left unsaid.

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SPWang said...

If he does wear it the only photo of the pope we see on the news wires is of him wearing it!

27 May, 2011 04:56

Ben Vallejo said...

We have a recently beatified Pope who explicitly said just after being invested with the pallium "Rightly or wrongly, the tiara had come to be considered a symbol of the pope's temporal power"

And who beatified this Pope?

And this one reason why Benedict XVI won't wear the tiara.

Wear a tiara just in the coattails of the beatification? It would be a PR disaster of great magnitude.

But if Benedict XVI calls for a Third Vatican Council (which he did not discount in a recent interview given rapid developments in human society), to please the traddies, who knows he may don it!

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