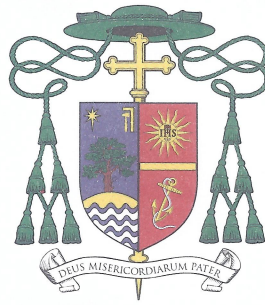


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Dear Brother Priests,

Last Friday, July 16, the Holy Father issued guidelines regarding the use of the Traditional Latin Mass, known as the Extraordinary Form. We will need time to properly study the document and its implications.

In the meantime, I grant permission to those priests and parishes that already have my authorization to offer Masses according to the 1962 Missal to continue to celebrate them, following the norms of the Church. The Holy Father's constant concern throughout his papacy has been the care of souls and preserving the unity of the Church. These are my goals as well.

I want to assure those faithful in the Diocese of Oakland who find sustenance and the consolation of Jesus Christ in the ancient form of worship that your spiritual needs will continue to be met.

With the assurance of my continued prayers and blessing, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.  
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*For the greater glory of God*