



THE TORONTO TRADITIONAL MASS SOCIETY A CHAPTER OF UNA VOCE

Dear Members,

Since the announcement of Sunday Feb. 21/10, that “the FSSP would be leaving Toronto”, the Toronto Traditional Mass Society Board of Directors would like to assure all its members of the following:

- The TTMS is actively pursuing all options to find the best interim and long term solutions for the traditional community. This necessitates the establishment of a permanent home or to put it another way a personal Parish;
- Ties between the FSSP and the Archdiocese have not been irrevocably severed. If the right conditions are created, the FSSP is open to returning and it is the work of the TTMS to collaborate with the His Grace, Archbishop Collins, to create these conditions;
- If individuals feel that they must write to the Archbishop in order to express their concerns, then we encourage each one to express the great benefit the FSSP has been to them personally and to their families. Reminder: His Grace, Archbishop Collins is likely to be more generous or helpful if all persons refrain from expressions of anger accusations or attribution of blame.

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- The TTMS will be delivering a comprehensive letter to His Grace, Archbishop Collins, on Monday, March 1, 2010 requesting a meeting in order to explore possible paths forward.



St. Joseph's Feast Day – March 19
Patron of the Church
Patron of Canada

As we approach this special feast day, please join us in saying a **Novena of Petition** for the continued growth of the Toronto Traditional Latin Mass Society followed by a **Novena of Thanksgiving** for all the graces and blessing we have received by virtue of the FSSP being in Toronto.

We also want to thank Father Venette for his quiet determination and hard work throughout these nineteen months. May God bless him abundantly!!

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On Sunday Feb. 21/10 both the Vancouver Traditional Mass Society (the Canadian National organization for Una Voce – known as Una Voce International Canadian Association -- **UVICA**) and the International Una Voce Federation (FIUV) were made aware of the developments regarding the FSSP leaving Toronto.

The next day, **UVICA** wrote a letter to Father Flood (North American District Superior for the FSSP) respectfully requesting more information as to how this decision came about.

See below for Father Flood's reply dated Feb. 23/10:

Greetings in Our Lord.

As questions have been sent to the Fraternity of St. Peter about our leaving the Archdiocese of Toronto at this time, we wish the faithful to know that this decision was made after discussing the matter with Archbishop Collins and Fr. Venette. There was a common agreement among all parties and the FSSP was not put under pressure from the Archbishop to definitively leave the Archdiocese.

In short, the Archbishop remains committed to providing the Extraordinary Form in his Archdiocese in various locations. In the end, the situation in Toronto for a Mass location and for a residence for a priest of the FSSP was not what the Fraternity and the Archbishop had hoped it would be by this time. This is due to many reasons, but the primary concern for the FSSP revolves around the well-being of its priests by providing them a life in common according to our Constitutions.

The Fraternity of St. Peter has agreed with the Archbishop to look at the situation again when a more fitting arrangement can be found. Since Summorum Pontificum, the FSSP sees its role as either serving stable parochial communities or training other priests to provide Masses in accord with the needs of the Archdiocese.

We realize this is a disappointment for many of the faithful in Toronto, yet the best course for both the FSSP and the faithful wishing a FSSP priest in the Toronto area will be our keeping in contact with the Archbishop as he is certainly not opposed to our assistance.

In Christ,

*Fr. Eric Flood, FSSP
North American District Superior*

FYI: As posted in the FSSP Toronto Apostolate website:

All proceeds previously donated to *Priestly Fraternity - Toronto* and liturgical items acquired here will be in the custody of our nearest apostolate, Queen of Angels Oratory, In the Diocese of St. Catharines, ON.