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Bishop James Golka responds to Pope Francis’ apostolic letter restricting celebration of the Tridentine Mass

COLORADO SPRINGS. Most Rev. James R. Golka issued the following statement in response to Pope Francis’ July 16 apostolic letter “*Traditionis Custodes*” on the use of the Latin Roman Missal of 1962:

“Pope Francis’ recent letter restricting Masses offered in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite is causing concern and confusion for both those who preside at and those who participate in these Masses. Over the next several weeks, I plan to study the document and seek guidance from canon lawyers and other experts. After this time of study, I hope to issue a clarifying document for our diocese. In the meantime, I grant permission for those who have been offering Mass in the Extraordinary Form to continue to do so.”

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