



objection myself to the retention of that particular Mass, but it is a question of discipline in the church at the present time. To listen to it on a record of course is certainly not only legitimate but if it gives any comfort it would be very worthwhile. I do not think that it should be allowed simply to die. As part of an ongoing tradition it has its place in our church.

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### Adoration Devotions Scheduled

Among the many activities surrounding the observance of the Diamond Jubilee of Blessed Sacrament church is the monthly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 4.

The devotions begin at noon with exposition of the Sacrament and conclude with Benediction preceding the daily 5:15 p.m. Mass.

According to Wilma Higgs,

organizer of the program, the devotions have steadily increased in popularity for the past several months. Blessed Sacrament is the host church for the devotion on the first Thursday of each month.

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Dear Father Homan,

Once again thank you for your kind consideration and patience in answering the several questions I submitted to The Open Window. To some degree I played the part of "devil's advocate." I prefer the old and the traditional but I am not as distressed by the new changes as my husband and many of our close friends and relatives are. I resent the changes because my husband finds them unacceptable. He is a very good person and the kindest person I have known. I am sure that in time by God's grace, he will return to attending Mass. I pray for this.

Father, it is difficult for me to separate psychological and spiritual needs. They are closely tied, the things of the spirit with the things of the mind. We hunger and thirst for mental, physical and spiritual fulfillment. I believe that conditioning has a strong force in shaping our physical and spiritual nature, as well as our mental nature and outlook. From a psychiatric viewpoint, I wonder how much change of basic belief of one's spiritual doctrine can be tolerated by the large majority of people. Perhaps I am overconcerned because of my husband's unhappiness with the new liturgy.

We subscribe to a traditionalist Catholic newsletter, The Remnant. We sent for a recording "Sung Mass at Downham Market" [The Feast of All Saints] that was advertised in the Remnant. The celebrant is an English priest, Father Oswald Baker. We play this recording weekly or so and receive spiritual comfort from hearing the Tridentine Mass. We enjoy Father Baker's remarks at the end of the Mass, his strong position for the continuation of Latin use throughout the world as a part of church liturgy to unite the Catholics of the world in a strong bond by a common language.

Signed, J.F.

Dear J.F.,

The problem you bring up about people who have difficulty accepting the Mass as revised by Vatican II as well as other changes brought about there is a very real one. As you point out, it is indeed difficult to separate psychological and spiritual needs because human beings are single persons in whom all these needs are united. We used to separate the spiritual from the emotional and the psychological but insights of psychology today do not allow for that. So the healing process here, if one can really call it a healing process and I think we can, has to take place at both levels. It seems to me that the various reasons for rejecting the new liturgy and the "new church" are terribly individual and so one cannot put down answers which will be of any meaning or healing power to each and every person. I would think that counseling on an individual basis would be required. If your husband could enter into dialogue with someone who would be quite understanding about these particular psychological and emotional needs as well as spiritual ones then maybe together they could get to the root of the difficulty.

As regards your third paragraph I'm sure that you have been following in the newspapers the difficulty that French Archbishop Marcel LeFebvre has had with the Pope over the matter of the Tridentine Mass. I have no

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