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St. Patrick's hosts thousands at Tridentine Mass

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NEW YORK — Thousands packed St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York May 12 for an evening Tridentine Mass celebrated in Latin by retired Cardinal Alfonso M. Stickler.

It was the first time the Tridentine Mass had been celebrated in the cathedral since the new order of the Mass was introduced following the Second Vatican Council.

"Tridentine" comes from Trent, the site in northern Italy of the ecumenical council that mandated 16th-century liturgical reform. The reformed rite of the Mass was used throughout the Latin-rite church, with some revisions from time to time, until it was replaced in 1969 with publication of the new Roman Missal.

Limited use of the 1962 version of the Tridentine Mass is permitted by the church.

People came from throughout the

New York region and some even from distant states to attend the Mass, which was celebrated at the cathedral's high altar.

Still in apparent good health as he approaches his 86th birthday, Cardinal Stickler seemed not to tire through a two-hour service that included walking back and forth innumerable times to distribute Communion on the tongues of people who kept coming to kneel at the altar rail. Other priests also distributed Communion, but many people seemed to prefer receiving it from him.

In an interview before the Mass, Cardinal Stickler said he never went into any diocese to celebrate a Tridentine Mass unless the local bishop approved.

A Salesian born in Austria, Cardinal Stickler travels widely to accept invitations such as the one to New York. He is retired from service as Vatican librarian and archivist.

In 1984 the Vatican gave permission for limited use of the Tridentine Mass, as revised in 1962. In 1988, the pope in "Ecclesia Dei" set out terms for recon-

ciling followers of renegade French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre with Rome. Former Lefebvrites who have been reconciled with Rome make up the Fraternity of St. Peter.

Archbishop Lefebvre, founder of the Priestly Society of St. Pius X, celebrated only the Tridentine Mass and refused to accept the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. He was excommunicated in 1988 for illegally ordaining four bishops.

Cardinal Stickler said he had been told even by young Boy Scouts that they liked the old form of the Mass better.

"I am more and more convinced the desire for it is not disappearing but growing," he said. "It is growing not only — and this is very important, for me it is a surprise — not only among old people who knew it from their youth but from young people who never knew it."

Cardinal Stickler said that he considered the new form of the Mass valid and often celebrated it in situations where it was preferred.

But he said that he considered the new form a less adequate expression of

"the mystery we have in the center of our worship."

Cardinal Stickler said that merely celebrating the new form of the Mass in Latin was not sufficient. The position of the altar and priest in the new order "changes the sense of the Mass," he said with disapproval. The concept of "the assembly" and its role in the new order does not reflect a correct understanding, he said.

A specialist in the history of canon law who once was rector of the Pontifical Salesian University in Rome, Cardinal Stickler said he was one of the experts who advised the commission that drafted the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, and felt certain that subsequent developments did not reflect what was intended.

"I know exactly what the fathers wanted," he said, adding that Latin was to be preserved even as use of the vernacular was extended and that Gregorian chant "should be given pride of place" in liturgical music.

CALENDAR

All Dioceses

Religious Activities

■ **SUN, MAY 19** — Concert: "Festival of Two Cathedrals"; combined choirs of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester, and St. Joseph Cathedral, Buffalo; includes premiere of original composition, "A Hymn to St. Cecilia"; 3 p.m.; Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester; free and open to the public.

■ **MAY 24-26** — Weekend retreat: "Praying in Carmel"; Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; cost \$100; call 905/356-4113.

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Entertainment

■ **THUR, MAY 23** — Concert: rescheduled from March 24; performed by Frank Patterson, Irish tenor; Notre Dame High School auditorium, 1400 Maple Ave., Elmira; 8 p.m.; tickets for the original date will be honored; seats are still available; call Notre Dame High School, 607/734-2267.

Fundraiser

■ **SAT, MAY 18** — "Fantastic Findings" rummage & bake sale; sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; at the Parish Center, 1100 W. First St., Elmira; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; proceeds will benefit Holy Family Catholic Schools and the parish's Rosary/Altar Society.

Social Activities

■ **SAT, MAY 18** — Family Film Forum: sponsored by St.

Mary Our Mother's Family Ministry; St. Mary Our Mother School auditorium, 811 Westlake St., Horseheads; 6:15 p.m.; bring your friends and relatives and your own picnic lunch; \$1 per family; all welcome; call Steve Spaulding, 607/739-9282.

Monroe County

Adult Education

■ **MON, MAY 20** — Lunch conversations: "Women, Alcohol & Drugs"; part of Downtown Community Forum "Women's Spirit" series; Dugan Center, St. Mary's Place, Rochester; 12:10-12:50 p.m.; Kay Kanick, RSM, speaker; brown-bag lunches welcome; beverage and dessert provided; call 716/232-7140.

■ **WED, MAY 22** — Series: "A Public Forum with John Doyle, Monroe County Executive"; part of Downtown Community Forum "Life After Five" series; Dugan Center, St. Mary's Church, 15 St. Mary's Place, Rochester; 5-7 p.m.; wine, cheese and munchies provided; free; call 716/232-7140.

Education

■ **WED, MAY 22** — Educational fair: hosted by students and faculty of Holy Family School, 899 Jay St., Rochester; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Entertainment

■ **SAT, MAY 18** — Children's Theatre: "Bugs and Balloons"; Nazareth College Arts Center, 4245 East Ave., Rochester; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; for ages 4 and up; \$8; interpretation for the hearing impaired at 11 a.m.; call 716/586-2420.

■ **WED, MAY 22** — Concert: "Around the Town Com-

munity Concert"; by Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra; St. Catherine of Siena Church, 26 Mendon-Ionia Road, Mendon; 7:30 p.m.; donations accepted; all welcome.

■ **THUR, MAY 23** — Concert: "Around the Town Community Concert"; by RPO; St. Leo Church, 167 Lake Ave., Hilton; 7:30 p.m.; donations accepted; all welcome.

Fundraisers

■ **FRI, MAY 17** — Benefit dinner: and variety show for baby Amanda Merlaut, who has spina bifida; sponsored by St. Leo's Church, Hilton, and community; at Hilton Firemen's Ex-empt Hall, South Ave., Hilton; 6-9 p.m.; \$15.

■ **MAY 17-18** — Garage sale: St. Philip Neri Church, 1782 Clifford Ave., Rochester; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ **MAY 17-18** — Multi-church garage sale: St. Catherine of Siena Community Center, 26 Mendon Ionia Road, Mendon; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; proceeds will support Benincasa, a two-bed home for the terminally ill located in Mendon.

■ **SAT, MAY 18** — Bike-A-Thon: sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Knights of Columbus; to benefit St. Jude's Children Research Hospital; at Hamlin Beach State Park, Area 2; registration 8:30-10:30 a.m.; bike check and repair assistance 9-10:30 a.m.; two bike courses, 20 miles and three miles; call church office, 716/964-8627.

■ **SUN, MAY 19** — Chicken barbecue dinner: St. Boniface Church, 330 Gregory St., Rochester; eat in school hall or take home; 1-4 p.m.; \$6; dessert, beverages available.

Religious Activities

■ **CONTINUES TO JUNE 24** — Novena: to Our Lady of Perpetual Help; 1089 Joseph Ave., Rochester; 7 p.m.

■ **FRI, MAY 17** — Dinner:

with Father Paul Marx of Human Life International, speaker; Church of the Holy Spirit, Hatch and Plank roads, Webster; \$10; for information, call Mary Burke, 716/247-1947, or Barb Fredericks, 458-5628.

■ **FRI, MAY 17** — Renewal in the Spirit: and Secular Franciscans; Borromeo Prayer Center, 3011 Dewey Ave., Rochester; 7:30 p.m.; call 716/225-4134.

■ **SAT, MAY 18** — Teen Mass: and junior-senior high dance; sponsored by St. Helen's/Holy Ghost Youth Ministry; Mass at 7 p.m. at St. Helen's Church and dance to follow in parish center, 310 Hinchey Road, Gates; \$3; call Bill Bolton, 716/235-1210 or 426-1289.

■ **SUN, MAY 19** — Cantata: "Christ is Alive!"; St. Helen's Church, 310 Hinchey Road, Rochester; 3 p.m.; songs by Tom Jewell, liturgy and music director; all welcome.

■ **MON, MAY 20** — St. Jerome's Prayer Group: St. Jerome's Church, 207 S. Garfield St., East Rochester; 7:30 p.m.

■ **FRI, MAY 24** — May Day: Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester; 8:30 a.m. Mass in the school auditorium; May Court will then process to the grotto behind the school; Patricia Thompson, May Queen, will crown the statue of Mary with a wreath of flowers; ceremonies will conclude at 10:30 a.m.

■ **SAT, MAY 25** — Liturgy: and spiritual sharing for Catholic women; part of monthly gathering of Society of St. Francis deSales; Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester; 1:30 p.m.; group meets fourth Saturday of every month; call Beth, 716/482-3636 or Dora 663-7309.

Retreat

■ **MAY 17-18** — Family re-

treat: for the Hispanic Community; St. Francis of Assisi Church, 77 Whitney St., Rochester; Friday 7-9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Social Activities

■ **SAT, MAY 18** — Dinner and dance: sponsored by St. Thomas More Singles' Club; Marriott Greece, 1890 W. Ridge Road, Rochester; 7 p.m. dinner, 9 p.m. dance; call Anne, 716/482-5656.

Workshops

■ **MON, MAY 20** — Series: "Feeling Our Way to Wholeness and Holiness"; last in series; Sisters of St. Joseph Spirituality Center, 402 Rogers Parkway, Rochester; 7:30-9 p.m.; Sister Anne Alderman, SSJ, leader; \$10; call 716/336-4370.

Seneca Cayuga

Religious Activities

■ **MAY 19-21** — Scripture reflections: with Sr. Nancy McAward; St. Alphonsus Parish Center, 101 E. Genesee St., Auburn; 7:30 p.m. each evening and at 9:30 a.m. May 20-21; call 315/253-6147.

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Religious Activities

■ **FRI, MAY 17** — Healing Mass: St. James the Apostle, 17 Whig St., Trumansburg; 7 p.m.; Fr. Gene Sweeney, celebrant; families welcome; refreshments.

■ **SAT, MAY 25** — Celebration of Pentecost: "A Reunion with the Holy Spirit"; St. Patrick's Church, 300 Main St., Owego; 7:30 p.m.