

Statement from Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes, Archbishop of New Orleans on Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Letter, "Summorum Pontificum"

July 7, 2007

The Archdiocese of New Orleans welcomes Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Letter, "Summorum Pontificum". This letter identifies the Missal published by Pope Paul VI as the ordinary form of the Liturgy of the Mass. It also provides for an expanded use of the Missal published by Pope John XXIII as an extraordinary form of the Liturgy of the Mass. Archbishop Hughes has indicated that the Archdiocese of New Orleans plans to be ready for implementation of the Apostolic Letter on September 14 with specific instructions for priests and laity.