



SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART

Catholics for
«*Summorum Pontificum*»

The Society of the Sacred Heart — Catholics for «Summorum Pontificum» — is a union of lay Catholics deriving inspiration for its apostolate from the Motu Proprio «Summorum Pontificum» issued by Pope Benedict XVI in July 2007. The Society recognises the Magisterium of the Catholic Church in its entirety.

Cornerstone of our spiritual and devotional life is the 1962 Roman Missal of Bl. John XXIII supplemented by other officially recognised religious and devotional practices of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE SOCIETY?

- To act as catalysts for the Mass in the traditional rite.
- In particular, the celebration of this Mass in Catholic churches in Russia on Sundays and Feast days.
- In addition the society wishes to facilitate the holding and dispensing of other services and other sacraments (solemn vespers, weddings, et al.) according to the traditional rites of the Church.
- On request the society acts as coadjutor to priests and parishioners in the training of altar-servers and in other practical matters (books, vestments, gregorian chant etc.).
- For its members' spiritual welfare the society regularly organises exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, vespers and ember-day rituals, recitation

of the rosary, and retreats. Where appropriate and with the full knowledge and permission of the parish priest or the diocesan bishop, the society at its own expense invites priests from elsewhere for the performance of the above.

- An annual Requiem is offered for all deceased members of the society.

For the attainment of the above goals the society maintains «core groups» of assistants. Two such groups exist in Moscow: a «schola» for Gregorian chant; a group of altar-servers.

WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER?

The society is open to baptised and practising Catholics everywhere regardless of nationality or home parish; minimum age 18.

WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF MEMBERS?

- Each member prays daily for the successful development of the society.
- Each member adheres to the aims of the society and co-operates with other members towards their realisation.

«The traditional Latin liturgy of the Church in its various manifestations over the centuries has been spiritual nourishment for countless saints and has thereby leavened and stimulated the piety of many peoples.» (Benedict XVI, *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum*)

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