

MESSAGE FROM HIS GRACE, ARCHBISHOP GUIDO POZZO
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The Symposium organized by the Association *Giovani e Tradizione* and by the Group *Amicizia Sacerdotale Summorum Pontificum* next year shall be combined to the Pilgrimage of the *Coetus Internationalis Summorum Pontificum*, on the occasion of the tenth Anniversary since the coming into force of the *Motu proprio Summorum Pontificum* of Benedict XVI. This presents us with an occasion to appreciate the Papal Document that has recovered and rendered once more vital the liturgical and spiritual treasures of the Roman Rite in its *Ancient Form*.

As declared by Benedict XVI, both the *ordinary form* and the *extraordinary form* of the Roman Rite are two expressions of the *lex orandi* of the Church. They neither bring about any kind of division in the *lex credendi*, nor do they oppose each other. “*In the history of the liturgy there is growth and progress, but no rupture. What earlier generations held as sacred, remains sacred and great for us too, and it cannot be all of a sudden entirely forbidden or even considered harmful*” (Letter of Benedict XVI to the Bishops on the occasion of the publication of the Apostolic Letter “*Motu Proprio Data*” *Summorum Pontificum* on the use of the Roman Liturgy prior to the Reform of 1970).

It is necessary to forcefully underline that the re-establishment of the Traditional Roman Liturgy is not a step backwards in the life of the Church, but it looks towards the future of the Church, which cannot ever be built by deleting or obscuring the spiritual and doctrinal richness of its patrimony. I am certain that the Ancient Roman Rite shall experience, in the Church and in society, a new development and splendour.

I invite, therefore, all the members of the *Ecclesia Dei* Institutes, the Associations and the confluence of the stable *Groups* of the faithful that promote *Summorum Pontificum* to participate in great numbers in Rome for this commemorative event that shall take place between the 14 and 17 September 2017.

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Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle