

his talk, he objected to the proposal, saying it would “ghettoize” the traditional rites, that is push them in to a ghetto. Personally, I believe that the establishment of such a jurisdiction would increase the availability of the classical liturgy and open the door to the establishment of numerous other religious congregations, associations of the faithful, societies of Apostolic Life, sodalities, third orders, etc., etc., etc. To think that the establishment of such a jurisdiction would reduce the ancient rite to a ghetto is tantamount to saying that the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, have been reduced to such a state. As we know, the fact that they have their own jurisdictions has enabled them to grow and at the same time, to protect the integrity of their respective liturgies. One should also remember that the establishment of a separate jurisdiction would allow it to establish new parishes and communities, while at the same time continuing the present positive developments in the local dioceses, entering in to agreements with them to continue present arrangements for the use of churches and other facilities for the ancient rite. Anyone, especially priests and religious, who have been engaged in the establishment of new communities in the traditional rite, cannot fail to realize what a blessing it would be to have a jurisdiction which would be overall favorable to such new developments. One final point on this matter: such a jurisdiction does not have to be a permanent reality—when it’s usefulness has passed, and a general restoration has been effected, it’s existence would no longer be necessary.

A few weeks ago, I had occasion to attend The Church Teaches Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. I was particularly pleased to attend because Edward Cardinal Gagnon, was the keynote speaker. He ordained me to the sacred priesthood at St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican, almost 25 years ago (April 21, 1977). It was good to visit with him. I was amused by his remark to a few people at the conference when he said to them: You see this “young man”, I ordained him to the priesthood 25 years ago. Among the ideas that he presented in his speech that stand out in my mind, was his exhortation that diocesan bishops be generous in welcoming different communities and associations into their dioceses. He referred to it as an exquisite form of charity towards others. He may well have been thinking of the negotiations with the Society of St. Pius X (in which he was involved more than 10 years ago). Anyway it was good to see him. AD MULTOS ANNOS. Another person deserves special mention, the late Fr. John Hardon, SJ, in whose honor this conference was convened. A card was distributed with a prayer composed by Cardinal Gagnon, asking for the glorification of this great servant of God. By the way, let us pray that the cause for the beatification and canonization of Bishop Fulton Sheen and Dr. Dietrich von Hildebrand might not be too far off.

Finally let me remind you, even though it seems early, that the month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory is not too far off. Don’t forget the daily plenary indulgence for a visit to a cemetery any and each day from November 1st to 8th. Also there is a plenary indulgence applicable to the holy souls for visiting a church on All Souls Day. You might want to include any Mass intentions for November with the return envelope enclosed with this newsletter.

Time and space do not allow me to share more with you. You are remembered in

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