



**EXTENDED BRIEFING PAPER ON THE CDF QUESTIONNAIRE TO  
LOCAL ORDINARIES ON THE APPLICATION OF THE  
MOTU PROPRIO *SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM* 2020**

To His Eminence Luis F. Cardinal Ladaria SJ, Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,

Delft, Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, 2020

Your Eminence,

Please find attached in threefold the “*Extended Briefing Paper on the CDF Questionnaire to Local Ordinaries on the Application of the Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum, 2020*”.

As the Dutch’s primary organisation, which promotes the celebration of Mass in the Extraordinary Form and the use of the liturgical books of 1962, Ecclesia Dei Delft is pleased to offer this briefing paper as our direct response to the CDF. We are also happy that, thirteen years since the promulgation of *Summorum Pontificum* the attendance at the Extraordinary Form (EF) continues to grow slowly where it is offered, despite the general trend in the Netherlands. Our document provides a the good fruit that Pope Benedict’s Motu Proprio is bearing in some parts of our country.

However, the real meaning and consequences can only be understood in the light of the general trends within the Church of the Netherlands. This concerns not only the number of attendances at H. Mass in general but also the numbers of priests, parishes and the numbers availing themselves of the sacraments. An overview of the recent situation and trends are provided in tables and graphics for the entire Church in the \*Netherlands as well as separately for the several Dutch Dioceses. Unfortunately, the general tendency in all aspects is downwards for about 5,5 decades, since 1967. This is a trend that cannot continue much longer without fatal calamity, which if nothing happens to change it, is expected to continue within a few decades or earlier. Expressing my deepest concern, please, take notice of this alarming fact and let this be a warning for the future of the Dutch Church and all other Churches with a similar development, like in Western Europe and Northern America. In contrast to this the congregations around the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite tends to grow generally.

This briefing paper addresses the subjects posed by the CDF survey and is the fruit of collaboration with a number of priests that celebrates H. Mass in accordance with the Extraordinary Form.

I would like to express my gratitude to those who offered testimonials and to the many more who continue to uphold our apostolate in prayer.



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With heartfelt gratitude for your kind and generous consideration, we humbly beg your sincere prayers for the Holy Father. We offer you the assurance of our filial support and prayers and we humbly ask for the grace of your blessing.

Faithfully in Christo,

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