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PONTIFICIA COMMISSIO « ECCLESIA DEI »

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Dear Reverend Father Pietras,

This Pontifical Commission has received your letter dated 16 October 2018, in which you submitted several questions relating to the celebration of the *forma extraordinaria* of the Roman Rite.

In response, this Dicastery answers as follows (in the order of your questions):

1. Please refer to Art. 6 of the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum*, which is clear.
2. Except in certain specific circumstances, the liturgical books of the *forma extraordinaria* no longer foresee the recitation (or singing) of the *Confiteor* prior to the distribution of Holy Communion when this takes place during Mass. However, in those places where the practice exists, this may be continued.
3. This Pontifical Commission is not aware of the practice of blessing a child with a host. It would seem more appropriate, if at all, to make a simple sign of the cross.
4. Please refer to n. 25 of the Instruction *Universæ Ecclesiæ*.
5. Celebrations of Holy Mass according to the *forma extraordinaria* celebrated on Saturday evening allow the fulfillment of the obligation of Can. 1248 §1. However, the Mass formulary used should be that permitted on a Saturday.
6. The function of Subdeacon may be carried out, in addition to ordained clerics, by seminarians or religious who have received either First Tonsure, the order of Subdeacon, or the Ministry of Acolyte, or by laymen who have been stably instituted into that same Ministry (of Acolyte) in accordance with Can. 230 §1 CIC.


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7. This Pontifical Commission sees no objection, in the absence of an ordained Master of Ceremonies, to a layman fulfilling such function during a Pontifical Mass.
8. In such a case, Chapter V of Title VII of the *Rituale Romanum* which was in force in 1962 should be followed.
9. Affirmative to the second part.
10. To obtain a response, a full copy of the document(s) in question should be sent to this Pontifical Commission.
11. Both decrees are to be applied, noting however that use of the *Ordo Baptismi adultorum per gradus* is a mere possibility, as per n. 1 of the *normae pro usu* of the same.
12. Affirmative.
13. The *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum* applies to the Roman Rite and its uses (either local or proper to religious orders).
14. See response to question 13.
15. Please refer to n. 34 of the Instruction *Universae Ecclesiae*, which is clear.
16. Can. 1174 §1 CIC is to be applied.
17. The question is too general. Particular directives should be examined on a case-by-case basis.
18. Artt. 5, 7 & 8 of the *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum* are to be followed.
19. See response to question 17.
20. N. 27 of the Instruction *Universae Ecclesiae* is clear. Other disciplinary *dubia* should be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
21. Such decrees may be considered strictly binding if they are of a perceptive nature and are general (rather than particular).
22. Affirmative, subject to the criteria referred to above.
23. Where it exists, this practice may be followed.
24. Affirmative.
25. The music performed at functions that are *in cantu* should correspond to the relevant liturgical texts.
26. The question should be specified further.
27. This Pontifical Commission would not be opposed to this where the practice exists.
28. See response to question 10.
29. Such permissions have generally been given for a period of three years, *ad experimentum*.

Hoping that the above answers your questions, with prayerful best wishes,  
I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,



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