

**In November of 1791, Archbishop John Carroll held a 4-day synod with 22 priests.**

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**SYNODUS BALTIMORENSIS**

solemnioribus diebus, si fieri potest, assistentibus Diacono et Subdiacono. Finito Evangelio, legantur preces præscriptæ pro omnibus ordinibus et felici statu Reipublicæ; Evangelium item proprium illius diei linguâ vernaculâ; fiant publicationes pro matrimoniiis habendis, pro observandis festis diebus, aut jejuniorum, et si quæ alia occurrunt de quibus monendus est populus. Deinde sermo habeatur, qui talis sit ex quo et erudiri auditores et emendari, et ad vitæ Christianæ perfectionem animari possint. In officio pomeridiano, Vesperæ, iisque finitis, Antiphona B. Mariæ Virginis tempori propria debent cantari: dein detur Benedictio cum SS. Sacramento, et solemní cantu in ejus honorem, ac postea instructio catechistica. Optandum est ut inter officia hymni aliqui aut preces linguâ vernaculâ cantentur.

18. Ubi verò unicus est Sacerdos qui solus omnia peragat, expeditis confessionibus, omnibusque ad sacrificium paratis, recitet primò, nisi assistentes cantare velint linguâ vernaculâ, Litanias vel SS. nominis Jesu, vel Lauretanæ; quibus finitis, et factâ aspersione aquæ benedictæ, Missam incipiat, pe-

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