

THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY

For the Preservation of the Traditional Roman Rite



**RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR FOR PRIESTS, MERTON COLLEGE, OXFORD
28TH JULY TO 1ST AUGUST 2008**

April 2008

Dear Reverend Father,

Our first training conference for priests wishing to learn the Mass in the *usus antiquior*, held at Merton College in August 2007, was a great success. The LMS now announces its second Residential Seminar for Priests, once again at Merton College, Oxford, from Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August. This year we hope to accommodate **over 60 priests**. If possible, deacons and senior seminarians seeking training will be accommodated also. The seminar will last a full week to provide much more 'hands on' training time.

The main features of this year's seminar will be:

- A number of different seminar paths
- small training groups to ensure greater individual attention
- training in celebrating Low Mass, *Missa Cantata* and Solemn Mass
- training in the administration of the Sacraments according to the Traditional Rites
- help with improving your Latin
- guidance in the recitation of the traditional breviary
- lectures on *Summorum Pontificum*, the Liturgy and the practical use of the *usus antiquior* in a parish setting
- daily Mass, Lauds and Vespers – all in the Traditional Rite
- the opportunity for priests to offer private Masses with an assistant priest 'guide'

The programme for the seminar, which will reflect the options chosen by those registering, will be circulated to registrants early in July. The conference is scheduled to commence with Mass late morning on July 28th at 11.30 am (although it is appreciated that priests travelling a distance may not arrive until the afternoon), and to conclude after luncheon on August 1st. It is planned to keep one afternoon free.

In order to provide such intense practical training in the Traditional Mass and Sacraments and to ensure a daily high standard of liturgy, the LMS will have a large faculty of clergy who have had extensive experience in celebrating and teaching the traditional rites. They will be assisted by liturgical and music staff who are all expert in their individual fields.

We are writing to a wide selection of clergy in England and Wales. If you are interested, I would be grateful if you would respond within the next two weeks so that we will know how many places to offer to other priests who may wish to attend. **I would also be grateful if you would pass this information on to any other priests whom you think may be interested. Any Roman Catholic priest in good standing may apply and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.**

The fee for attending the full conference will be £150 which covers all meals, accommodation and teaching materials (this fee is heavily subsidised by the generosity of LMS members). Please send a cheque (made out to 'LMS') for this amount with your application on the enclosed form. Should this fee present any hardship, please write to me in confidence: the generosity of a number of lay faithful has made possible some sponsored places.

It is essential that you return your application form as soon as possible as the programme of the seminar will be determined by the needs of the delegates and this cannot be finalised until we hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Julian Chadwick
LMS Chairman