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DICASTERY FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS

DECREE

on the formulary and Biblical readings for the Mass for the Care of Creation

“Let Your works praise You, that we may love You; and let us love You, that Your works may praise You (Augustine, *Confessions*, 13,33; PL 32)

The mystery of creation is the beginning of salvation history, which culminates in Christ and from the mystery of Christ it receives definitive light; in fact, by manifesting His goodness, “in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen 1,1) God already from these origins had in mind the glory of the new creation in Christ.

Sacred Scripture exhorts humankind to contemplate the mystery of creation and to give endless thanks to the Holy Trinity for this sign of His benevolence, which, like a precious treasure, is to be loved, cherished and simultaneously advanced, as well as handed down from generation to generation.

At this time it is evident that the work of creation is seriously threatened because of the irresponsible use and abuse of the goods God has endowed to our care (cf. [*Laudato si'*](#) n. 2).

This is why it is considered appropriate to add a Mass formulary “*pro custodia creationis*” to the *Missae “pro variis necessitatibus vel ad diversa”* of the Roman Missal.

In the Eucharist “The world which came forth from God’s hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, ‘creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself’ (Benedict XVI, [*Homily for the Mass of Corpus Domini*](#), 15 June 2006). Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation” ([*Laudato si'*](#) n. 236).

The Supreme Pontiff LEO XIV approved this formulary along with appropriate biblical readings, drawn up in Latin and attached to this Decree, and ordered that they be disseminated, and now the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments promulgates it and declares it to be the typical text.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

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