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For immediate release

Announcing: Scholarship fund for Traditionalist Catholic formation in the southern Minnesota dioceses of Winona and New Ulm.

Long-term funding for the project: No direct fund-raising, but simply a list of people who have stated that they will be willing to donate on a case-by-case basis.

Start-up funding for the project: \$10,000, disbursed according to the discretion of the manager of the scholarship fund.

Potential Recipients:

- Diocesan clergy
 - o *Traditional Sacramentary* and other necessary liturgical books.
 - o *Training* videos. Easy-to-use DVD player. Quick-start Latin materials. CD for listening while driving. (A “help line” phone number to call with questions, and a stipend for the Traditionalist priests ready to help with these calls.)
 - o A travel stipend for a handful of very *skilled servers* to help the priests get up to speed. Sympathetic older priests, who knew the Traditional Mass to some extent but would not easily remember how to celebrate it now; could, even without spending time practicing, probably be able to celebrate a weekday Mass if a very *skilled server* was there to assist.
 - o *Gifts* - anniversaries - Just little care packages showing our appreciation, whether that be a beef steak certificate, a small scholarship, or an invitation to go fishing.
- *Seminarians* – scholarships for Traditionalist training, selected seminaries.
- *Traditional Requiem Mass* – burial stipend. The funeral is the most common situation where the Traditional Rites could be introduced into the parish. Let pastors and funeral directors know that there are funds available to help offset any extra funeral costs that are specific to a Traditional Mass (more candles, travel stipend for choir, etc.).
- *Choir* formation funds: music books & travel stipend for choir director
- *Community education* outreach:
 - o *Broadening the familiarity with Latin* - Subsidized *matching grant fund* to these *community education teachers* (who will likely not earn sufficient income from the class) in selected geographic areas (refer to map).
 - o *Development of selected “hot spots”*: identifying and developing *specific geographic areas* (perhaps consisting of former parishes?), where the Traditional Mass would become the most accessible and usual option for assisting at Mass.
 - o Publicity/advertising funds:

- Column in the Prairie Catholic
- Column, insert, ads and/or letters-to-editor in selected newspapers
- Latin Mass on *local access channel*.
- *Pioneer Public Television* would be interested in original programming, at least when I contacted them several years ago. I have several good video cameras and would be willing to pay a modest amount for a home-grown documentary about the rebirth of the Traditional liturgy.

