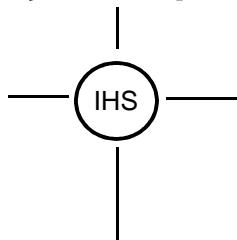


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**In Hoc Signo**



**Una Voce**  
Springfield Area

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Patroness: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas

Chapter Hymn:

*Veni Creator*

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## **Meaning of *Una Voce* – Springfield Area Logo**

*By Barbara A. Schoeneberger, M.A.*

Our logo, found on all our official publications and seen in the upper left corner of this newsletter, was designed by the original chapter board. Made of three elements, “*In Hoc Signo*”, the Sacred Host with the Greek monogram “I H S” and the Cross, this symbol of our devotion to the traditional sacred liturgy and our Catholic faith encapsulates our vocation as Catholics and our love of the Holy Eucharist.

“*In Hoc Signo*” marks the first three words of the message written in the sky the night before the Emperor Constantine the Great went to battle against Maxentius who was trying to unseat him as emperor. *In Hoc Signo Vinces* (In this Sign thou shalt conquer) appeared and the troops took the symbol of the Chi-ro appearing with the words on their shields although many of them were pagans. Though Constantine’s army was of vastly inferior numbers (20,000 to 100,000), with the help of God, he prevailed. Maxentius was killed on October 28, 312 at Rome on the Milvian Bridge over the Tiber. In gratitude for the divine victory, the Emperor issued the Edict of Milan granting freedom of worship to all Christians.

For us, *In Hoc Signo* means the same as it meant for Constantine. marching under the banner of the Cross, we shall conquer the forces of evil attacking the Church in the arena where we have been called to fight: the restoration of our liturgical tradition. This means also the teaching of its meaning to all who wish to learn. St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians (Eph. 6:12) and to us: our battle “is not against flesh and blood, but against the Principalities and the Powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness on high.” Paul tells us that we must “take up the armor of God, that we may be able to resist in the evil day and stand, in all things perfect.” He says, (v. 14 – 17) “Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of justice, and having your feet shod with the readiness of the gospel of peace, in all things taking up the shield of faith, with which you may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the most wicked one. And take unto you the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, that is, the word of God.”

We could meditate for a very long time on this phrase *In Hoc Signo* and never exhaust its personal meaning for us. The key is to lift our eyes heavenward to the Cross with confidence that God is in charge, wants us to stay in fighting condition (spiritual strength), and will deliver victory when it will do the most good for souls.

The Sacred Host with the letters “I H S” stands for the Holy Eucharist, the Bread of Life, the true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Savior. “I H S” is the abbreviation of the name “Jesus Christ” and its use dates from at least the 3rd century. Through our devotion to the Holy Eucharist in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we are strengthened to meet the challenges of evil and inspired to do good. We cannot enter the Kingdom of God unless we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ and become more like Him every day. We cannot do what we have been called to do as Christians without this sustenance.

The Cross, overlaid by the Sacred Host brings everything together. It was by dying on the Cross that Jesus conquered death and Satan. He told us we could not be with Him for eternity unless we also took up our crosses and followed Him along the stations to Calvary. This combined symbol reminds us that we will not achieve victory without suffering, but that He will be there right with us to sustain us, and to drive away the forces of darkness if we continue to look to Him.

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### **Board**

**President:** George Mueller, Ph. D.; **Vice President:** Barb Schoeneberger, M.A.; **Secretary:** Brent Miller; **Treasurer:** Michael Harl, M.D.

By our logo we show that we understand we are in battle. We will get bloodied. Our reputations will suffer from the ignorant and evil-intentioned. We will be excluded from that which is rightfully ours in earthly terms. Other evils will befall us as happens to all soldiers. But we also show that we are under the sign of Christ. His power rules us and all creation. Some will be brought closer to Him because of us. And so, *"In Hoc Signo"*, in this sign of the cross with the Sacred Host overlaid, we will conquer, but the victory belongs to Our Lord.

### ***From the President...***



At the November meeting the members agreed to gather for Mass at various parishes on Sundays. **Attendance is not mandatory, but is encouraged for the following reasons:**

1. To provide support and encouragement for each other in staying faithful to our unity with the Church since we are currently denied the Traditional Mass.
2. To provide an opportunity for Una Voce members to meet other Catholics who may have an interest in our goal of obtaining the Mass and Sacraments according to the 1962 liturgical books.

Members need not sit together at Mass. We are present for mutual encouragement of each other and to worship as a group in the same place. Don Carriker is in charge of making up the schedule which will be posted at our website and published in our newsletter. **Current dates, times, and locations: 12/5, 9:00 am, SEAS; 12/12, 9:00 am, St. Agnes; 12/19, 8:00 am, St. Joseph in Billings.** Please join us if you are able.

**Women and girls are encouraged to wear head coverings in church in keeping with our Catholic tradition.**

**Explanation:** While the 1917 Code of Canon Law requires head coverings for women, codifying Church tradition and custom from Apostolic times, we cannot say that its absence from the 1983 Code gives us a free pass on this issue. Canon 20 of the 1983 Code says: "A later law abrogates, or derogates, an earlier law if it states so expressly, is directly contrary to it, or completely reorders the entire matter of the earlier law." The 1983 Code does not address head coverings in church for women.

Canon 21 states: "In case of doubt, the revocation of a pre-existing law is not presumed, but later laws must be related to the earlier ones, and insofar as possible, must be harmonized with them." Women wearing head coverings in church was NOT revoked by current Canon Law. Therefore, the custom and previous law on this issue is in effect. The practice fell into disuse after Vatican Council II at the instigation of the radical feminists. To better understand this entire subject, read "Ungodly Rage" by Donna Steichen, available from Ignatius Press.

Lastly, regarding head coverings, this custom and practice dates from the Old Testament. One cannot imagine Our Lady showing up for services at the synagogue or temple with her head uncovered. Does it not make sense for women to imitate her?

### **Kneeling to receive Holy Communion**

**Those Una Voce members who are inclined to kneel for Holy Communion are encouraged to do so.** Those who are physically unable to kneel even though they desire to do so are encouraged to offer up their inability to do so in reparation for the insults and outrages against the Holy Eucharist.

**Explanation:** According to Protocol n. 47/03/L, given in Rome on February 26, 2003 by Monsignor Mario Marini, Undersecretary of the Sacred Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the norm approved by the Congregation at the request of the American bishops was contingent upon the following: "...the faithful should not be imposed upon nor accused of disobedience and of acting illicitly when they kneel to receive Holy Communion." The lawmaker, in this case the Sacred Congregation, is the final authority on the intent of the law, and the recourse to whom faithful Catholics must turn for interpretation. Go to our website for a link to this Protocol.

No bishop or priest has the authority to prohibit kneeling to receive Holy Communion because, under Church law, unless the custom of kneeling to receive Holy Communion is specifically revoked under official

Church law, it remains, as Msgr. Marini wrote, licit. Any bishop or priest who attempts to prohibit kneeling is exceeding his authority even though the American bishops were permitted by the CDW to state that standing is the norm.

All communication from the Holy See containing a Protocol number is official and cannot be countermanded except by another official document issued from the Holy See.

Anyone who is refused Holy Communion because of kneeling is to report the incident, naming the priest, diocese, date and time of the incident to Cardinal Arinze, Prefect, Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 10 Piazza Pio XII 10, 00193, Rome, Italy. Phone: 011.39.6.69.88.43.16. Fax: 011.39.6.69.88.34.99. The Congregation has asked that anyone refused Holy Communion because of kneeling inform them promptly as this is a very serious offense and the Holy See wants it stopped.

### Pilgrimages to Tulsa Resumed

At its November 23rd meeting, the board agreed to resume scheduled pilgrimages to Tulsa since our chapter is served by the F.S.S.P. from there. Our chaplain, Father Byrne, F.S.S.P. has given us the date of February 20, 2005 for a chapter pilgrimage to Tulsa for the 1:00 p.m. Mass. It will be a Missa Cantata with the congregation singing the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei from the ordinary of the Mass, plus some hymns. **This would be a good time to invite people who are interested in the Traditional Mass to join us for the pilgrimage.** After Mass Father Byrne will visit with us and parish members will serve us some food before we start the trip back. We will schedule more pilgrimages with Father Byrne when the F.S.S.P. ordo is released for 2005.

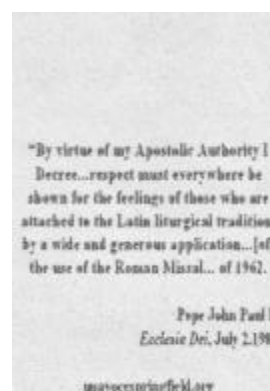
### Visibility: Una Voce T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.

Because of the general consensus of members attending the meetings this fall that we want Una Voce to be more visible, the board is moving forward with some ideas generated by the ad hoc committee formed at the September meeting, plus some new ideas. At the November 23rd board meeting, the board agreed on wording for Una Voce T-shirts, etc. We approved the design at the November 30th meeting. Donna Foster has agreed to get all the information on prices, styles, minimum orders, etc. to present at the December 15th Una Voce meeting. The board agreed to finance the purchase of some clothing items for members whose families are so large that wearing these items would be cost-prohibitive otherwise. The purpose of the T-shirts, etc. is to make us walking billboards for Una Voce. **The board encourages wearing them in everyday activities, as well as when we are doing good works as a group.** We do not think this casual wear is appropriate for Mass. It is not mandatory for members to purchase clothing, but we encourage everyone to give it serious consideration.

T-Shirt Front



T-Shirt Back



### Idea contribution sheet

In this newsletter we have included the new "Idea Contribution Sheet" the board agreed would help us obtain ideas from all members throughout the year. Copies will be available at every meeting and you may submit them to the Secretary, Brent Miller, whenever you wish, or you may send them to our post office box. A copy will also be available on our web site. Since some people are more shy than others about speaking up but may have

good ideas the board should consider, we thought this would be a good way to provide a fair hearing for all. Anyone submitting an idea will hear from the president as to its outcome.

Sometimes we will be calling the person to make a presentation to the board. Sometimes the ideas may have to be held in reserve until a suitable situation arises when we can apply them. The board appreciates the interest people take in helping Una Voce make a difference in the Church.

### **New “Catholics, do you know...?” brochure**

At the November 23rd board meeting a committee of Barb Schoeneberger, Donna Foster, and Nanette Anderson was commissioned to develop a custom brochure members can use to inform fellow Catholics of the Pope’s wishes that the Traditional Mass and Sacraments according to the 1962 liturgical books be made available in all dioceses where Catholics desire it. We expect the completed brochure to be ready for use in January and hope that it will help us dispel myths about the Traditional Mass as well as attract new members. The brochure can be used in connection with existing chapter publications and will be posted on our web site when completed.

### **Una Voce and Pro-Life**

Since considerable enthusiasm was generated for some participation in local Pro-Life activities at the November meeting as a way of doing good, increasing visibility as Una Voce, and positioning ourselves to deal with the new bishop as strong Catholics, the board invited Donna Foster to make a presentation to us at the November 30th meeting. Because Donna has extensive experience in this area, we wanted to get her ideas. Based on the information she presented, the board appointed a committee of George Mueller, Mike Harl, and Amanda Harl to make personal visits to the local heads of the diocesan Voice for Life group and the Missouri Right to Life group. The purpose of the visits is to find out what their needs are, how we can work with them, and to acquaint them with our group and its purposes so we might work together for mutual benefit.

**Una Voce – Springfield Area will not veer from our purpose of obtaining the Traditional Mass and Sacraments according to the 1962 liturgical books. Our agenda is spiritual, not political, in the imitation of Christ.** The board believes participation by our chapter in some pro-life activities helps fulfill our spiritual agenda and is the right thing to do because it helps save babies, is a corporal work of mercy which we, as Catholics, should be doing, will allow us to make personal contacts with others who may be attracted to our goals, bring us many graces, and help build up the Mystical Body of Christ. It is a powerful way to be visible which can lead to conversions inside and outside the Church. Since we are currently prohibited the Traditional Mass against the Pope’s wishes, we must take the best opportunity to be visible as true sons and daughters of the Church.

We do not want to make parishes a battleground, which we have seen happen at St. Joseph in Springfield in the late ‘90s and at St. Joseph in Billings this year where orthodox priests were attacked, slandered, and calumniated by parishioners who were hostile to Catholic tradition which had nothing to do with the Traditional Mass and sacraments. Una Voce had not even been formed in the first instance and in the second instance had no part in the disturbance. Those cases were related to good pastors trying to provide clear teachings of the Church and reverent liturgies in the *Novus Ordo*. If some Catholics can work themselves into a blind rage over attempts by pastors to be true to their calling in the traditional sense, trying to bring information concerning the Traditional Mass into parishes in an overt way will be even more disruptive and can backfire on us to the extent that we may be prevented from achieving our goals in a reasonable time frame. By putting our support behind a mainstream cause, we gain a broader base of influence outside of individual parishes. No pastor can justifiably complain that we are a nuisance. Another consideration in taking this approach is to counteract possible attempts at suppression in the future. We will already have a public presence interacting with pro-lifers and cannot be forbidden by some future bishop to speak about the Traditional Mass and Sacraments in exchange for being granted the Mass at some gravely inconvenient time in some obscure location as has happened to other Latin Mass groups. Members can expect to hear more about how we will be proceeding when we have more information and some concrete plans.

### **Obtaining new members**

I have observed the following: new members arrive in Una Voce by **personal, individual contact** with current members, not by mass contact. It has been this way from the beginning. We have always worked to be joyful, positive, and charitable towards everyone, while at the same time dealing realistically with the negatives of

our situation. Our chief concern from the beginning is the salvation of souls, which, codified in Canon Law #1752, is the supreme law of the Church. St. Francis of Assisi said to preach always, and when necessary, use words. We have always tried to lead by example in our chapter, by keeping a balance between growing in knowledge of our sacred traditions, in our individual relationships with God, and participating in appropriate actions, all of which will draw us closer to God and bring about good in the Church. Being a part of the *Una Voce/Ecclesia Dei* movement in the Church is truly a calling, a vocation from God to meet certain needs of the Church in our time. Many people can participate in it through prayer, sacrifice, and penances even if they cannot come to meetings or participate in activities. I hope all our members will ask every Catholic we discuss our purposes with to pray for the fulfillment of our goals since they are also among the goals of Pope John Paul II and for the good of the Church, even if these persons discern that they do not have a calling to participate actively as a chapter member. Reminder: We have many people on our mailing list praying for us. In addition, Mother Angelica and her sisters are praying for us, the Benedictines at Clear Creek, the Society of St. John Vianney in Brazil, and the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter as well. We are not alone.

### **Resumption of Study of the Traditional Mass**

So far this year we have not been able to devote our meetings to our customary study of the prayers of the Traditional Mass. Members may look forward to at least two spiritually oriented programs this spring: one will be a group discussion on the next prayer of the Mass and another will be our annual visit from Father William Korte who will be speaking to us in May on the sacrament of Confession. If we can schedule another priest besides Father Gary and Father Korte for one of our programs we will do so. It is important that we nourish ourselves spiritually to continue strong in the face of adversity.

### **Diocese of Covington hosts the Traditional Mass at the cathedral**

In a remarkable move, Bishop Foy of the diocese of Covington, Kentucky said the first Traditional Mass under his jurisdiction in the Cathedral Basilica. Nine diocesan priests have since volunteered to say the Mass, which has been given a home at the cathedral. Father William Fitzgerald, O. Praem., is the Director of Worship for the diocese and vice-Rector and Director of Liturgy at the cathedral basilica. He hails from Australia and is very traditional according to those familiar with him.

When Bishop Foy originally came to Covington, he was not agreeable to the Traditional Mass. However, two known factors changed his mind: Father Fitzgerald spoke in favor of it and the bishop learned that a new, large, independent chapel was going to be built nearby. When he met the Catholics who wanted to have the Mass under his jurisdiction, he was impressed. Leading by example, he was the first to say it in his diocese.

### **32nd annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. – Springfield – Cape Girardeau Diocese**

Busses will start out in Springfield, Missouri on Saturday, January 22, 2005 and travel across the diocese with pick-up points along the way. Lodging is at Catholic University of America, so bring sleeping bags. Cost: \$125/person. Contact Rosie San Paolo, 417-883-0617 for more information.

### **January 19 meeting – “Back to the Future – The Traditional Mass”**

Father Gary Carr will be our featured speaker at our January meeting in the auditorium at the Library Center. This would be a good opportunity to bring friends and those who are curious about our group. We all know what a good speaker Father is. He will be expanding on his October talk in which we looked at the Vatican II document on the Sacred Liturgy. Please pray for good weather so we will have good attendance.

Reminder: The February meeting will be at the Midtown Carnegie library on the second floor, as will the April and May meetings. Please mark your calendars. The Midtown address is: 397 E. Central. It is just off Chestnut Expressway and on Central right near Central High School.

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