It has been nearly one year since the removal of Bishop Strickland from the Diocese of Tyler, and the Latin Mass has already been shut down. In a letter dated November 6th from the current Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Joe Vasquez explains that celebrations according to the 1962 Missal will cease on November 30th, 2024.

> JUST IN: #Vatican cracks down on Traditional Latin Mass in Tyler, Texas, one year after Bishop Strickland's removal. Dicastery for Divine Worship informs current apostolic administrator that celebrations according to the 1962 Missal at the Cathedral will end as of Nov 30th. (1/2) pic.twitter.com/5IEqDZsMcK
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> — Diane Montagna (@dianemontagna) November 9, 2024

The letter has several conspicuous aspects, including the Bishop's clarification that this directive comes from the Dicastery for Divine Worship and reflects their intent to implement *Traditionis Custodes*, rather than his own personal decision.

This directive comes follows the lengthy 'synod on synodality' which released a document calling for a "healthy decentralization". Yet it would seem that this decentralization is not to apply to the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass.

The letter also allows the Fraternity of St. Peter to continue celebrating the Traditional Mass in the diocese, a permission that is far from permanent, given the slow but steady moves against the FSSP by other diocesan bishops and even the Vatican itself.

The Bishop concluded the letter by praying that the faithful may accept this command and come to a "greater awareness of the liturgical richness of the ordinary form of the Roman liturgy".

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