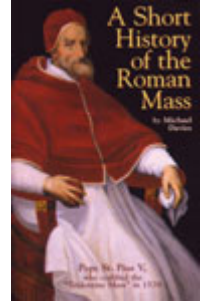


Book Review:

A Short History of the Roman Mass

By: Michael Davies



A Short History of the Roman Mass. A short, authoritative, enthralling history of the Roman Mass from the Last Supper to the "Tridentine Mass" as said today. Covers Low Mass, Sacramentaries, other Western Rites, etc. Highlights the reforms of Popes St. Gregory the Great (590-604) and St. Pius V (1566-1572). Says neither "reform" produced a "new" liturgy.

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Dear All,

It certainly is amazing that Michal Davies can give us a presentation on the development of the Roman Rite for 1900 years in such a small little booklet of less than a hundred pages. It was very informative and answered many of my questions about the differences between the old and new liturgies. I never understood why the old Mass did not have what we have today, like Sacramentaries, and Lectionaries, and such. What I took from this piece is the fact that the Mass of John XXIII (1962), which is simply a revision of the Mass of Pius V (1570), took 1500 years of gradual and organic development to be codified finally by papal Bull, *Quo Primum Tempore*. This is in contrast with what the Concilium gave us with the New Mass (Mass of Paul VI, 1969), a Mass which was pieced together, with *some* retention of the Old Mass, lots of suppressions, and certainly with novelties which do not proceed from the prescriptions of Vatican II itself, as a careful reading of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (Vatican II document on Sacred Liturgy) will prove. All that said, this is a wonderful little book. I have ordered 50 of them for Una Voce, and will be providing them for \$2.00 each.

AMDG.

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