



PONTIFICIA COMMISSIO
« ECCLESIA DEI »

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Prot. N. 092/2010

Vatican City, 19 May 2011

Dear 

This Pontifical Commission would like to thank you for your kind letter in which you essentially question the use of female altar servers at the Extraordinary Form of the Mass.

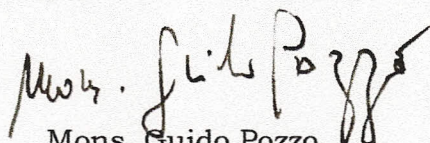
This Commission in its *Instruction*, approved by the Holy Father in an audience given to the President of this Pontifical Commission, is able to stipulate its position by citing n. 28 of that same *Instruction*:


Furthermore, by virtue of its character of special law, within its own area, the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum* derogates from those provisions of law, connected with the Sacred Rites, promulgated from 1962 onwards and incompatible with the rubrics of the liturgical books in effect in 1962.

In this regard, the Circular letter of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments of 1994 (cf. *Notitiae* 30 [1994] 333-335) permitting female altar servers, does not apply to the Extraordinary Form.

With every good wish and kind regard, I am,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,


Mons. Guido Pozzo
Secretary


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