

Press Release

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Maney launches new liturgical journal *Usus Antiquior* in 2010

Maney Publishing, in collaboration with the Society of Saint Catherine of Siena, is pleased to announce the launch of a new journal in 2010, ***Usus Antiquior***, which is dedicated to the Sacred Liturgy of the Catholic Church in all its aspects.

The journal will be launched on 6th January 2010 on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord in London, UK.

Edited by the **Rev'd Dr Laurence Paul Hemming** of the Institute of Advanced Studies, Lancaster University, UK, and the liturgical scholar **Rev'd Dr Alcuin Reid**, the journal encompasses the theological, musical, architectural and artistic, historical and juridical, philosophical, pastoral and contemporary aspects of the Sacred Liturgy. It seeks to make a positive contribution to the discussion of questions pertinent to the liturgical life of the Catholic Church in our day.

Dr Alcuin Reid, whose study *The Organic Development of the Liturgy* received the endorsement of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger shortly before his election as Pope, sees *Usus Antiquior* as playing an important part in the renewal of the Sacred Liturgy in the pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI and beyond: "The question of the liturgy is very much now at the heart of mainstream liturgical debate, and *Usus Antiquior* will make a significant contribution to its discussion. With Pope Benedict we hold that 'It behoves all of us to preserve the riches which have developed in the Church's faith and prayer, and to give them their proper place.' This means both promoting the study and use of the wealth of tradition that is found in the older liturgical rites, and asking – calmly but clearly – what needs to be done now and in the future about the liturgical reforms that took place in the twentieth century."

Dr Laurence Hemming, author of *Worship as a Revelation* and Co-Founder of the Society of St Catherine of Siena, expressed delight at having secured a partnership with Maney Publishing: "We are excited to be able to found *Usus Antiquior* with Maney's professional and experienced team. Students, individuals, religious communities and institutions will benefit from the highest standards of print and on-line distribution from the outset." Dr Hemming is confident that the journal will have significant impact in the intellectual study of the Liturgy: "We are at the vanguard of the restoration of the Liturgy as an intellectual discipline. The journal itself, the launch conference we are planning, as well as the academic discussion they will fuel, will all contribute to placing liturgical studies at the heart of theological endeavour. The willing collaboration of the eminent scholars who form our international editorial board is itself evidence of the importance of this endeavour."

Michael Gallico, Managing Director at Maney, anticipates a keen reception for the journal: "*Usus Antiquior* will be the prominent journal in the field of liturgical studies with its distinguished Editors and strong connections with leading scholars and researchers worldwide. We are delighted to be working with the Society of Saint Catherine of Siena on our first journal in religious studies, which will benefit from Maney's expertise in humanities publishing."

The first issue of *Usus Antiquior* will be published in January 2010, with the second issue to follow in July. Upcoming articles include 'A Theological Perspective on Church Music' by Aidan Nichols, OP, 'The Anaphora of the Alleged 'Apostolic Tradition' and the Roman Eucharist Prayer by Paul Bradshaw and Matthieu Smyth, 'The Moral Lessons of the Octaves' by Susan Frank Parsons, and 'Klaus Gamber – Liturgist' by Manfred Hauke.

Usus Antiquior has already received firm support and enthusiasm from his Eminence **Darío Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos**, President of the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei*: "I am pleased to learn of the launching of the journal *Usus Antiquior*. I believe that the publication of such a journal is especially providential in the light of the *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum* and the accompanying Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to Bishops which was published on 7 July 2007. I sincerely hope the journal will make a genuine contribution to liturgical studies in general since, as our Holy Father has indicated, the two forms of the Roman rite "can be mutually enriching"... May scholarship, charity, balance and a truly Catholic spirit be the hallmark of *Usus Antiquior*!"

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