

Mission

In response to the Apostolic Letter, *Ecclesia Dei* and the Apostolic Constitution, *Summorum Pontificum*, issued *motu proprio* by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing wrote this in his decree establishing Blessed John XXIII Community on August 21, 2010:

...(It is fitting to establish a Public Association of the Faithful, whose primary aim is to hand on Christian doctrine in the name of the Church and to promote and foster Eucharistic devotion and worship, in accord with canon 301,1. In particular, this Public Association of the Faithful will have as its special focus the implementation of *Summorum Pontificum* in the greater Lansing area.

History

Bishop Earl Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing, received a letter from a member of the Faithful in Lansing, MI asking for the Extraordinary Form of the Latin Rite.

Bishop Boyea, desiring to fulfill the request of Pope Benedict XVI to make greater use of the Extraordinary Form of the Latin Rite for those whom it would benefit, asked the priest of the Lansing area if one of them would be willing to have the Mass at their parish. Having none come forward, he asked Fr. Jeffrey Robideau who is friendly toward the EF, to do some research to find out what the real need is in the Lansing area.

With the letter from one member of the Faithful, Fr. Robideau was directed to many more families that were also interested. In a matter of a few weeks there were 49 families on the list as interested.

On 6-8-2010, there was a meeting in the Diocesan Center basement meeting room for those interested. Having 60 people at the meeting, 20 of them represented new families bringing the total to 69 families interested.

With the information gathered at the meeting presented to the Bishop, he agreed that there was enough interest to merit Diocesan support for a new group to be formed to provide the EF.

Bishop Boyea then asked Fr. Robideau if he would take the assignment. In a meeting with the bishop on 6-19-2010, Fr. Robideau agreed to take the assignment.

Bishop Boyea accepted Fr. Robideau's resignation from Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Michigan Center, MI on 8-13-2010. On 8-21-2010, the Feast of St. Pius X, Bishop Boyea signed the decree establishing Blessed John XXIII Community and the letter of appointment of Fr. Robideau as the first Chaplain, both to go into effect on September 1, 2010.

First Mass: 9-26-2010, the 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Mass with Bishop Boyea: 10-10-2010, the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

First Social Hour: 2-6-2011, the 5th Sunday after Epiphany

First Missa Cantata: 4-24-2011, Easter Sunday

First parish picnic: 6-25-2011. BJ23 had their first parish picnic at the home of Fr. Robideau. They started at 4pm with Mass in the chapel he was building in his basement. There were about 70 people. They had a bonfire and games. Fr. Robideau even gave the children a ride on his horse, Wrangle.