

there not be two rites in the West?" Father Blet added: "The Curia is ready to make concessions in this matter."

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A sad form letter sent out October 29th by Mr. Dean Applegate: "As you may have already heard, *Cantores in Ecclesia* is no longer in residence at St. Patrick's Church in Northwest Portland. The decision to leave was made in response to memoranda from the pastor, Fr. James Mayo, on the 7th of October. One memo contained his ultimatum regarding the replacement of Gregorian Introids and Graduals with opening hymns and responsorial psalms at the Saturday evening Latin Mass. In this memo he also gave deadlines for these changes to be implemented: Saturday, October 12 for the Introit and Saturday, October 19 for the Gradual. The other memo from Fr. Mayo forbade the use of the choir room for music lessons, effective Monday, October 21.

On the 15th of October, I received an additional memo from Fr. Mayo, 'Just double checking to make sure we are both on the same page about music this coming weekend. It is my expectation that there will be an Entrance/Gathering Hymn and some kind of Responsorial Psalm. This is predicated, based on your memo of last week, on your continuing here at St. Patrick's. Thank you for your cooperation.

After much soul searching and consultation with members of the choir and board of directors, I decided that Fr. Mayo's restrictions regarding the liturgy and the choir's use of facilities were not acceptable. I notified him about this decision in a let-

ter of October 17. At that time I also requested that the choir be permitted to sing through the month of October because services had already been advertised in our monthly newsletter. On the same day I got a further memo from Fr. Mayo informing me that the choir would be permitted to sing on Saturday, October 19, but that this would be our last Mass at St. Patrick's.

The Saturday evening Mass on the 19th was a most gratifying and poignant experience for *Cantores in Ecclesia*. The sadness of the occasion was underlined by Fr. Mayo's announcement at the end of the service that he was cancelling the Latin Mass . . . "

If you wish to give your support or just find out if *Cantores in Ecclesia* has found a new home you can call Mr. Applegate at 503 295-2811 or check out the website [www.cantoresinecclesia.org](http://www.cantoresinecclesia.org)

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