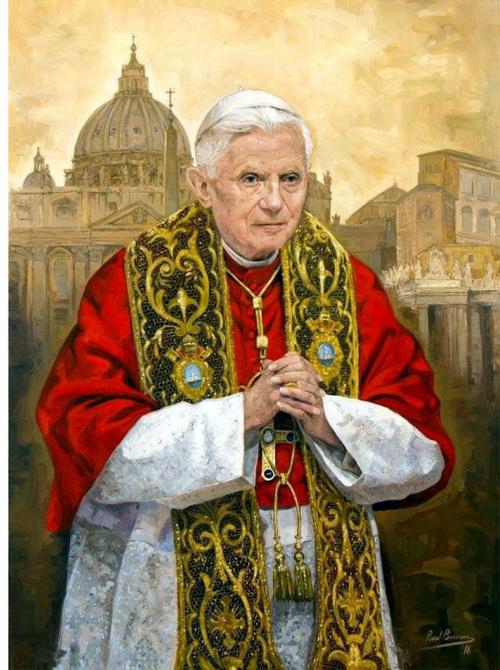


“THE FREE SPACE which the new order of Mass gives to creativity it must be admitted, is often excessively enlarged. The difference between the liturgy with the new liturgical books, as it is actually practiced and celebrated in various places **is often much greater** than the difference between the old and new liturgies when celebrated according to the rubrics of the liturgical books.”



—*Josef Cardinal Ratzinger*, 1998

“AFTER THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL, the impression arose that the pope really could do anything in liturgical matters, especially if he were acting on the mandate of an ecumenical council. Eventually, the idea of the givenness of the liturgy, the fact that one cannot do with it what one will, faded from the public consciousness of the West.”

—*Josef Cardinal Ratzinger*, 2000