

The solemn decree QUI PRIMUM was issued by Pope (Saint) Pius V in the year 1570, and has been printed in ALL Altar Missals throughout the World since the year 1571. Every new priest had to be quite familiar with its contents. NO decree has ever been issued solemnly revoking the decree QUO PRIMUM, therefore it must surely be in force still!

THE DECREE QUO PRIMUM: - - St. Pius V - - 1570 A.D.

"By this our decree, to be valid in PERPETUITY, we determine and order that NEVER shall anything be added to, omitted from, or changed in this Missal. . . We specifically warn all persons in authority, of whatever dignity or rank, Cardinals not excluded, and command them, as a matter of strict obedience, NEVER, to use or permit any ceremonies or Mass prayers other than the ones contained in this Missal ordered by the Sacred Council of Trent and encompassing all that is necessary to preserve a pure and uniform way of worshipping God. . . At no time in the future can a priest, whether secular or order priest, ever be forced to use any other way of saying Mass. And so as to preclude once and for all any scruples of conscience and fear of ecclesiastical penalties and censures, we herewith DECLARE that it is in virtue of our Apostolic Authority that we DECREE and DETERMINE that this, our present order and decree, is to last in PERPETUITY and can never be legally revoked or amended at a future date. . . And if ANYONE would nevertheless ever dare to attempt any action contrary to this order of ours, GIVEN FOR ALL TIMES, let him know that he has incurred THE WRATH OF ALMIGHTY GOD and of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul."