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Answers To Queries About The Institution Of Votive Mass For The Pope.

Has the Archbishop the right to implement a votive mass for the Pope on Monday evening, since it is the Solemnity of the Annunciation?

Reply:

1. In the Notitiae 5 (1969) 404, no 17... if some real need requires.. Masses corresponding to this need maybe celebrated even on Solemnities and obligatory memorial, at the discretion of the rector of the church. The decision about "a real need" is based on consideration of the sensibilities of the people."
2. The Archbishop DID NOT INSTRUCT that the mass for the Annunciation be replaced. As such Parishes are NOT TO NEGLECT the celebration of A Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation.
3. What the Archbishop DID INSTRUCT is the institution of an additional Votive Mass for the Ailing Pope/ Departed Pope. As such this Mass must be celebrated AFTER THE SECOND VESPERS of the ANNUNCIATION.
4. It is the opinion of this Commission that if a Mass has already been celebrated in the Morning for the Solemnity, the evening Mass, which is the 2nd Mass of the day could be the Votive Mass desired for the Pope. And this mass could be moved to 8 pm as instructed.

Thank you.

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