

Pope lifts restrictions on Latin Mass

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VATICAN CITY -- Restrictions on traditional Latin Mass were lifted Saturday at the Vatican by Pope Benedict XVI.

The move was a gesture to conservative traditionalists in the Roman Catholic Church who had objected to the restrictions that put in place in the 1960s, the BBC said.

Those restrictions were eased in the 1980s to allow the Tridentine Mass to be conducted if a specific congregation requested it.

The effect of the new decree will be difficult to assess, the BBC said, since it is assumed most Catholic parishes will still prefer Mass in their native languages. There may also be a relative shortage of priests who know Latin well enough to recite it.

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