

VANCOUVER BRITISH COLUMBIA GETS TRADITIONAL MASS

From 1969 - 1990 Most Rev. James F. Carney was the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. He was born June 28, 1915 in what was then "South Vancouver." He faced the challenge of major changes in Church life and practices by seeking to build unity among his people.

In his 21-year episcopate, he was noted for his commitment to Catholic education, his fostering of priestly vocations, and his unquestioning loyalty to the Holy Father.

Archbishop Carney passed away in 1990 and Archbishop Adam Exner, OMI, was appointed to Vancouver in 1991.



Archbishop James Carney

Many of the founding members of the Vancouver Traditional Mass Society petitioned His Grace Archbishop James Carney, in 1989, for permission to celebrate the Tridentine Latin Mass in the Archdiocese of Vancouver.



On 23rd May, 1989 His Grace The Most Reverend James F. Carney, DD, Archbishop of Vancouver sent us a letter informing us that he had completed arrangements with Fr. Joseph Favotto, C.S., pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in New Westminister to celebrate Mass according to the 1962 Missal. The first Mass was held on 4th June,

1989. At this time the traditional Catholic community simply shared Holy Spirit Church.

Since 1989 the Mass has been continually celebrated in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Fr. Fovotto was our first diocesan Parish Priest, in our shared parish. After him we had Fr. Patrick Tepoorten, Fr. George Varghese Edattukaran and finally Fr. Hughes.