

# Tridentine cartoon offensive

My family and I were appalled by the offensive cartoon (CR, July 26). The cartoon casts a negative light on the Tridentine Latin Mass which Pope Benedict XVI labels “extraordinary.” Most Catholics have no idea what this beautiful Mass is about or have many misconceptions about it. The cartoon only serves to foster more ignorance as well as division in the church.

In the Tridentine Latin Mass, the priest is not facing away from the people, rather is facing Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The focus is on respect, reverence, and humility towards the Blessed Sacrament. In light of our Holy Fathers *motu proprio* regarding the Tridentine Latin Mass, The Catholic Review should educate Catholics on this extraordinary tradition.