

Pro-Populo Mass

Policy No. 416

Policy Statement: Parish priests are obliged to offer Mass for the people entrusted to their care each Sunday and holyday of obligation (c. 534, §1).

Definitions: *Pro Populo* means for the people.

- Procedure:***
- a) A parish priest who has the care of several parishes may apply one Mass on Sunday and holydays of obligation for all the people entrusted to his care (c. 534, §2).
 - b) A parish priest who has not fulfilled his obligation to offer Mass *Pro Populo* must apply as many Masses as he has omitted as soon as possible for the people (c. 534, §3).

Exceptions: If a priest is lawfully impeded from offering the Mass *Pro Populo*, he is to have another priest apply the Mass on Sunday or holyday of obligation or apply the Mass himself on another day (c. 534, §1).