

ORIENTALIUM ECCLESiarUM

- Decree on the Eastern Catholic Churches

1. The Catholic Church values highly the institutions of the eastern churches, their liturgical rites, ecclesiastical traditions and their ordering of Christian life.
6. All members of the eastern churches should be firmly convinced that they can and ought always preserve their own legitimate liturgical rites and ways of life, and that changes are to be introduced only to forward their own organic development.
23. The patriarch with his synod, or the supreme authority of each church with advice of prelates, has the right to regulate the languages to be used in the sacred liturgical functions, and also, after reference to the Apostolic See, to approve translations of texts into the vernacular.

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