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Dear Mr Acres

Custom does not override Canon Law. Every legitimate custom within the Church is itself part & parcel of the Canon Law. The only case in which one can speak of "overriding" is the case of a local custom overriding the general Law. This is allowed on all hands with rather strict limitations. One of the best known cases is that of the Custom of England displacing the general Canon Law legitimating natural children on the subsequent marriage of their parents. In

disallowing his England stands,  
I think alone among Christian  
Communities, except some that  
are derived directly from England

Yours very truly

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