In addition to the American Confraternity of Catholic Clergy, there is also an Australian CCC, a British CCC and an Irish CCC. Together, we give fraternal support to each other and encourage one another to persevere and fight the good fight. There are some alternative priestly associations & organizations that are not loyal to the Magisterium. These other groups openly support same-sex marriage, contraception, women’s ordination, abolishing clerical celibacy, promoting dissident theology and celebrating illicit liturgies. The CCC has no secular agenda and only seeks to foster sacerdotal fraternity rooted in fidelity, reverence and obedience to Holy Mother Church.

**WHY JOIN?**

The question is not what can the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy do for me, rather, what can the CCC do with my help? Ongoing formation of the clergy and fraternal support are not ends in themselves. They are means by which the ordained continue to hopefully grow in grace and wisdom so we can better serve the faithful for whom we were ordained by the Church. Belonging to the CCC and supporting it with your prayers and annual dues helps us to fight the war against ignorance, dissent, disobedience, disinformation, and inadequate formation. We often issue public press releases whenever Catholic doctrine or discipline are attacked, misrepresented or ignored in the general media. The secular press and the public need to know that there are loyal sons of the Church who teach sound doctrine and who celebrate reverent and proper sacred liturgies. The CCC is a voice in social media to hopefully clarify and enlighten in a culture and climate where often our faith is totally distorted. The CCC also needs your support to help seminarians attend our annual conferences and to underwrite such gatherings.

**QUO VADIS?**

where are YOU going in your priesthood or diaconate?

Brothers in Holy Orders

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offers fraternal support to help you and other priests & deacons

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the problem:  
bad theology + bad liturgy = 
bad morality

CONFUSION: Many of the faithful no longer know the basic tenets of the Catholic religion due to bad, mediocre or no catechesis whatsoever. More and more rely on social media for their moral guide and have no idea what is a well-formed conscience. Many do not know why the Church does not support same sex marriage, contraception, women’s ordination and are easily swayed by public opinion.

DISSENT: Many so-called Catholic colleges have lost their identity as centers for Christian education that faithfully hand on the full deposit of faith as taught by the Magisterium and under the guise of academic freedom allow some professors to teach heterodoxy. This is perpetuated by irreverent and illicit liturgies that deny the sacred & tradition.

DISCOURAGEMENT: Many good, solid, pious and virtuous priests and deacons have been discouraged by ongoing liturgical abuse and dissident preaching from some of their colleagues. Many faithful sons of the Church are exiled, ignored, ridiculed, attacked, and even persecuted for their loyalty to Holy Mother Church and this opposition is often from their own kind.

SPIRITUAL
Local CCC chapters have monthly or periodic afternoons of recollection where common prayer (Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Exposition, Rosary, Confessions, Spiritual Conference) are made available to local clergy on a regular and ongoing basis. Members pray for one another daily and offer an annual Mass for deceased members.

PASTORAL
Ordained ministry exists to serve the faithful whether in the local parish, hospital, school, prison, et al. As brothers in Christ, the CCC helps foster continuing formation so that we can become better pastors, parochial vicars, chaplains and pastoral associates. Practical pastoral concerns are addressed at our conferences as well as doctrinal.

INTELLECTUAL (theological)
Using social media (webpage, email, Face Book, etc.) the CCC provides daily access to current papal and episcopal statements. Annual national convocations and every five years an international conference in Rome are held where orthodox speakers and timely topics as well as lively discussions take place. Frequent press releases from the CCC are designed to show the general public there are faithful Catholic clergy and we are not the minority.

HUMAN
One is ordained into the Diaconate, the Presbyterate or the Episcopate. Ordained ministry needs fraternal support in order to remain balanced, healthy, vibrant and fruitful. One man assignments make this even more important. Monthly and annual CCC gatherings help priests and deacons realize they are not alone and that they are to help one another. Fraternity is not an option but a necessity. Isolation can often lead to estrangement, bitterness, idiosyncrasies, or imprudent behavior.

Vatican II
Authentic renewal of all the faithful of the Church is ultimately dependent on the renewal of her clergy (bishops, priests and deacons), for to them alone the Church has confined in a pre-eminent way the Mystery of Faith. [this] Council therefore highly encouraged the establishment of “Associations of Priests” (PO, #8).

1983 Code of Canon Law
Can. 278 §1 “The secular clergy have the right of association with others for the achievement of purposes befitting the clerical state.”

Can. 298-299 guarantees the right of all the Christian faithful, clergy and laity, to form private associations for the mutual spiritual benefit of the members and for the universal and local church as well. This is reiterated by Pope JP2 in Pastores Dabo Vobis, #81, and in the Directory on the Ministry and Life of Priests, #29.