



Confraternity of Catholic Clergy

Sanctitas. Fidelitas. Fraternitas.

“The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus.”

~St. John Marie Vianney

Dear Brethren (and also our lay supporters),

A blessed *Solemnity of All Saints* to you and yours!

Thanks for signing on to our mission. This is the very first of our Confraternity newsletters, and I hope this form of communication will be a bond of solidarity for us on a monthly basis.

The above quote from **our holy patron**, gets at the essence of our noble profession: We have a high calling and a high standard to live up to in our work of caring for souls.

Trust me, after 35 years in the ministry, 16 as pastor and wide experience of just about **every type of priestly work**, *I know the challenges of the priestly life*. I also know that we need to stick together to make a success of the gift we've been given.

The Confraternity's main purpose is to encourage and strengthen one another in the *cura animarum*. **The Good Shepherd Himself has sent us**, unworthy as we are, into the vineyard.

The Confraternity also wants to give good, orthodox, faithful clergy a forum **to speak with one voice** on important issues of our day, especially during this time of confusion and disorientation.

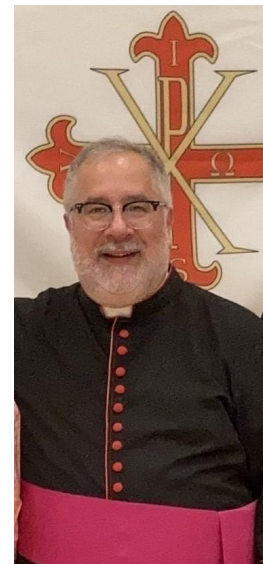
So here's what the CCC will offer to help you **keep your priestly fires burning** brightly:

- The witnesses of strong voices of clergymen – **bishops, priests, and deacons** – who are on the front lines of Church and Society fighting the good fight.
- **Resources** for pastoral and theological updating.
- Inspiration, motivation, and fraternal encouragement.
- News and invitations to upcoming **events and meetings**.
- Calls to **prayer**.

I know you're busy, so I won't take up more of your time except to direct you to the items below, which reflect material we've posted on our website.

Welcome to the CCC mission!

In Christ and Our Lady,



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PS – Feel free to contact me through the email at the bottom of this newsletter or offer **feedback on any issue of concern** by hitting **reply** to this email.

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- Synopsis of Blockbuster New Priest Study [[With Downloadable PDF.](#)]
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- Msgr. Pope | The Sins of Priests According to the Prophet Malachi
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- Deacon Lambert | On Keeping God's Commandments

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- Awesome Archbishops Speaking Out on Key Issues
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Other resources on the Site:

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Domus Dei

Feature: Mont Saint-Michel, Normandy, France

Mont Saint-Michel, the fortress-island sitting in the English Channel just off the coast of



Normandy, was named after the great Archangel Michael. A medieval legend says that the sky above Mont Saint-Michel was the exact place on earth where St. Michael threw the devil out of heaven, but that's *a little hard to believe!*

An early Medieval bishop, St. Aubert (d. 720 AD), had a vision of the great Archangel who told him to build a church on the island.



The Catholic Church has always recognized this seventeen acre fortress-island as a spiritual oasis. Since early medieval times, Mont Saint-Michel has been a place of Christian pilgrimage, where the faithful seek the great angel's intercession. Even today, it receives over three million visitors a year.

PS — Please also forward this email to any other priests or deacons who may wish to join our team.

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