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Sanctitas. Fidelitas. Fraternitas.

“O Good Jesus, make me a priest like unto Your Heart.”

~Pope John Paul II, homily to priests, October 1995

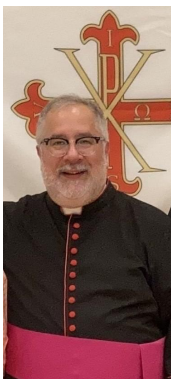
December 1st, 2022

Dear Brothers,

Undoubtedly we're all busy taking care of souls this Advent. *We're made for this!*

Here's an interesting quote from Flannery O'Connor: *“To the hard of hearing you shout, and for the almost-blind you draw large startling figures.”*

That's Advent, right? The “shouting” comes in the person of John the Baptist. The “large startling figures” are the Prophets and the Blessed Virgin herself – to keep us focused.



We have to remind our people not to skip over the blessings of Advent and jump right to Christmas. Advent has its own rhythm and grace and messaging.

Hopefully, our monthly Newsletter, our website, and our mutual support will strengthen you too for the Coming of the Holy One of God.

In Christ and Our Lady,

Fr. John Trigilio, PhD, ThD

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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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On The Docket

Upcoming Additions

In January 2023 we will be adding two sections to the website for the benefit of clergy:

1. **PRIEST BLOGS:** Believe it or not, there are a good number of priests who blog on a fairly regular basis and many more who have websites for their apostolates - we will dedicate a page of links to them on the website so you can keep informed *[NOTE: Do you have a blog or know a priest or deacon who does? Hit REPLY and send the info to our webmaster to get featured on our page.]*
2. **PRIESTS IN ACTION FORUM:** there are a lot of priests doing great things out there and we want to share the wealth by offering vignettes of some of the priesthood's best practices and awesome events or programs "in action" for all to see (we'll provide a list of must-do items if you want to get something featured.)

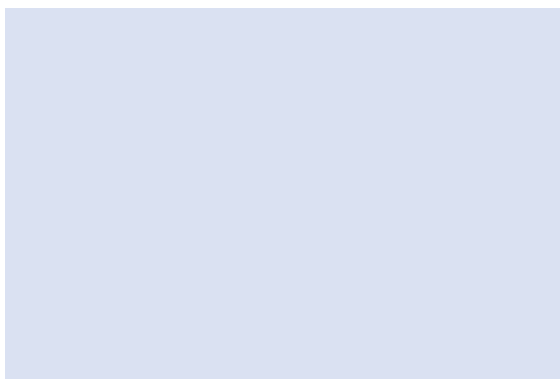
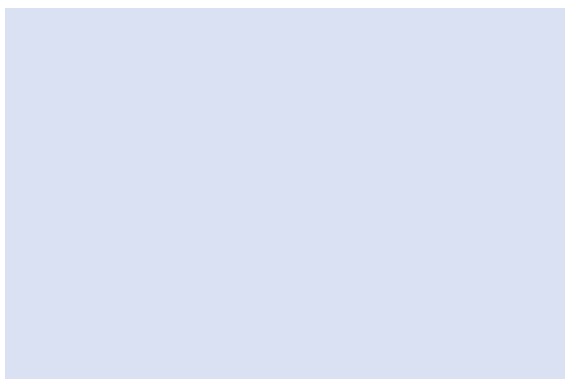
[Napa Institute's West Coast Priest Conference](#)

January 3-6, 2023
Napa, California

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Domus Dei

Feature: Sainte-Chapelle, Paris , France





It's hard to believe that this exquisite house of God with walls of stained glass was built nearly 800 years ago (1238-1248). It is the finest example of Gothic art and architecture imaginable and a symbol of the Capetian dynasty that ruled France for several hundred years.

The Chapel was commissioned by King St. Louis IX as a monumental reliquary for the relic of the Crown of Thorns that he had brought back from the Crusades in 1239. The walls of stained glass were made possible by the innovation of the external flying buttress which allowed church walls to be thinner to accommodate stained glass.

Sadly, Sainte-Chapelle was vandalized by the partisans of the satanic French Revolution (1791-94) and was then *de-commissioned* and secularized when they outlawed state religion. It is now a museum operated by the French state.

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

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