



# Confraternity of Catholic Clergy

## *Sanctitas. Fidelitas. Fraternitas.*

### *Requiescat in Pace, Sancte Pater Benedicte*

Pope Benedict XVI (1927-2022)

January 1st, 2023 – Solemnity of the Mother of God

#### Statement of the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy on the Passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

The Confraternity of Catholic Clergy prays for the repose of His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. *Requiescat in Pace.* The CCC in the USA, Australia, Great Britain, and Ireland met in Rome in January 2010, and we had the honor and privilege of attending one of his papal Masses. **He was truly a priestly pope who loved the priesthood and supported priests.** He was the best possible choice to succeed Pope Saint John Paul II.



Please read Fr. John Trigilio's Tribute to Pope Emeritus Benedict on the CCC Blog.

#### [Pope Benedict XVI – Rest in Peace](#)

[Picture: Fr. John Trigilio and Fr. Ken Brighenti presenting a copy of their book *John Paul II for Dummies* to Pope Benedict at a papal audience prior to 2012.]

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Featured on our website recently:  
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## New Feature

### Priest Bloggers Page

*[in the "Features" section]*

Our website now contains a page dedicated to **promoting the blogs and websites of priests** (and bishops and deacons) who are spiritually "feeding their flocks" through the ministry of the word on a regular basis.

The number of clergy who blog on a fairly regular basis **may surprise you** as it did us! Please visit our Priest Bloggers page and check out some of the great priest publications listed there (each link takes you directly to the individual blog or website.)

[Visit the Priest Bloggers Page](#)

*If you have a blog or know a priest or deacon who does please let us know by clicking on REPLY to this email and sending the info to our webmaster to get featured on our page.*

## We Welcome Our New Prayer Partners

Beginning this month, the Confraternity welcomes close to 200 new prayer partners who are members of the "Daily Decade" Prayer Campaign for priests.

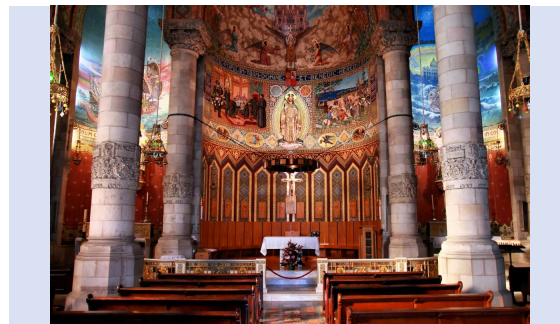
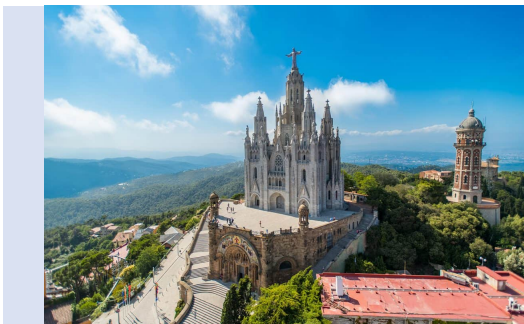
<https://www.prayforourpriests.com/>

Their mission is to pray a decade or more of the Rosary each day for the priests of our Confraternity and for all the priestly intentions and persons featured on the CCC website.

They will receive a forwarded copy of this email each month as a way to keep them informed of our activities and prayer needs.

*We thank them for their spiritual support and promise them our reciprocal prayer.*

## **Feature: The Expiatory Temple of the Sacred Heart, Barcelona, Spain**



This amazing structure stands on the summit of Mount Tibidabo (1692 ft. above sea level) overlooking Barcelona, Spain. It took 59 years to complete (1902-1961). During St. John Bosco's visit to the city in 1886, the citizens gave him the parcel of land on the mountain as a gift to construct a large basilica similar to the *Sacro Cuore* basilica in Rome, or the *Sacré Coeur* basilica in Paris. Hence, this basilica (called a *temple* in the native Catalán) is also dedicated to the Sacred Heart.

In the middle of its construction, the temple was a victim of the vitriolic anti-Catholic attacks of the Spanish Civil War, having its façade and artwork vandalized and the statue of Christ torn down. It weathered the storm and was officially consecrated during the 35th Eucharistic Congress held in Barcelona in 1952.

The reason why it is called an "expiatory" temple is that the journey from the dark crypt, through the lighter basilica, to the pinnacle of the structure symbolically represents the soul's journey of repentance from sin to the heights of sanctity.

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

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