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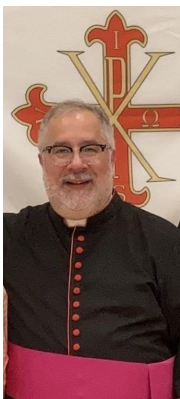
**“It would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than without the Holy Mass.” ~ St. Padre Pio of Pietralcina**

**August 4, 2023**

Dear Brethren,

*Let me begin by wishing all of you a most blessed feast day of our holy patron saint, the Curé of Ars, St. John Vianney.* I pray that your summer is producing good fruits of both ministry and restful vacations.

In the midst of all the chaos of our society right now, we – the front lines men of the Church – are literally **holding the world together** by our celebration of the Eucharist. I'm sure, in the grand scheme of things, that this one act of ours is more valuable than all the acts of ministry that we undertake.



Nor can we boast of anything because we know all too well that it is not by our own strength or power that we can offer this gift to the world. ***It is all Christ the Lord!*** The above quote from Padre Pio tells the whole story, doesn't it?

On that matter, as you know, the US Bishops have immersed the Church in America in a much needed Eucharistic Revival. Needless to say, we all have to be fully on board with this, and God will indeed bless everything we do to **promote the mystery of His sacred Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity** to others.

At the end of this newsletter I list a couple of fantastic resources for you to use in the promotion of the **Eucharistic Revival in your parish** and ministries, and as always, you can check out the CCC website for ongoing updates about the Church and the clergy.

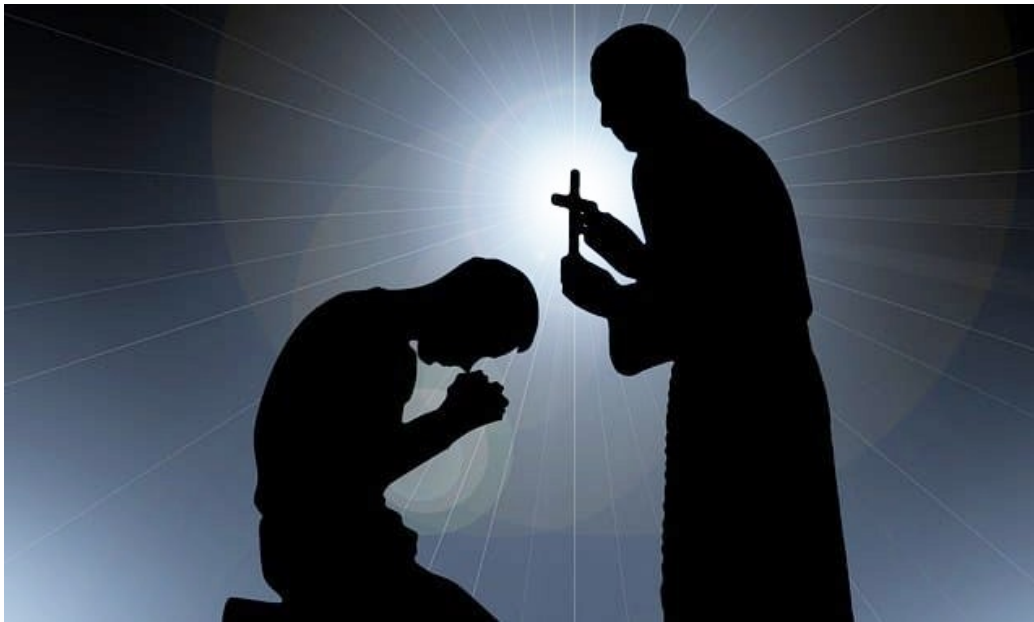
Blessings in our Eucharistic Lord and in Mary Mother of the Eucharist

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## Feature Article: Bishop Daly of Spokane

Priests would rather go to jail than break seal of confession – *Agreed!*



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## From our Website

We keep our website updated on a regular basis. Most of the front page is news of interest to clergy,. Here are a few of the recent highlights:

(Click on the underlined Titles below to go directly to the individual sections of the site where you can find links to all these articles:)

### [Burning Issues & Perspectives](#)

**Main Features:** [Anglican Bishop Converts to RC – ‘I Feel I Have Arrived Home’](#)  
[I Breitbart: Church Attendance Below Pre-Pandemic Level](#) | [Fr. Murray: The Synodal Church of Me-Myself-and-I](#)

### [Shepherd's Voices](#)

**Main Features:** Abp. Cordemans Condemns Anti-Catholic Bigotry in Interview | Bishop Schneider: Noncompliance with the prohibitions of the traditional Mass is not an act of disobedience

## Clergy Online

**Featured:** Fr Pokorski: Liturgy Needs Artists Great and Small | Review of fabulous new book by Fr. Aidan Nichols on Patristics

## CCC Blog

List of Anglican Bishops Who Have Converted to Roman Catholicism | Joseph Stalin – The Father of Synodality | Nefarious: An Absolutely Brilliant Movie

You may also wish to check out our feature pages:

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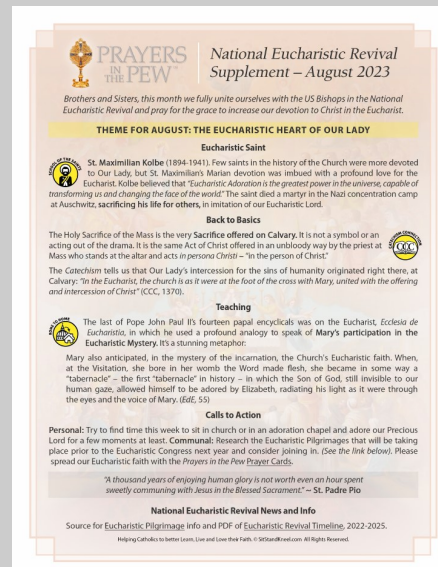
## **Eucharistic Revival Resources**

Check out these phenomenal resources for the Eucharistic Revival by [the two "prayer card guys" from San Diego](#). Parishes and individual ministries will also benefit in the run-up to next year's National Eucharistic Congress (July 2024).

### Prayer Card (For Order)



### Bulletin Supplement (Downloadable PDF)



## **Domus Dei**

### **St. John's Co-Cathedral in Valetta, Malta**

The Knights of Malta undertook a great building project in the 1570s after Malta had (barely) survived the Islamic siege of the

island in 1565.

That, incidentally, was the same year that the **City of St. Augustine** was founded in Florida, which became the first permanent settlement in the New World.

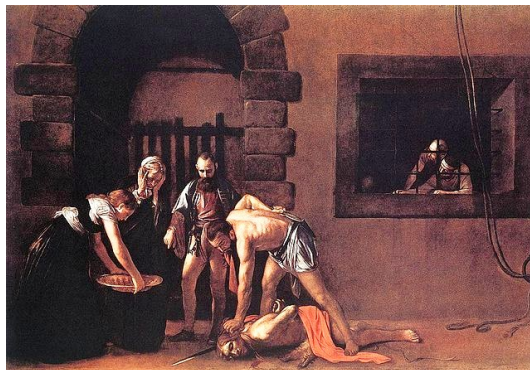
This cathedral shares honors with an older cathedral in the traditionally Catholic Malta, so it is considered the co-cathedral of the whole tiny nation that boasts of the *gigantic* population of some 300,000 citizens.

The exterior of this cathedral, which is hardly worth noticing, belies the **immense Baroque beauty within**. It is also hard to fathom that

the church contains the tombs of hundreds of Knights of Malta, most of which are buried in the center of the Church under *elaborate tombstones* which creates the very floor of the nave. (Above image.)

Malta's co-cathedral is also famous for housing **two of Caravaggio's** paintings which he executed during the short time he was a member of that order (*The Beheading of St John the Baptist* and *St Jerome Writing*). He fled to Malta in 1607 after having killed a man in Rome, and then he got into trouble once again *while in Malta* and was ignominiously expelled from the order.

This famous church is also the home of **remarkable Flemish tapestries** designed by Peter Paul Rubens, elaborate chapels for each branch of the order, and many extraordinary sculptures. Rightly has this church been called *the Crown Jewel of Malta*.



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