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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings one and all.

Blessings of the Lord.

I trust you are all well.

It is sad to hear that the pandemic in Europe and other parts of the world is back on the rise.

Thanks to God, here in Melbourne we managed to bring it down to a zero cases after a lot of sacrifices, lockdown and curfew.

God willing from next week the government might allow groups of 20 or more to meet, so the Supreme Council can meet for the first time since February.

We are hoping that we can have a Thanks Giving Mass before Christmas so we can pray for the world to recover from the virus.

God bless you in St. Peter and St. Paul.

Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli
Grand Master
CKSPP Melbourne.



Grand Chapter of Italy

By Chevalier Dr. Nicola Mongelli
Grand Prior



Dear Grand Master His Excellency Chev. Peter Paul Portelli,
and worshipful Sisters and Brothers of the Supreme Council of Confraternity of Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul, greetings to you.



I have a worthy candidate for the Confraternity of the Knights of St. Peter & St. Paul.

He is Rocco Michele Renna of Irsina (Matera).

He's a God-fearing man and has also involved his wife and daughter in his social and religious commitment.

He's very close to the Archbishop of his city of whom, very soon, I will send you his ecclesiastical profile so that you may consider honouring him with the privilege of Saints Peter and Paul.

I thank His Excellency, the Sisters, and the Brothers for the consideration reserved for my careful reports.

May the Lord bless you all, yours family, and our Confraternity.

Your confrère Nicholas greets you.

God bless all You.

Chapter of New Zealand

By Chevalier Nick Pacey



October has been called the Month of the Holy Rosary. This prayer is both vocal and meditative. It contains all the mysteries of our salvation.

Many Popes and saints have spoken highly of this prayer. Knights and Dames may like to start off with one decade a day then build it up to five decades a day. October is a good month to renew this devotion.

Why not read more about the history of the Rosary?

I am sure there is much online.

Grand Chapter of Portugal

ALWAYS WITH US

Chevalier Pedro Laranjeira

In October we remember a dear friend and Confreere Pedro Laranjeira of Portugal, a poet, a writer and a journalist. RIP.

Watch the video here: <https://www.facebook.com/rui.laranjeira/videos/1215337251842104/>



Photo: Grand Master Chevalier Peter Paul Portelli with Chevalier Pedro Laranjeira in Portugal 2014.

Cardinal-elect Mario Grech greeted at the airport

Cardinal – elect His Eminence Mons. Mario Grech was greeted back at the airport of Malta by the Prime Minister Rober Abela, the Maltese bishops, the Minister for Foreign Affairs Evarist Azzopardi and Malta's Ambassador for the Santa Sede Frank Zammit were also present.

Archbishop Charles Scicluna, Gozo Bishop Anton Teuma, Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Galea-Curmi and the Apostolic Nuncio to Malta, Mgr. Alessandro d'Errico, were present at the Malta International to greet Bishop Mario Grech, Cardinal-elect.

Mgr Grech, who presently serves as the Secretary-General of the Synod of Bishops, is set to become Gozo's first Cardinal on 28 November. There have only been two Maltese Cardinals to date: Fabrizio Sciberras Testaferrata, a Bishop of Senigallia who was made Cardinal in 1816, and Prospero Grech, who was made cardinal on 2012 and who passed away last year.



Bishop Anton Teuma greets the Cardinal elect His Eminence Mons. Mario Grech

SAN FRANCISCO – CALIFORNIA

R. Christoph Sandoval

Cathedral Deacon

Archdiocese of San Francisco



Photo from left: Bishop Robert Barron and Rev. Deacon Christoph Sandoval

TEN POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT THE REALITY OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER TO THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS IN HEAVEN

All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) November 1, 2020

“I believe in the Communion of Saints”
(Apostles’ Creed)

1. In the New Testament (at Hebrews 12:1) we are told that the saints who lived before us form a “great cloud of witnesses” who “surround” us and therefore are interested in the struggles we are enduring as part of the body of Christ.

2. In the Book of Revelation, where we actually get a glimpse of what is going on up in Heaven, we see the saints (called elders) in Heaven bringing the prayers of God’s holy people on earth before the Lamb, Jesus (see Rev. 5: 8-9). This is an example of the charity that exists



between the saints on earth (the church militant) and the saints in Heaven (the church triumphant).

3. Having died in Christ the saints in Heaven are not dead (we pray to living saints); in fact, they are more alive than ever, being fully united to the infinite merits of Christ. As Jesus said at Mark 12: 26-27, speaking of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, our God is not the God of the dead, “but of the living.” And as the author of Hebrews says, “You have come to Mt. Zion...to the heavenly Jerusalem...to the [living] spirits of just men made perfect” (Hebrews 12: 22-24).

4. We see from the Book of Revelation, which shows us the activities of Heaven, that the saintly martyrs under the altar (in Heaven) cry out to the Lord for vindication (Rev. 6: 9-11). We see here the saints in heaven petitioning the Lord for justice with respect to events taking place on earth.

5. Another New Testament verse which demonstrates that the saints who lived before us are still active in the body of Christ is Mark 9:4 where, during his transfiguration, Jesus talks with Elijah and Moses.

6. Some people quote 1 Timothy 2: 5, which states that Jesus is the one mediator between God and man, to argue against the doctrine of the intercession of the saints. But in fact if you read the verses immediately before 1 Tim. 2: 5, you will see that Paul clearly sees no conflict between intercessory prayer and Christ’s unique role as the one mediator. For example, at 1 Tim. 2: 1-3 Paul “urges that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men....” Thus, it is clear that Christ’s role as the one mediator empowers those in the body of Christ to act as intercessors.

7. The saints are powerful intercessors on our behalf because they are joined to God like branches are joined to a vine, forming, in essence, one organism which is kept alive by Christ’s own life. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, puts it this way in the Gospel of John (Chapter 15):

I am the vine

You are the branches

Whoever remains in me, with me in him

Will bear much fruit

8. We see in the Book of Revelation that the saints (in this instance, the apostles) assist Jesus even in passing judgment. Revelation 20: 4 states: “Then I saw some thrones [the thrones of the twelve apostles], and I saw those who are given the power to be judges take their seats on them.” The saints, therefore, are not inactive in heaven; they are working with Christ to bring salvation history to its final stages.

9. Our mutual prayer for one another is very valuable. As James states in the New Testament: “pray for one another, that you may be healed” (5: 16). Paul, himself, offers up intercessory prayer on behalf of the community (Romans 1: 9). Now, in Heaven, Paul’s prayers united with our own are even more efficacious for the body of Christ. Paul also teaches that the sacrifices of one Christian for the benefit of another are profitable (see 2 Cor. 12: 15 and 2 Tim. 4: 6). Even veneration of the relics of a saint can benefit the body of Christ: It is said of St. Paul that “so remarkable were the miracles worked by God at Paul’s hands that the handkerchiefs or aprons which had touched him were taken to the sick, and they were cured of their illnesses, and evil spirits came out of them” (Acts 19: 11-12). The point here is clear: the prayers and sacrifices of one member of the body of Christ can benefit another member. The

saints in heaven are members of the body of Christ!

10. All genuine prayer is ultimately directed to God (and originates from the grace and prompting of the Holy Spirit). Intercessory prayer is merely the joining of our prayers or needs with the prayers of the saints on earth or in heaven; intercessory prayer is therefore one example of the unity that exists between Christ and all believers (“all of us, in union with Christ, form one body” – Romans 12: 5). To claim that intercessory prayer detracts from our relationship with Christ would be as absurd as claiming that the love of neighbor detracts from the love of God when, in fact, the love of God and the love of neighbor are inseparable commandments (“anyone who says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, is a liar” – 1 John 4: 20). The saints in Heaven are fully united to Christ; they do not compete with Jesus for our prayers, but rather in union with Jesus they share in His life as members of the family of God.

Tom Mulcahy, M.A.

LITANY OF SAINTS

(Modified to include Exorcist Saints and Blesseds)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Holy Mother of God, pray for us.

Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.

Saint Mary of the Assumption, pray for us

St. Michael, pray for us.

St. Gabriel, pray for us.

St. Raphael, pray for us.

All our Guardian Angels, pray for us

Nine Choirs of Angels, pray for us.

Seraphim Choir of Angels, pray for us.

Cherubim Choir of Angels, pray for us.

Thrones Choir of Angels, pray for us.

Dominions Choir of Angels, pray for us.

Virtues Choir of Angels, pray for us.

Powers Choirs of Angels, pray for us.

Principalities Choirs of Angels, pray for us.

Archangels Choir of Angels, pray for us.

Angels Choir of Angels, pray for us.

All you holy Angels and Archangels, pray for us.

All you holy orders of blessed Spirits, pray for us.
St. John the Baptist, pray for us.
St. Joseph Terror of Demons, pray for us.
All you holy Patriarchs and Prophets, pray for us.
St. Peter, pray for us.
St. Paul, pray for us.
St. Andrew, pray for us.
St. James, pray for us.
St. John, pray for us.
St. Thomas, pray for us.
St. James, pray for us.
St. Philip, pray for us.
St. Bartholomew, pray for us.
St. Matthew, pray for us.
St. Simon, pray for us.
St. Thaddeus, pray for us.
St. Matthias, pray for us.
St. Barnabas, pray for us.
St. Luke, pray for us.
St. Mark, pray for us.
All you holy Apostles and Evangelists, pray for us.
All you holy Disciples of the Lord, pray for us.
All you holy Innocents, pray for us.
St. Stephen, pray for us.
St. Lawrence, pray for us.
St. Vincent, pray for us.
Sts. Fabian and Sebastian, pray for us.
Sts. John and Paul, pray for us.
Sts. Cosmas and Damian, pray for us.
Sts. Gervase and Protase, pray for us.
All you holy Martyrs, pray for us.
St. Sylvester, pray for us.
St. Gregory, pray for us.
St. Ambrose, pray for us.
St. Augustine, pray for us.
St. Jerome, pray for us.
St. Martin, pray for us.
St. Nicholas, pray for us.
All you holy Bishops and Confessors, pray for us.
All you holy Doctors, pray for us.
St. Anthony, pray for us.
St. Bernard, pray for us.
St. Dominic, pray for us.
St. Francis Patron of our Archdiocese, pray for us.
St. Patrick, Co-Patron of our Archdiocese, pray for us

All you Exorcists Saints and Blesseds, pray for us
St. Cyriacus, pray for us
St. Dymphna, pray for us

St. Paulinus of Nola, pray for us
St. Bruno, pray for us
St. Andrew Avellino, pray for us
St. Padre Pio, pray for us
Blessed Matteo of Agnone
St. Benedict, pray for us
St. Vicinio, pray for us
Saint John Paul II, pray for us
St. Gemma Galganni, pray for us
St. Anthony of the Desert, pray for us
Servant of God Candido Amantini, pray for us
St. Dionysius the Aeropagite
St. Thecla, pray for us
Blessed David of Himmerod, pray for us
Saint Hermes of Moesia (Also known as Saint Hermes the Exorcist), pray for us
Saint Peter the Exorcist, pray for us
Saint Paul the Simple, pray for us

All you holy Priests and Levites, pray for us.
All you holy Monks and Hermits, pray for us.
St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us.
St. Agatha, pray for us.
St. Lucy, pray for us.
St. Agnes, pray for us.
St. Cecilia, pray for us.
St. Catherine, pray for us.
St. Anastasia, pray for us.
St. Philomena, pray for us.
All you holy Virgins and Widows, pray for us.
All you Holy Men and Women, Saints of God, make intercession for us.

Amen.

This is all I have for you this month.

I hope that you find the newsletter interesting.

God bless you in St. Peter and St. Paul.

Yours faithfully



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Grand Master

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