



SACRO MILITARE ORDINE COSTANTINIANO DI SAN GIORGIO

IL GRAN PRIORE

March 19th, 2019

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Dear all,

Since the very first moment of my mandate as Grand Prior of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George, I felt as an essential commitment that I should dedicate myself to the spiritual and moral training of all Knights and Dames.

In order for this to be carried out as widely as possible, I desired the active presence and collaboration of fellow Bishops, who acted as Priors, and of Priests as Vice Priors and Chaplains.

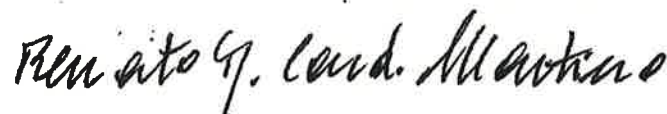
I also encouraged the publication of spiritual aids and documents about ecclesiastical subjects, which would help everyone to enter in the best way in the spirit of the Sacred Militia. I wanted to recall several times the need for widespread charitable initiatives that would give substance to the commandment of love, which has its fullness in the Lord's Cross.

The new rite of investitures that is now promulgated must make us grow in the awareness that the Liturgy is the culmination and source of the Church's life; therefore, our Order too must find in it the source that really strengthen us in the mystery of Christ that continually renews and sanctifies us. The investiture is not a simple formal act nor a folklorist act; for this reason the ritual has been essentialized and has now more details, so that those who receive the investiture are fully aware that this is an important commitment that takes place through a solemn and public promise of fidelity to the religious and charitable purposes of the Constantinian Order.

The rite proposed here, the presidency of which is entrusted exclusively to the Cardinal Grand Prior or to a bishop appointed by him, will be normative for the whole Constantinian Order thus becoming a guarantee of communion and uniformity and will come into force from Sunday , April 21st 2019, Easter of Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I recommend to spend the celebration of the investitures in a dimension of sober solemnity, making the mystery of redemption shine through above all: the memorial of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. The celebration takes place - where possible - at the Cathedral Church or at a church of high spiritual value, in order to promote a full communion with the local Ordinary Bishop.

I am certain that the rite, in its revised and updated way, will favor a more intimate participation in the celebration, both of the members of the Order and of the people of God, arousing an authentic spiritual experience and the desire to glorify the Cross through a more coherent life to the Gospel.



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