



## SACRED MILITARY CONSTANTINIAN ORDER OF SAINT GEORGE

THE GRAND MASTER

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Dear Knights and Dames,

Today we celebrate Saint George, Patron of our dear Constantinian Order, but since we celebrate this feast in very difficult circumstances I feel I have to address you this message in a solemn and a quite exceptional way.

First of all, I would like to thank each of you for the help that all our delegations have provided to hospitals and nursing staff in Italy but also in the rest of the world. As you may know, I have launched a special fundraising to help the victims of this virus in the former states of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies. So far, hospitals « Pugliese- Ciaccio » of Catanzaro, hospital « Civico » of Partinico, hospital « Cannizzaro » of Catania, hospital « Santa Marta e Santa Venera » of Acireale and hospital « Cotugno » of Naples are now benefiting from these aids and I am sure you aren't strangers.

However, beyond the good that everyone can do around him or hundreds of kilometers away, today I want to send you a message of hope for the future.

The Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George has existed for centuries and you are part, we are all part, just like all the Knights who had preceded us, of a solid and unbroken chain that has survived despite wars, defeats, invasions, usurpations, reversals of regimes, attacks against the Church and of course the epidemics which have been the scourge of humanity for millennia. This long history is supporting us in this fight we are all facing and is showing us that through willpower, discipline and faith in God, nothing is impossible even in the greatest misfortunes.

We will come out of this trial and believe me: everyone will be proud of the cloak he was given on the day of his investiture. In the meantime, everyone of you and your families are in my prayers, in my wife's, my daughters' and my sisters'.

May God have you in His Holy Guard.

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