

Courtesy Translation

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the feast of our Patron is approaching, I wish to address to you my best wishes: May this circumstance also be for all of us, members of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St George, a moment of celebration and joy, but also a moment of reflection on the spiritual meaning of our belonging.

Our adherence to Constantinian ideals is not a mere formality: Benedict XVI reminds us, with his delicate (but always vigorous) style, what to look for in facing everyday challenges, our little "daily martyrdoms": the strength to face martyrdom and to respond to the vocation to which the Lord calls each of us is based on «deep and intimate union with Christ» as a response «to an initiative and a call of God, a gift of his Grace».

Martyrdom does not only mean "gruesome death", but above all it means being capable of generosity, availability, humility and listening; it means not putting your own self before everything and everyone. It means finally loving and being ready to respond to God's love. All of this can be possible if we make ourselves disciples of Christ and cultivate with care and attention our spiritual and interior dimension, approaching the Sacraments with depth and always placing our conscience before God, confident of his love.

Dear brothers and sisters, may this celebration find us all well-disposed and ready to respond with joy and trust to God's call of love.

Assuring remembrance in prayer for you and your families,
I cordially impart the Lord's blessing

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