

PROTECT THE SEAL OF CONFESSION

Dear friends, in such a short time, just One weekend, the petition to protect the seal of confession found in our sacrament of reconciliation, gathered approximately 1200 signatures. Thank you for stepping forward to uphold your faith and to protect the integrity of the sacrament. The petition was submitted on Monday 8 June to a member of the legislative council who will table our concerns for consideration when this proposed bill is next raised. While this petition campaign is a vital part in standing up for our faith, we need to turn to God in prayer seeking His divine favour to prosper this work. Even if you did not manage to sign the petition, your participation in the prayer Crusade Will encourage and strengthen the entire body of Christ. Please join us in praying the prayer below each Wednesday and Friday for the next four weeks at 8pm or at an alternative time on these days. Thank you and please share this with your fellow Catholic Christians.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH in Western Australia In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, we praise you as we come humbly before you in the name of your beloved Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour of need. We beg You to bless your appointed Shepherds Archbishop Timothy Costelloe and his Brother bishops, that they be led by the light of the Holy Spirit, the divine counsellor and advocate of Truth. Holy Spirit, grant our bishops Your wisdom, courage and strength to defend the faith of your flock and the seal of confession, placed securely within the sacrament of reconciliation. Unite the hearts and minds of Catholic Christians and the Church across Western Australia, to lift up our voices and lives as one Body of Christ. Holy Spirit, guide us, your people, to stand in the breach alongside our bishops, to witness with clarity and Christian charity, the injustice of the proposed legislation to compel your holy priests to break the seal of confession. Rout the enemy and foil his evil campaign to strike down our shepherds. Peel away the veil blinding those who erroneously seek or support unjust laws as a pretence to protect the vulnerable among your flock. We invoke the intercession of Mary, our Lady Help of Christians. Amen

Complete this prayer with one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be to the Holy Trinity.