


‘The power of Christ compels you’

The surprise election of New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan as the new president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops grabbed most of the headlines at last week’s fall bishops’ meeting in Baltimore. A close second might be the bishops’ two-day conference on exorcism, held just before the Nov. 15-18 general assembly of bishops. 

With cinematic images of flying pea-green soup, twisting heads and growling voices firmly fixed in the popular culture, some dismiss the ancient ritual as a medieval superstition. The bishops disagree, contending that – though rare – there are still occasions when exorcisms are necessary.

Check out this take on the topic from Good Morning America.