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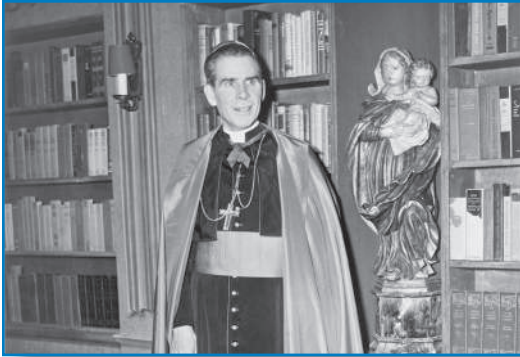
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Provincial Perspective

Dear Family,

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in 1952.

Excerpts from a statement by Bishop Louis Tylka of the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois:

“With great joy and deep gratitude to God, I am pleased to announce the Mass for the Beatification of the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, will take place on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Central time at The Dome at America’s Center in Saint Louis, Missouri...

... His life and ministry continue to inspire countless people to know and love Jesus Christ more deeply. Through his preaching, teaching, and personal witness, he brought the light of faith to millions, calling each of us to a deeper devotion to the Eucharist and to Our Blessed Mother.”

Sincerely in the Holy Family, I am

Fr. Phil Sosa, M.S.F.

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SAINT FRANCIS AND AI AND GOD

by J. P. Richardson



God the Father by Cima da Conegliano.

You know the expression "*What a difference a day makes!*" Imagine the difference 800 years make! Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed 2026 a Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226. What makes Saint Francis so special?

Francis might have been closer to Christ-like than anyone else has been – except Jesus' immaculately conceived, Virgin Mother Mary. So clearly did Francis reflect the image of Jesus that God granted him the stigmata, the wounds of Christ crucified. For many people, to glance at Francis, the son of Pietro Bernardone, is to

gain a glimpse of the Son of God. Francis has inspired people for eight centuries – ever-older, ever-modern.

The world has changed drastically between 1226 and 2026. We live in The Age of A.I. – Artificial Intelligence – revolutionary manipulation of information and knowledge. *TIME* magazine named The Architects of A.I. its Person of the Year for 2025. A.I. is transforming work, family, science, medicine, education, research, communications, entertainment – maybe everything. It seems more and more human, super-human,

even divine. Where is A.I. taking us?

Pope Leo XIV recently published his first encyclical: *Magnifica Humanitas – On the protection of the human person in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI)*. He established a Vatican Commission on AI to consider its effects on persons, humanity, and the dignity of every human being.

Like most things, AI may be used for either good or bad. AI itself is neutral. In good hands, it is good. In wicked or careless hands, it might cause harm. But could AI's increasing abilities help us to understand God's infinitely mind-boggling attributes better – to know, love, and serve Him more in this world, with greater happiness in Heaven?

Saint Anselm argued that God is the Supreme Being than Whom none greater can be conceived. God is the perfection of all good attributes. As AI advances, it can show us that God must be more knowledgeable and powerful – and supremely intelligent!

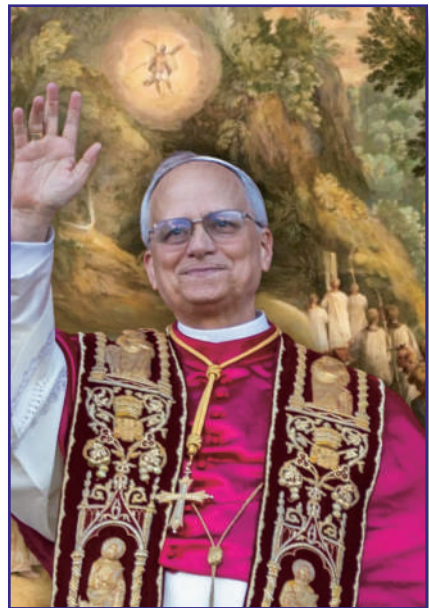
Francis fell away from the Catholic Faith before he became a saint. Many people neglect or reject God and the Faith, living as if AI is their god or religion. What is the difference between AI and God?

AI might beat us at chess, but it cannot beat God at anything. AI seems to know everything; God

does know everything. AI can be wrong; God is always right. AI is FI (Fake Intelligence); God is RI (Real Intelligence) and DI (Divine Intelligence). AI is artificial – made; God makes. AI generates; God creates.

Information must be fed into AI, which chews, grinds, and spits it out. N-I-N-O: Nutrition In, Nutrition Out. J-I-J-O: Junk In, Junk Out. Love and Goodness spring and spark from God like an Infinite Fountain or Forever Fireworks: I-F-F-F.

AI may become autonomous. God is the Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all things visible and invisible, as we pray in the Nicene Creed. AI may change the world; God



Pope Leo (EWTN News).

created the world. AI might appear to rival Divine Intelligence – but God (DI) is Original Intelligence (OI) and Ultimate Intelligence (UI).

AI may be woke, but is it awake? Feeling? Conscious? Self-aware? God is. AI processes information, but can it think deeply? God can. Saint Francis realized that only God can create souls and Heaven. Like Jesus, Francis preached love, mercy, and pardoning of injuries. AI itself is heartless, indifferent, and unpardoning.

Francis prayed, “*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace*” – but AI can be an instrument of discord and hatred, even war. Francis – Il Poverello (The Little Poor Man) – understood that poverty and simplicity are closer to Jesus Christ – The Way, The Truth, and The Life – than avarice and ever-increasing technological complexity. Like all saints, Francis is the real deal – nothing artificial.

Saint Francis possessed NI – Natural Intelligence. He loved animals and all of God’s creation. He showed SI – Supernatural Intelligence. He chose Our Father in Heaven over his father on earth. When Jesus said, “*Rebuild My Church,*” Francis obeyed.

He worshiped the omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent Father Almighty – as we pray in the Apostles’ Creed. Saint Francis’s Nativity Scene reminds us that God

loves us, and that He became one of us to lead us back to Him. By remaining a friar rather than being ordained a priest in his own order – the Franciscans – Francis taught us humility. Is AI humble or does it cultivate excessive pride instead?

The First Commandment is: *I am the Lord Thy God. Thou shalt not have false gods before Me.* However, we have many idols – money, smartphones, computers, musicians, politicians, celebrities, athletes, etc. We make and worship our own golden calves. People have tried to collect all the knowledge of the world at least since the storied Great Library of Alexandria, Egypt, centuries before Christ.



Saint Francis of Assisi (painting by Philip Fruytiers).

Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. We, their children, have wandered in a weed-patch of snakes and sins ever since God banished them from the Garden of Eden. With AI, aren't we aiming at the same old targets with modern darts?

AI brings threats and poses many questions: What is real? What is fake? Will we need deceit detectors? Will AI addict, dehumanize, and control us? Make jobs obsolete? By automating everything, are we forfeiting privacy and freedom? Do we want total surveillance by anyone but God? What about massive, expensive data centers? Will AI push us beyond the singularity, the point of no return, where we cross over from human to transhuman?

AI is a tool in our hands, a means to our ends. God is our ultimate End. We can joyfully sing the venerable spiritual hymn: *"He's got the whole world in His Hands!"*

Artificial Intelligence isn't the only AI. Assisi Intelligence is also AI. Saint Francis of Assisi prayed: *"You alone are Holy, Lord, the only God. You are the Most High. You are the Almighty King, Holy Father, King of Heaven and Earth. You are All Good. Supreme Good, Lord God, living and true."*

Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Help us, by using Assisi Intelligence, to enlighten Artificial Intelligence to know, love, and serve Divine Intelligence. Amen. God bless your Family. +jmg+



Adam and Eve expelled from the Garden of Eden.

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Graduation at St. Frances Cabrini





An Invitation

The Family Forever Society

by Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F.

What is the Family Forever Society? It's very simple! Members of this special society are people who have remembered the Missionaries of the Holy Family in their wills or estate plans. Their bequests are called Legacy Gifts.

While most Legacy Gifts are made with the intention of the Missionaries of the Holy Family receiving benefits in the future, some Legacy Gifts are realized in the present. Gifts of securities or stock, real estate, and other tangible property are usually transferred before December 31 of any year so the benefactor can realize tax breaks for charitable donations.

Most Legacy Gifts are used as principal for our Retirement Trust Fund. While we do have a modest trust fund to help cover the rising cost of healthcare needed by the elderly and disabled members of our religious community, it is always a struggle.

Please consider joining our Family Forever Society. To receive a free booklet on preparing your will, please send your request to me at 3014 Oregon Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63118, or call me at 1-888-484-9945. If you are remembering us in your will, please remember us as: *Congregation of the Missionaries of the Holy Family - North American Province.*

Our Holy Family priests and brothers will always hold you and your loved ones in prayer. Isn't that what a Family is supposed to do? Thank you and God bless you... *forever.*



Forever Yours in the Holy Family,

Fr. Phil Sosa, M.S.F.

Very Reverend Philip Sosa, M.S.F.
Provincial Superior, North American Province



JOYS OF FAMILY LIFE

It's So Easy Today!

by Brother Knight Baldy

The joys of family life are so easy to enjoy today!

Go back to about 1960. My dad had a dark room in the house, and I learned from him. Developing film, making enlargements, handling prints, and much more. I even taught some of my friends how to do that stuff. I was in camera clubs, and I had a dark room in my first four houses.

If you wanted to send a picture to four people, you needed to make four prints and mail them through the post office. I'm not complaining about the trouble or cost at the time. I had a lot of fun doing all of that, and I have many hundreds of photograph negatives.

Things change. Today, most pictures are high-quality digital, from digital cameras and cell phones. If you take pictures, you can broadcast the pictures to groups of people, including family, with just a simple click. You can share, and be shared with, the joys of family life through those pictures.

My sister Debbie is single and never married, and she is in

touch with my entire family. She gets lots of pictures via text message and emails from my kids and grandkids. She knows what's going on! With the pictures she receives, she is right there enjoying and sharing family life moments with everyone.

I have lots of grandkids, but I'll use Amelia as an example. Amelia is only two years old, she has lots of cousins, and she already knows all of them! She has a baby sister too.

These pictures of Amelia with her cousins and little sister make my point. Phone calls, emails, letters sent through the mail, and video calls are all part of the joys. Pictures have longer memories, even when ours begin to fade. Enjoy the joys of family life, and God bless your family!

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Big sister and little sister.



Moms and daughters.



Kissing Cousins.



There is fertilizer in there somewhere.



Champion Pizza Eater!



PLAN OF SALVATION

God's Most Masculine Plan of Salvation by The Unknown Centurion

“Masculinity, that instinct in men to protect and defend, is all but lost. But it's central to God's plan of salvation.”

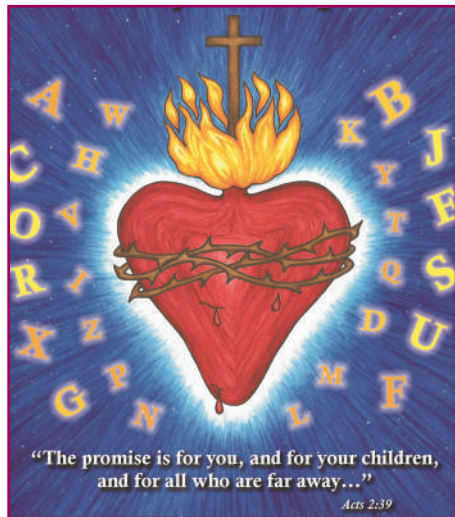
The Son of God did not bring salvation and redemption to our fallen world through His signs, wonders, or words, but rather, by willingly experiencing an incomprehensibly violent death in the most virile manner, overcoming it at His Resurrection. Jesus gave up His life that the Body of Christ, the Church, would live (Ephesians 5:25) as the chosen vessel of the salvation He won until He returns.

His Church was conceived at the Cross as the precious Blood and Water gushed forth from His most Sacred Heart, which also became the supernatural source of its sacraments. Relatedly, the Divine Mercy of God poured out for all the world not through passive prayer or pious works, but by the razor-sharp tip of an iron spear forcefully thrust by a masculine, militant, man of war and violence between the fifth and sixth ribs of the Savior of the World, piercing His most Sacred Heart.

This means that God's perfect, providential plan of salvation

was not accomplished through passivity or piety but in the most masculine manner by His Son who took on flesh in order to sacrifice it, even pouring out the final drops of His Blood in the most humiliating, painful way.

And we don't accept His salvation accomplished on Calvary by mere mental assent, acknowledging that such an event actually occurred, but through active participation in this



Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Saint Longinus.

once for all sacrifice — as did the courageous centurion who leapt into action to accomplish the will of God, regardless of the costs, and thereafter lived fully and manfully for Christ as the original warrior-monk.

What was it that caused a hardened pagan executioner to defy a direct order from his procurator and pierce the Heart of Jesus and ultimately die as a Christian martyr in Cappadocia? As the overseer of the execution site, the centurion would not have heard striking words or witnessed miraculous wonders to cause him to convert; there was only silence and compliance from this suffering servant of God.

Perhaps something caused this battle-tested commander to view the crucifixion of Christ through the

chastened eyes of a soldier who recognized in it someone freely and selflessly sacrificing Himself so that others might live?

Longinus, who was not unfamiliar with death, may have seen that this was the most noble death for a soldier. The only greater death would be for the king himself, not one of his subject-soldiers, to willingly go out onto the battlefield, virtually alone and unarmed, surrounded by hordes of enemies who devilishly desired his death. Here, the King of Kings chose the hour and the location, which would not be on the high ground under the cover of night but in the light of day, in a very public, populated place, just outside the walls of the Great City.

He was not ashamed of his impending mocking, torture, and death, such that He wanted it to be accomplished in secret. Rather, He wanted all of Judah, and all exiled Israelites who were obligated to be in Jerusalem at this time of Passover, to be present at this first Good Friday, even though the huge crowd would bring with it far more mockery and humiliation of the King.

Christ alone faced the combined religious and political powers of Jerusalem and Rome, staring them down manfully and resolutely without equivocation, pleading His innocence, or crying out for mercy. He took on all the abandonment, insults, beating, and crucifying in unending wave upon wave without tapping out. Finally, after



Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

His final breath, he received the final blow: the head of an iron spear thrust through His side and into His Heart.

Whether the intent of this after-death wound was an altruistic act of admiration and mercy or a final offense and outrage against the Body of Christ is not for us to decide; it is known by God alone. What we do know is the Latin word “*misericordia*” means “*mercy*” or having a heart so full of compassion for another that it is rent open. Yet to this centurion of Rome, *misericordia* meant something seemingly quite different — or did it?

To the future Saint Longinus, *misericordia* meant an act of battlefield honor and respect afforded only to the worthiest of warriors by driving an iron blade through the heart of a mortally wounded victim. In fact, some soldiers

carried a dagger for such a purpose which was called a *misericordia*. In this regard, *misericordia* would have been, and eventually was, both an act of mercy by the centurion and a rending open of the Heart of the worthiest Victim so that His mercy could gush forth for the whole world.

For the Heart of this Divine Victim was so full of compassion that it needed and desired to be immolated in order to pour out the last drops of His Blood and Water, which not only symbolized God’s love and mercy for the redemption and salvation of the world, but were the supernatural reality which accomplished it.

Even though it appeared as if the dehydrated Galilean succumbed to the sheer military might and masochism of the Roman Empire, in fact it was the

Roman centurion who was overcome by the crucified Victim after He had breathed His last. Jesus triumphed not through words or miracles but through manfully taking within Himself all that the powers on earth could dish out and forgave them, even pouring out an ocean of mercy for their salvation.

Standing beneath the Cross, the centurion switched allegiances from the evil empire of the earth to the Kingdom of God, as evidenced by his defiance of a direct order from Pilate and obeying a prompting of the Holy Spirit to pierce Christ's Heart rather than break His bones. Then, as the ranking Roman authority at Calvary, the centurion made a public proclamation that the dead Victim, not the live Caesar, was the true Son of God.

Overcoming the centurion foreshadowed the future overcoming of the Roman Empire by the Kingdom of God and the fact that centurions would play a critical role in that eventual transfer of power.

Remember that in piercing the Heart of the Son of God, supernatural substances of Blood and Water gushed forth upon the head of the centurion, restoring his vision. But such same eternal elements which conceived the Church and became the source of her sacraments could have easily consecrated not just Longinus but an entire office or order of centurions to serve as the first soldiers of the Kingdom of God.

When the Kingdom came into its

earthly existence at the Cross, it was embryonic and extremely vulnerable to the powers of the earth and its prince which were at eternal enmity with it. If, as Jesus said, a divided kingdom cannot long stand, a germinal kingdom devoid of defenders with powerful enemies likely never would see the light of day. This is why God, according to His perfect plan and providence, targeted the most indomitable, indispensable men of the vaunted Roman military to tend, defend, and extend the Kingdom of God, ultimately fulfilling the duties for the Garden of Eden which Adam abdicated.

This is not conjecture or wishful thinking; for the following five centurions in Scripture after Saint Longinus did exactly that. The next centurion, Cornelius, was selected by God to clarify or correct the first pope by showing that Gentiles needn't become Jews before becoming Christians, greatly aiding in the exponential expansion of this fledgling Faith. The next few centurions in Scripture saved the life of Saint Paul, Christianity's greatest evangelizer, on three separate occasions. And the first centurion mentioned in the Bible amazed Jesus who declared that he had the greatest faith in all of Israel.

Why else would all seven centurions in Scripture have been positively portrayed when they were oppressive overlords and occupiers of the land promised to Israel and were responsible for the persecution of countless Christians, including the martyrdoms

of Saints Peter and Paul? And why would God seemingly sideline His greatest asset of evangelization by allowing him to remain in Roman custody, in the constant company of centurions and soldiers, for the final four-plus years of his life?

The most plausible reason is that God wanted Saint Paul to spend his remaining time and energy assembling soldiers for the Kingdom of God, so that they might tamp down the persecutions and spread the Gospel in Rome “throughout the whole Praetorian Guard” (Philippians 1:13), and to “all the rest,” even gaining converts in “Caesar’s household” (Philippians 4:22), and across the vast Roman Empire, wherever its legions and garrisons traveled or were stationed, reaching places where no apostle or ordained successor had gone.

In our time, does God want courageous, countercultural men of faith and action to reclaim the mantle of such a centurion office to tend, defend, and extend the Kingdom of God, which is led, in large part, by too many weak and worldly men, is virtually devoid of defenders, and has

lost much land and many souls to the evil Spirit of the Age?

To learn more, please consider reading *Rise of the Centurion: The Reclamation of a Mystical Masculine Theology* (Sophia Institute Press). Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. © Crisis Magazine, 27 March 2026.

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Saint Paul in prison.





EXCERPT FROM A EULOGY

Grandma

by Hannah

Death is a scary, unfamiliar thing, but I do believe there's something wonderful for us at the end. So, we come here not to mourn but to celebrate the life of my grandma. Although she'll be missed dearly, don't cry at the thought of loss, but rather laugh and smile and reminisce -- all the stories and memories we had with such a beautiful soul.

Full of heartfelt love,

Hannah



Pieta Votive Candles



This beautiful Pieta statue is in Saint Wenceslaus Church in Saint Louis, Missouri, and in the rectory are the offices of the North American Province of the Missionaries of the Holy Family. If you would like a 6-day votive candle lit for your family and your intentions, contact us at mprater@msf-america.org or 1-888-484-9945. Candles burn in a rack to the right of the statue. (The suggested donation is \$7.00.) Thank you and may God bless you.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

“In Persona Christi” (In the Person of Christ) by Celia Barragán



Anniversary Mass on March 8, 2026.

On March 8, 1926, the first Missionaries of the Holy Family (MSF) arrived in the United States. Father Anthony Elsing, Father Charles Shreiber, and Father H. Benz came from Holland to answer the “call” from Most Reverend Arthur J. Drossaerts, D.D., Archbishop of San Antonio, Texas. He needed priests to come to New Braunfels to serve the

Spanish speaking community.

The MSF priests did not speak Spanish, but they quickly adapted to the community and learned the language to better serve their new parish. A house with property was donated to Father Anthony Elsing, and it was blessed and dedicated on December 5, 1926, as Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Church in New Braunfels, Texas.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary, Father Angelot of OLPH, joined by Father Francois and Father Rodrigue of Holy Family Church in New Braunfels, and Father Josselin and Father Elysee of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in nearby Seguin, celebrated Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2026, in honor of the founding priests and their arrival.

During the Anniversary Mass, the five priests from Madagascar blessed the congregation by singing songs from their homeland of Madagascar. The Mass was followed by a quaint reception in remembrance of all of the Holy Family Missionaries who had

come to serve. Priests are stewards of God's mysteries, acting in persona Christi (in the person of Christ) to bring us closer to God. They build bridges between God and humanity.

All believers in Sacred Scripture are called a "royal priesthood," encouraging all to live out their vocation in union with Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:9).

The OLPH parishioners in New Braunfels are busy preparing to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the church dedication on Saturday, December 5, 2026. Committees have been organized to address all that will be needed to make this date a day to remember. Fundraisers such as



Supper of the Lamb.

the yearly Fish Fry, an Enchilada Plate Sale, Rummage Sale, Turkey Bingo, and Hamburger Combo Sale are only a few of the means to accumulate the money needed in preparation of the commemorative event.

The committees are spearheading the special day with many parishioners volunteering in all the different events. Besides looking forward to the celebration, these events have already served to enhance fellowship among the parishioners. Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller has graciously accepted the invitation to celebrate the Centennial Mass.

The excitement in anticipation of the parish's 100-year celebration is contagious! There is a saying in Spanish that goes like this, "Vamos a tirar la casa por la ventana." It means, "to spare no expense" to make this a spiritual and joyous celebration. Please feel free to join us!

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Celebration of the Eucharist.

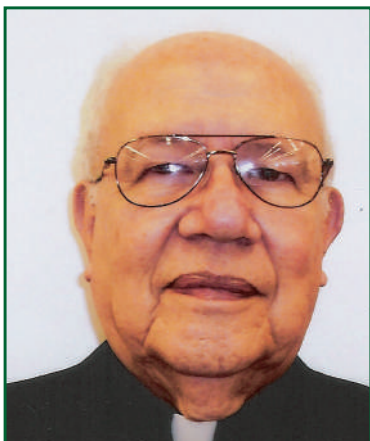


Mass has ended, go in peace.

Men of God: Priests Forever

In the Year of Our Lord 2026, we thank God for all of our priests and brothers, and we beseech Him to send us many more.

If you would like to send a Tribute Gift in honor of our priests, please send it to 3014 Oregon Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63118-1412.



Fr. Ernesto Perez, M.S.F.
55 years



Fr. David Tonary, M.S.F.
45 years

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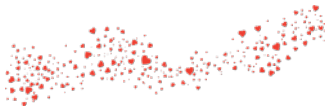
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Around the Province



Our Holy Family leadership in Rome.



Some members of Fr. Andre's Family in Madagascar.



25th Jubilee of Saint Joseph Mission in Redwood, Texas.



Around the Province

Fr. Joss and Jesus Christ.

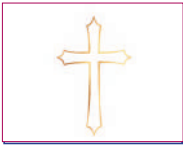


Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe at Saint Wenceslaus Church in Saint Louis, Missouri.



Future sportscaster for Major League Baseball.





SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

What are Sins Against the Holy Spirit?

© EWTN Catechism & Apologetics

Catechism of Saint Pius X

Q: How many sins are there against the Holy Ghost?

A: The sins against the Holy Ghost are six:

- (1) Despairing of being saved;
- (2) Presuming on being saved without merit;
- (3) Opposing the known Truth;
- (4) Envyng another's graces;
- (5) Obstinate remaining in sin; and
- (6) Final impenitence.



Gian Lorenzo Bernini, Dove of the Holy Spirit (alabaster stained glass, Chair of Saint Peter, Saint Peter's Basilica, Vatican City), ca. 1660.

Q: Why are these sins specially said to be against the Holy Ghost?

A: These sins are specially said to be against the Holy Ghost, because they are committed through pure malice, which is contrary to goodness, the special attribute of the Holy Ghost.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

#1864: "Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven."

There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept His mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit. Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss.

Scriptural references: Matthew 12:31, Mark 3:29, and Luke 12:10.

Explanation from Summa Theologica

by Saint Thomas Aquinas (explaining the teaching of Saint Augustine)

Saint Augustine, however, says that blasphemy or the sin against the Holy Ghost, is final impenitence when, namely, a man perseveres in mortal sin until death, and that it is not confined to utterance by word of mouth, but extends to words in thought and deed, not to one word only, but to many.

Now this word, in this sense, is said to be uttered against the Holy Ghost, because it is contrary to the remission of sins, which is the work of the Holy Ghost, who is the charity both of the Father and of the Son. Nor did Our Lord say this to the Jews, as though they had sinned against the Holy Ghost, since they were not yet guilty of final impenitence, but He warned them, lest by similar utterances they should come to sin against the Holy Ghost.

It is in this sense that we are to understand **Mark 3:29-30**, where after Our Lord had said: “But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin.”

Mark the Evangelist adds, “Because they said: He hath an unclean spirit.”

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Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, The Heavenly and Earthly Trinities, 1681-82.



THE HOLY FAMILY

The Holy Family of Nazareth: A Model for All From Our Madagascar Province



Chambers: Saint Joseph and
Child Jesus Crying.

The Holy Family, composed of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, is a central pillar of the Christian faith. They embody love, faith, and unity within a home, offering an inspiring model for all families.

Who are They?

Joseph: Husband of Mary and adoptive father of Jesus, Joseph is often depicted as a righteous and hardworking man. He is the protector of the Holy Family.

Mary: Mother of Jesus, she is venerated for her unwavering faith and humility. She is often depicted with the Infant Jesus in her arms.

Jesus: The Son of God Incarnate, He grows up in this simple family

and learns the values of work and prayer.

Importance of the Holy Family?

Family Model: The Holy Family is often presented as the ideal model of the Christian family, where love, faith, and unity reign.

Education of Jesus: Nazareth is the place where Jesus grew up and learned the fundamental values of life.

Source of Inspiration: The Holy Family inspires believers to cultivate harmonious relationships within their own families.

Virtues of the Holy Family?

Faith: Mary and Joseph's unwavering faith in God is an example for all believers.

Love: The love that unites the members of the Holy Family is a model of unconditional love.

Humility: The simplicity and humility of the Holy Family are essential values for Christians.

Work: Joseph, as a carpenter, is an example of the importance of work and responsibility.

Feast of the Holy Family?

The Feast of the Holy Family is usually celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast is an opportunity to pay tribute to this model family and to pray that all families in the world may live in love and harmony for world peace.

Holy Family in Art?

The Holy Family has inspired many artists throughout the centuries. Many paintings, sculptures, and other works of art depict this family in moments of their daily lives.

Holy Family Today?

Today, the Holy Family continues to be a source of inspiration for families around the world. It reminds us of the importance of love, faith, and unity in the home. The Holy Family of Nazareth is much more than just a historical family. This special family is a universal model for Christian life, a source of inspiration, and a reminder of the importance of love and faith within OUR own families, which is necessary for world peace. +jmj+



Chambers: The Holy Family.



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