



APOSTLES of the HOLY SPIRIT

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**COME HOLY SPIRIT
HELP ME TO
RESPECT LIFE**

TO TREASURE ALL LIFE

**Help me to, Console the sick,
To support the handicapped,
To comfort the lonely,
To respect the aged,
To sustain the poor and
to protect the unborn.**

**Come Holy Spirit
Show me the way**

CONSOLE THE SICK

Forgive me, Father, when I do not choose to think about...to look upon the sick. In their sightless eyes...in bodies ravaged by disease...in withered hands and feet...in people side by side in clinics...in people held together by the common bond of pain, let me see you. Let me see myself, my loved ones. Keep the faces and the needs of all the sick before my eyes so that I cannot forget...will not forget that I must help them in your name.

Amen.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT
SHOW ME THE WAY**

**SUPPORT
THE HANDICAPPED**

Today, Father, help me to understand better...to appreciate more the gift...the blessing of health of mind and body. Bless those who alone, face life with some mental, emotional or physical handicap. In the vastness of your mercy and goodness, support them in their difficulties and through my prayers lighten the crosses they carry in the example of your Son. Thank you for their place in this world, Father, for through their faith, their courage they teach me more about your love than I could understand alone.

Amen.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT
SHOW ME THE WAY**

COMFORT THE LONELY

You are not an easy God to follow, Father. Why won't you let me put aside the thought of people life seems to have forgotten...to have filed away as unimportant, as valueless? The people whose days and nights are lived alone in furnished rooms, in apartments, in homes where they seem walled off from time, from life, from love? Why won't you let me forget them? Is it because you want me to do what I can to bring some happiness to them in whatever way I can? Of course, that is the answer. No, God you are not an easy God to follow and for that I am grateful.

Amen.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT
SHOW ME THE WAY**

RESPECT THE AGED

I want to live, Father, and yet I do not look forward to that day when I will be looked upon as old...to that day when I must give myself over to others...to others' priorities, to others' values, to others' lives. I do not wish this for myself so I ask you to make me sensitive, responsive to those whose lives are no longer their own. Make me interested in them, in their problems, in their concerns, in their needs, in their hopes. Help me to open my life to give them a sense of value, of belonging, of counting as they surely do to you.

Amen.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT
SHOW ME THE WAY**

SUSTAIN THE POOR

God, I want to do what I can, what I should, what I must to help the poor...to diminish the crippling impact that poverty has on the lives of so many men, women, and children the world over. Make me determined to commit myself, my energies to make the poor and their needs a part of my life. Give me the courage to sacrifice for them generously and consistently. Remind me, Lord. Don't let me forget. Don't take any excuses. If I drag my feet, get after me.

Amen.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT
SHOW ME THE WAY**

**PROTECT
THE UNBORN**

Thank you, Father, for the gift of life. Thank you for the beauty of the day...for the quiet of the night...for sunshine...for rain...for the seasons...for happiness...even for sorrows that I do not understand. But most of all, Father, I thank you for people...for people in whom and through whom I see you, know you and love you. Hear this prayer to assure life for the unborn so that they too may one day share the happiness of life and goodness of your love.

Amen.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT
SHOW ME THE WAY**

RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

2258 “Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.”⁵⁶

2260 The covenant between God and mankind is interwoven with reminders of God’s gift of human life and man’s murderous violence: For your lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning....

Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image.⁵⁹

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not kill.⁵⁴

You have heard that it was said to the men of old, “You shall not kill: and whoever kills shall be liable to judgement.” But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement.⁵⁵

54 Ex 20:13;cf. Deut 5:17.

55 Mt 5:21-22.

56 CDF, instruction, Donum vitae, intro.5.

59 Gen 9:5-6.

ABORTION

2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.⁷¹

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.⁷²

2271 Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law:

You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.⁷⁴

God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be

protected with the ut-most care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.⁷⁵

71 Cf.CDF, Donum vitae I, 1.

72 Jer 1:5; cf. Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11.

74 Didache 2, 2: Sch 248, 148; cf. Ep. Barnabae 19, 5: PG 2, 777; Ad Diognetum 5, 6: PG 2, 1173;

Tertullian, Apol. 9: PL 1, 319-320.

75 GS 51 S 3.

Any country that accepts Abortion is not teaching people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That's why the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion.

BL. Mother Teresa (1910-1997)

THE MORAL LAW

1950 The moral law is the work of divine Wisdom. Its biblical meaning can be defined as fatherly instruction, God’s pedagogy. It prescribes for man the ways, the rules of conduct that lead to the promised beatitude; it proscribes the ways of evil which turn him away from God and his love. It is at once firm in its precepts and, in its promises, worthy of love.

1951 Law is a rule of conduct enacted by competent authority for the sake of the common good. The moral law presupposes the rational order, established by reason as a participation in the providence of the living God, Creator and redeemer of all. “Such an ordinance of reason is what one calls law.”²

1952 There are different expressions of the moral law, all of them interrelated: eternal law - the source, in God, of all law; natural law; revealed law, comprising the Old law and the New Law, or Law of the Gospel; finally, civil and ecclesiastical laws.

1953 The moral law finds its fullness and its unity in Christ. Jesus Christ is in person the way of perfection. He is the end of the law, for only he teaches and bestows the justice of God: “For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified.”⁴ Rom 10:4

2 Leo XIII, Libertas praestantissimum: AAS 20 (1887/88), 597; cf.St.Thomas Aquinas, STh I-II, 90,1.
4 Rom 10:4



Prayers to the Holy Spirit

As has so often been the case in the great moral crises of civilization prayer will be the most effective factor of all in persuading others to...

Respect Life TREASURE ALL LIFE

Some theories, Father, propose that there are too many people in our world today...that the earth cannot sustain us... that we will not be able to feed ourselves and others...that there will not be decent places for people to live. I believe that there are answers to these problems that we can learn from you, Father. Give wisdom to those entrusted with the future of our lives...our children's lives...our world, Help them to understand the value of a human life, lead them to answers, to solutions that will enable mankind to forge a future grounded in hope, in faith and in love, a future that will lead people everywhere to a better life through which to thank you for the gift of life. Amen.

COME HOLY SPIRIT SHOW ME THE WAY

This prayer should be said slowly pausing from time to time to allow the prayer to sink into our heart.

Dearest Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to love and serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and to look for no reward; save that of knowing that I do your holy will.
(Saint Ignatius)

COME HOLY SPIRIT HELP US TO PRAY FROM OUR HEART

A BLESSING FOR THE SICK

Lord Jesus, when you were on earth, they brought the sick to you and you healed them all. Today we ask you to bless all those in sickness, in weakness and in pain; those who are blind and who cannot see the light of the sun, the beauty of the world, or the faces of their friends; those who are deaf and cannot hear the voices which speak to them; those who are helpless and who must lie in bed while others go out and in. **Bless all such.** Those whose minds have lost their reason; those who are so nervous that they cannot cope with life; those who worry about everything. **Bless all such.** Those who must face life under some handicap; those whose weakness means that they must always be careful; those who are lame and maimed and cannot enter into any of the strenuous activities or pleasures of life. **Bless all such.** Grant that we in our health and our strength may never find those who are weak and handicapped a nuisance, but grant that we may always do and give all that we can to help them, and to make life easier for them.

William Barclay

FOR THOSE WHO NURSE THE SICK

Lord, I thank you that in your love you have taken from me all earthly riches, and that you now clothe and feed me through kindness of others. Lord, I thank you, that since you have taken from me the sight of my eyes, you serve me now with the eyes of others.

Lord, I thank you that since you have taken away the power of my hands and my heart, you serve me by the hands and hearts of others. Lord, I pray for them. Reward them for it in your heavenly love, that they may faithfully serve and please you till they reach a happy end.

Saint Mechtilde

FOR THE POOR

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those people throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands, this day, their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy.
(Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

GOD'S PRESENCE IN SUFFERING

Father, you do not protect us against catastrophes but in them you come to our aid. It is in the very midst of the tempest and misfortune that a wonderful zone of peace, serenity and joy bursts in us if we dwell in your grace. You do not help us before we have helped ourselves, but when we are at the end of our resources you manifest yourself, and we begin to know that you have been there all the time.

Louis Evelyn

FAILING HEALTH AND OLD AGE

When the signs of age begin to mark my body and still more when they touch my mind; when the illness that is to diminish me or carry me off strikes from without or is born within me; when the painful moment comes in which I suddenly awaken to the fact that I am ill or growing old; in all those dark moments, O God, grant that I may understand that it is you, provided only my faith is strong enough, who are painfully parting the fibres of my being in order to penetrate to the very marrow of my substance and bear me away within yourself.

Teilhard de Chardin

FOR THE ADDICTED

God of mercy, we bless you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who ministered to all who came to him. Give your strength to (name of the person), one of your children, enfold him/her in your love and restore him/her to the freedom of God's children.

Lord, look with compassion on all those who have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy, strengthen them in the work of recovery, and help them to resist all temptation.

To those who care for them, grant patience and understanding and a love that perseveres. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HELPLESS UNBORN

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother alone can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE INTERCESSOR OF THE UNBORN

To help stop the anti-life push in the U.S. the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it was recommended, an individual say the following daily prayer for a period of one year.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with him.



Reader's Various Shared Thoughts

Dear A.H.S..

I received the prayer cards/booklet that I requested from your office. I am very happy to received all of them most especially the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

I wanted to share a little story behind this prayer card. Back in 2001 I failed the board exam for Physical Therapy and I was very sad since I never ever failed anything in my academic years. I was not a straight A student or conscious about having high grades but good enough without doing my best. Around that time, my father had this Prayer for the Holy Spirit in his office and told me he say the prayer every morning before working and he was giving it to me. Since then, every morning I pray the Holy Spirit. After a few months, I decided to make a photocopy for myself and returned the original one to my father. Three months after I failed the board exam I took it again and behold, I top the board exam. Out of 5,000+ takers only the top 25% usually make it and I was top 13 of those who passed the exam. I was very happy and my parents were very happy. This was back in the Philippines.

In 2006 I passed the US board exam and started working in NJ as a Physical therapist. Around 2008, I had a troubled relationship. After weighing all circumstances I still don't know how to proceed with my life. I felt I was stuck in the middle of a fork road, don't know which way to go whether to the left or right. I prayed for discernment and asked God for a sign (which I haven't done before nor really believe in it). I told God that when I see that sign I know which road to take. The sign I asked was the sign of the Holy Spirit, a white dove or bird, it has to be alive bird and flying which for me denotes freedom, freeing my self out of this relationship. After 9 months since I asked God for the sign I was still stuck in the relationship with more sadness/crying spells that eventually led to depression and still don't know what to do. But on this particular Saturday morning in January, I was in an intersection waiting for the light to turn green, across the street I saw a tree without leaves with lots of white birds sitting on a branch and went flying. Suddenly, I felt an instant relief inside my chest as if a heavy load was lifted. I said to my self, this is it! This is the answer I have been waiting for all these months. The

next day we went to church together and throughout the mass I was holding back my tears because all the messages from all the readings/gospel/homily were addressed to me by God. Confirming to me what I saw and what I should do. After the mass, in the parking lot I had made the decision to break up with him for good. After we broke up, he kept on calling and calling but I just let it go through my voice mail and eventually he got tired and stopped. A year after we broke up, he called again and left a message that he is coming to my apartment to deliver a Christmas gift (He lives in NY by the way) but the day he called was the day my new boyfriend proposed and I said YES! Now he is my very loving, most caring husband of almost 3 years and we are expecting our first baby this May. I am glad I was patient and took time to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

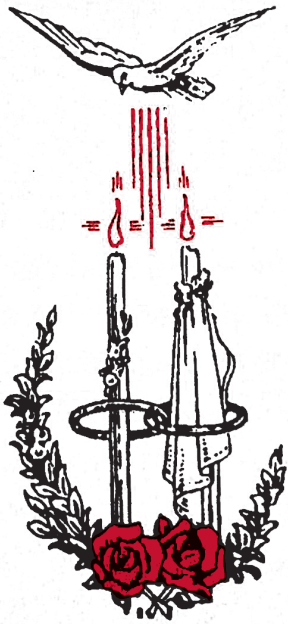
Another encounter, about a year or two ago, I had a 50 + year-old patient that has a tatto of the Holy Spirit represented by a Dove on her wrist so I asked her about the significance of the Holy Spirit in my life and the prayer card that my dad gave me. Not knowing she was thinking for days to ask me a copy of the Prayer for the Holy Spirit and at the same time I was thinking for days to give her a copy of the prayer card. So finally, I told her that I was planning to give her a copy if she would like one and she told me she was just planning to ask me for a copy also. What a coincidence or should I say God's plan. Another therapist asked me a copy of the card as well after I told him the story with my patient. It did not dawn on me until a few days ago to search on the internet on how I would be able to get a copy of this Holy Spirit prayer card since mine was just a photocopy. Amazing enough, I was able to find Apostles of the Holy Spirit in Cincinnati, Ohio who has the copy of the prayer for the Holy Spirit and a few others. I am soooooo excited like a kid in a candy store! I ordered 10 of those, I also got Novena to the Holy Spirit, Listening to the Holy Spirit, and To all children meet the Holy Spirit. I am glad they also included a copy of the bulletin which was a joy to read. Now, I gave one to my husband and planning to give the rest to my family and friends.

The Holy Spirit have been strong part of my life ever since my father gave me that prayer card. He passed a year ago at 62 years old from a massive heart attack. God Bless his soul!

Sincerely

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MARRIAGE



THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES THROUGH HOLY MATRIMONY

Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone." The woman, "Flesh of his flesh," i.e., his counterpart, his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and

cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."

The various liturgies abound in prayers of blessing and epiclesis asking God's grace and blessing on the new couple, especially the bride. In the epiclesis of this sacrament the spouses receive the Holy Spirit as the communion of love of Christ and the Church. **The Holy Spirit is the seal of their covenant, the ever available source of their love and the strength to renew their fidelity.**

The consent by which the spouses mutually give and receive one another is sealed by God himself. From their covenant arises "an institution, confirmed by the divine law,...even in the eyes of society. The covenant between the spouses is integrated into God's up into divine love.

Thus *the marriage bond* has been established by God himself in such a way that a marriage concluded and consummated between baptized persons can never be dissolved. This bond, which results from the free human act of the spouses and their consummation of the marriage, is a reality, henceforth irrevocable, and gives rise to a covenant guaranteed by God's fidelity. The Church does not have the power to contravene this disposition of divine wisdom.

The married need the strong and patient love of the Holy Spirit. The grace of the sacrament of matrimony is at their disposal to walk in the paths of patient love, it is strong enough to lead them to the perfection of the saints.

FROM THE MODREN CATHOLIC DICTIONARY BY FR. JOHN HARDON S.J.

MARRIAGE

As a natural institution, the lasting union of a man and a woman who agree to give and receive rights over each other for the performance of the act of generation and for the fostering of their mutual love.

The state of marriage implies four chief conditions: 1. there must be a union of opposite sexes; it is therefore opposed to all forms of unnatural, homosexual behavior; 2. it is a permanent union until the death either spouse; 3. it is an exclusive union, so that extramarital acts are a violation of justice; and 4. its permanence and exclusiveness are guaranteed by contract; mere living together, without mutually binding themselves to do so, is concubinage and not marriage.

Christ elevated marriage to a sacrament of the New Law. Christian spouses signify and partake of the mystery of that unity and fruitful love which exists between Christ and his Church, helping each other attain to holiness in their married life and in the rearing and education of their children.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A program of several days* intercommunication between married couples to enrich their personal-marital relationships. Marriage Encounter began in Spain through the efforts of Father Gabriel Calvo, between 1958 and 1962, co-operating with Diego and Tina Bartoneo and other married couples. From Barcelona in 1962 the movement spread rapidly throughout the Catholic world. There are variant interpretations of the movement, notably on a doctrinal understanding of such issues as contraception.

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

Faith that pursues dares to believe in miracles. It expects God to work in the world. It believes that God will bless our efforts to further the mission of the Church - however feeble they may seem to us. Faith that pursues moves us to dream big dreams about what God can do in the hearts of those who love him (Romans 8:28).

Lord, I Believe!

“Over and over, we see what happens when we pursue the Lord through active, trusting faith. Think, for instance, of the paralyzed man whose friends lowered him down through the roof of a house just so that he could meet Jesus (Mark 2:1-5). Think about the woman who pressed through the crowd just to touch the hem of Jesus’ garment (5:25-29). Think about the Roman centurion who believed that Jesus could heal his servant with just one word (Matthew 8:5-10). And finally, think about the “sinful woman” whose faith moved her to break into a formal dinner party just so that she could show Jesus how much she had come to love him (Luke 7:36-50).

FAITH

The acceptance of the word of another, trusting that one knows what the other is saying and is honest in telling the truth. The basic motive of all faith is the authority (or right to be believed) of someone who is speaking. This authority is an adequate knowledge of what he or she is talking about, and integrity in not wanting to deceive. It is called divine faith when the one believed is God, and human faith when the persons believed are human beings. (Etym. Latin *fides*, belief; habit of faith; object of faith.)

FAITH AND REASON

The relationship between human response to God’s revelation and use of human native intelligence, this relationship is mainly of three kinds, where the role of reason is to assist divine faith: 1. reason can establish the rational grounds for belief by proving God’s existence, his authority or credibility as all-wise and

trust-worthy, and by proving that God actually made a revelation since he confirmed the fact by working (even now) miracles that testify to God’s having spoken to human beings, especially in the person of Jesus Christ; 2. reason can further reflect on what God has revealed and thus come to an even deeper and clearer understanding of the divine mysteries; and 3. reason can both show that the mysteries of faith are in harmony with naturally known truths and can defend their validity against the charge of beings contrary to reason.

THE FAITHFUL

Believing Christians. They are faithful twice over: first by their assent to God’s revelation and again by their living up to what they profess.

ACT OF FAITH

The assent of the mind to what God has revealed. An act of supernatural faith requires divine grace, either actual or sanctifying or both. It is Performed under the influence of the will, which requires its own assistance of grace to render a person ready to believe. And if the act of faith is made in the state of grace, it is meritorious before God, Explicit acts of faith are necessary, notably when the virtue of faith is being tested by temptation or one’s faith is challenged, or one’s belief would be weakened unless strengthened by acts of faith. A simple and widely used act of faith says: “My God, I believe in you and all that your Church teaches, because you have said it, and your word is true. Amen.”

VIRTUE OF FAITH

The infused theological virtue whereby a person is enabled to “believe; that what God has revealed is true not because its intrinsic truth is seen with the rational light of reason but because of the authority of God who reveals it, of God who can neither deceive nor be deceived” (First Vatican Council,-Denzinger 3008).

ACT OF FAITH

O God, I firmly believe all the truths that you have revealed and that you teach us through your Church for you are truth itself and can neither deceive nor be deceived.

A MATTER OF FAITH - A MATTER OF FACT

In shrine talk, researcher reveals findings of miracles

FROM ATHEIST TO BELIEVER

President and researcher of Grupo Internacional para la Paz in Bolivia, a non-profit organization consisting of self-financed research professionals, Dr. Castanon was a professed atheist until 20 years ago, soon after he was called upon to investigate mystical phenomena including stigmata, weeping statues, and bleeding Hosts. A man whose discipline demands that claims be substantiated by science, Dr. Castanon initially expected to find cases of fraud, but instead - after meticulous study - discovered findings that science could not explain. His research continues to this day and includes a reported Eucharistic miracle in Buenos Aires, Argentina, involving a Host that developed coagulated blood and flesh. A neuropsychophysiologicalist (an expert in relating the physical and chemical activities of the brain to human behavior), Dr. Castanon has been called upon by the Vatican to conduct research throughout the world.

Among the most famous examples of such proof is found in the Miracle of Lanciano in Italy, in which a Host became Flesh and the wine became Blood around 700. Studies throughout the centuries have validated the claim.

In 1999, called in to research the alleged Eucharistic miracle in Buenos Aires!, Dr. Castanon discovered incredible similarities with the famous Host in Lanciano.

The Buenos Aires case began in 1996 when a Host was accidentally dropped during Communion. As is the custom, the priest placed the Host in a container of water and put it into the Tabernacle, where it was expected to dissolve. Several days later, the priest was startled to discover the Eucharist had grown in size and was covered with red splotches. Eventually, the Host looked like a piece of flesh. Dr. Castanon had a sample from the Host sent to Dr. Frederick Zugibe, a forensic expert in New York who was told nothing about the circumstances surrounding the case so as to not prejudice the study. Dr. Zugibe testified that the sample was

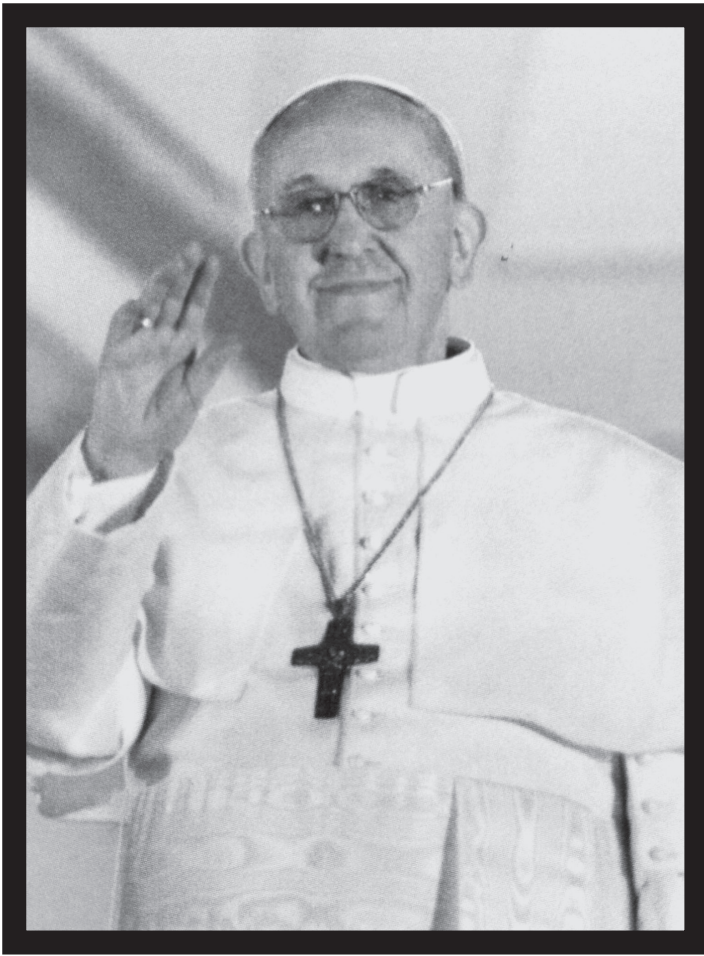
a fragment of a heart muscle and contained a large number of white blood cells, which is telling. "It is my contention that the heart was alive, since white blood cells die outside a living organism," Dr. Zugibe said. "They require a living organism to sustain them. Thus, their presence indicates that the heart was alive when the sample was taken. What is more, these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest."

'I must talk about this' Dr. Castanon said that he and his colleagues were astounded by this news. When informed that the analyzed sample came from a consecrated Host, Dr. Zugibe replied that it was an "inexplicable mystery to science - a mystery totally beyond his competence." Moreover, Dr. Castanon said that the blood on the Host in Buenos Aires is type AB - just like that of Eucharistic miracles elsewhere, including Lanciano, as well as the blood discovered on the famous Shroud of Turin,

"I must talk about this," Dr. Castanon said, "because we have lost respect for the Eucharist." In his Shrine presentation, Dr. Castanon also shared studies he and his team did on a plaster statue of Jesus Christ in Bolivia that began weeping and bleeding in 1995. An X-ray revealed the statue had not been tampered with. After isolating the statue from all contact, Dr. Castanon captured the phenomenon on video. Upon taking samples of the more than 90 scabs that had formed on the statue, tests revealed that the scabs were comprised of two-thirds human blood and one-third plant material a thorn, possibly, that originated from a dry environment "like Palestine," Dr. Castanon said. "When I see these things in the 21st century... this is the hand of God," Dr. Castanon said. "I think this is a very special gift for us."

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POPE FRANCIS I

U.S. Church leaders with a wave of enthusiastic response. Across the board, from the episcopate to the laity, reaction to the choice of a man whom Supreme Knight Carl Anderson of the Knights of Columbus called “highly intelligent” and “a good shepherd” has been largely positive, with many hailing him as someone who will advance the New Evangelization, inspire Latino Catholics, hold to the doctrinal pattern of his predecessors and be an efficient administrator, all while walking in humility and acting out of deep compassion and care for the poor.

Anderson said the new Pope’s tenure as archbishop in one of the most important cities in Latin America was marked by an unwavering commitment to Church teaching and evangelization, thus preparing him for his greatest challenge, which will be promoting the Gospel in an increasingly secular world.

“He has been unafraid to stand up for his

principles and for the Church” he said. . Father Chris Martin, vocation director for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, called Pope Francis I “Pope of firsts” - the first Jesuit pope, the first pope of the New World , the first from Latin America and the first to be named Francis. His choice of the name “Francis,” or St. Francis of Assisi, said a lot about how he wants to live his papacy, as did his humility in asking for the people’s prayers before giving the faithful his blessing, Father Martin added.

Matthew Bunson, senior fellow of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and an authority on the papacy and the Church, was more familiar than most observers with Pope Francis’ background because of his research for a book on Benedict XVI, now pope emeritus. Still, he said of his reaction while on air with Ave Maria Radio’s Al Kresta, “My jaw dropped.”

However, he said he can now see a certain logic to the choice, given Pope Francis is said to have been the, runner-up to Benedict XVI in the conclave of 2005, when 50 of the current 115 electors were present. Bunson said Cardinal Bergoglio’s name had not surfaced significantly in the weeks leading up to the conclave, but he had been mentioned days before it convened.

Bunson said the new Holy Father has been active in countering radical left-wing government policies on abortion and euthanasia in Argentina. “His homilies have been absolutely fiery, especially in efforts to bring about a re-flowering of Catholic culture in Argentina and in opposing policies and things that are profoundly opposed to the dignity of the human person. In a way, his homilies remind me of St. John Chrysostom. He has a zeal about him, and there is in him very much a prophetic quality of speaking. He was willing to speak out as the archbishop of Buenos Aires and as a generally recognized spiritual leader of Argentina against threats to the human person in all of its forms.”



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Francis, the son of a merchant of Assisi, was born in that city A.D. 1182. Chosen by God to be a living manifestation to the world of Christ's poor and suffering life on earth, he was inspired early on with a high esteem and burning love of poverty and humiliation.

The thought of the Man of Sorrows, who had nowhere to lay His head, filled him with holy envy of the poor, and forced him to renounce the wealthy and worldly position which he disliked. The scorn he met with from his father and townsmen when he appeared among them in the clothes of poverty was delightful to him.

"Now", he exclaimed, "I can say truly, Our Father Who art in heaven; But divine love burned in him so much, his example burned in others hearts. Many joined him, and were constituted by Pope Innocent III, into a religious Order, which spread rapidly throughout Christendom. St. Fran-

cis, after visiting the East in the vain quest of martyrdom, spent his life like his Divine Master in preaching to the people amid desert solitudes in fasting and contemplation.

During one of these retreats he received on his hands, feet, and side the print of the five bleeding wounds of Jesus. With the cry, "Welcome, sister Death." He passed to the glory of his God October 4, 1226.

- Feast Day: October 4
- Name Meaning: "Frenchman"
- Patron Saint of: Animals, Ecology, Merchants, Environment.

A PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

*Lord, make me an
instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled,
as to console;
To be understood,
as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving
that we receive.
It is in pardoning that
we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that
we are born to eternal life.*

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When you learn how to dismiss all dis-
tractions and think only of Me in your heart, you
will experience Peace. I, your God, My Holy
Spirit, is in the midst of this peace you experience.
The more undivided attention you focus on Me, the
greater and deeper this peace will become.

This peace surrounds Me. I am Peace.
You will recognize My presence by this peace.

Peace, My peace that only I can give is of
the soul.

Relaxation can be obtained in numerous
ways, including - drugs - sex - money. These are of
the body and in excess harm the soul.

Your gratitude to Me will increase my
gifts to you. Just as you give more to those who
appreciate you.

END OF DAY SIX

Holy Spirit of God, renew the face of the earth by granting a new Pentecost in our time.