



Welcome!

**Please take this time to check in with
the people at your table.**

How was their week/day?

How are they doing?

December 3, 2025



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mandatory SPY Meetings this SUNDAY 12/7:**
 - SPY 1— 12:30-2:00
 - Readiness Assessments
 - SPY 2— 2:30-4:00
 - Sponsor and Saint forms
 - Saint Poster
- **December Magnifikid**



SAINTS

Like Us!



Let us Pray:

Totally Yours

Composed by St.
Maximilian Kolbe
and recited by
St. John Paul the
Great

Immaculate Conception, Mary, my Mother.
Live in me. Act in me. Speak in and through
me. Think your thoughts in my mind. Love
through my heart. Give me your dispositions
and feelings. Teach, lead and guide me to
Jesus. Correct, enlighten and expand my
thoughts and behavior. Possess my soul.
Take over my entire personality and life.
Replace it with yourself. Incline me to
constant adoration and thanksgiving. Pray in
me and through me. Let me live in you and
keep me in this union always.

**Will you be a saint?
Why or why not?**



Heroic Virtue



St. Joan of Arc



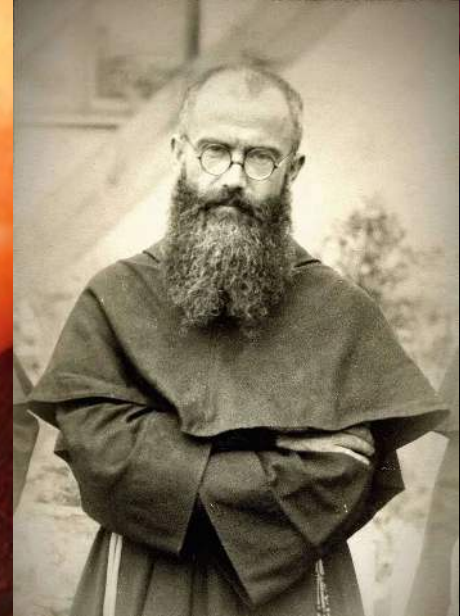
Akash Bashir

Heroic Virtue



Padre Pio
2002

Heroic Obedience



Maximilian Kolbe
2002

Heroic Selflessness

Why so many recent canonizations?



JPII wanted to make holiness visible and
accessible to ordinary people.

Why so many recent canonizations?

More than 10,000 total

Before JPII
~300

JPII: 483

Benedict XVI: 45

Francis: 942
813 Martyrs of Otranto

Leo XIV: 9

St. John Paul the Great



St. John Paul the Great
Pope Francis
2014
Heroic Love

Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin



1st Married Couple
Pope Francis
2015
Heroic Faithfulness

St. Angela of Foligno



Widow
Pope Francis
2014
Heroic Fortitude

St. Kateri Tekakwitha “Catherine”



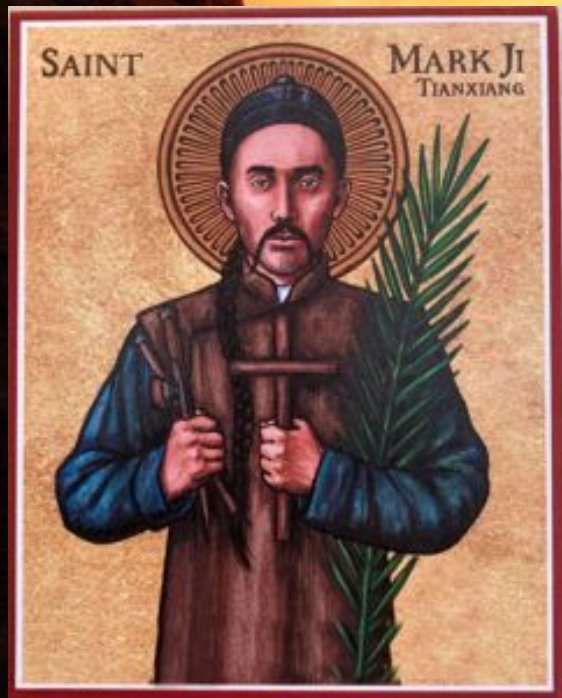
Lily of the Mohawks
Pope Benedict XIV
2012
Heroic Piety

St. Giuseppe Moscati



Doctor
Pope John Paul II
1987
Heroic generosity

St. Mark Ji Tianxiang



Doctor/Addict
Pope John Paul II
2000
Heroic hope

St. Gianna Beretta Molla



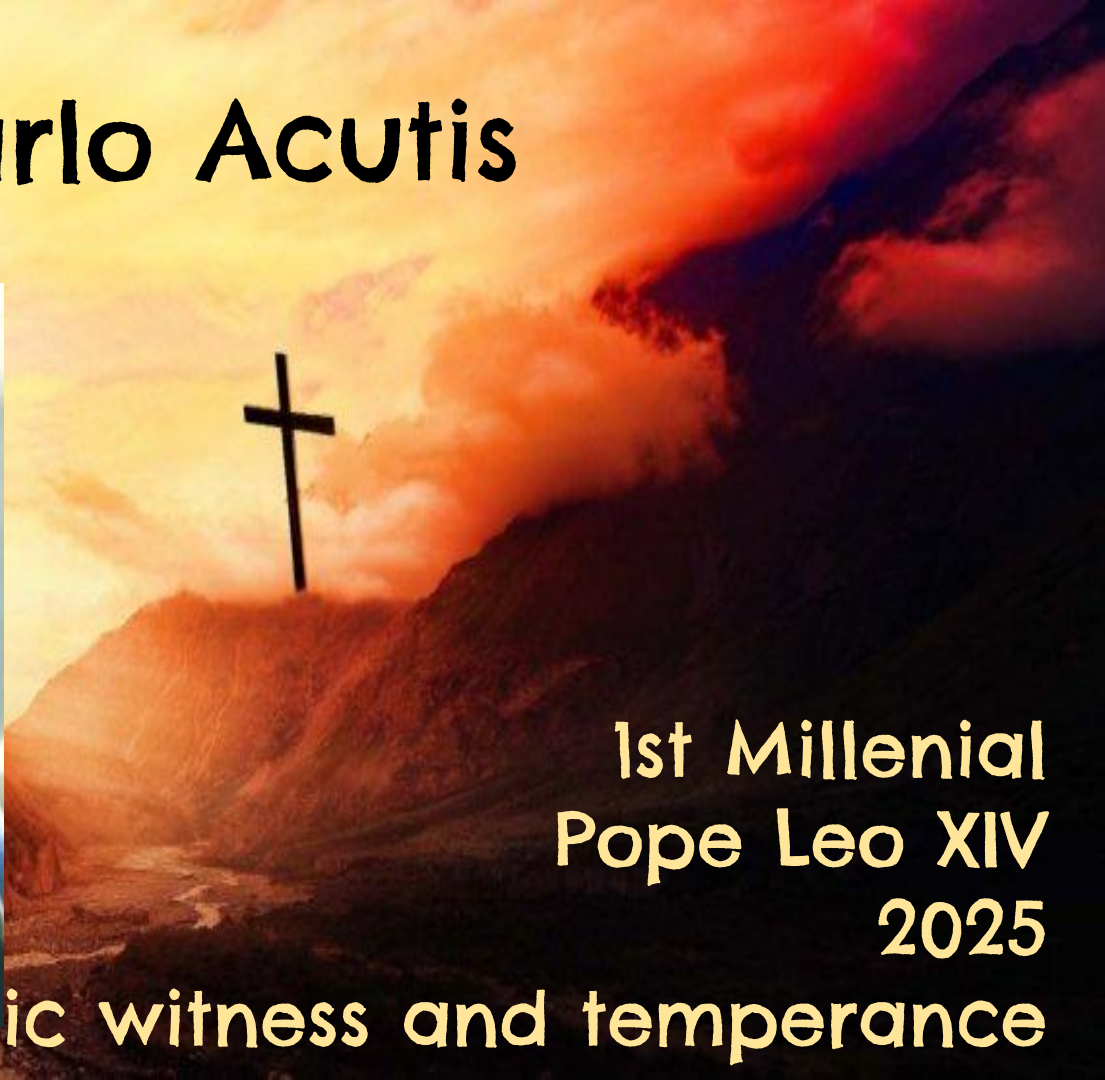
Working Mother
Pope John Paul II
2004
Heroic love

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati



Man of the Beatitudes
Pope Leo XIV
2025
Heroic friendship

St. Carlo Acutis



1st Millenial
Pope Leo XIV
2025

Heroic witness and temperance

**You too are called
to be a saint!**





Discussion Questions

- 1. Which virtue would you like to grow in your life this Advent? What steps will you take to grow this virtue?**
- 2. What saint(s) have you connected with and why?**
- 3. Do you feel like sainthood is attainable? Why or why not? How does this differ from the commonly held idea that all good people go to heaven?**
- 4. How can you encourage your children to grow in virtue and thus strive for sainthood?**



RESOURCES

- Book: [Pray for Us: 75 Saints Who Sinned, Suffered, and Struggled on Their Way to Holiness](#)
- Book: [Carlo Acutis: A Saint in Sneakers](#)
- Book: [St. John Paul the Great, His Five Loves](#)
- Book: [A Man of the Beatitudes \(Pier Giorgio Frassati\)](#)
- Saints Alive podcast (children 6-12)
- The Saint of the Day podcast
- [Catholic Novenas- a great way to get to know many saints and their stories](#)
- Book: [Humans of Heaven](#)

Let us Pray:

A prayer of
St. John Paul the
Great

To God for Guidance
With all my heart I seek You;
let me not stray from Your commands...
Open my eyes, that I may consider
the wonders of Your law.
I am a wayfarer of earth;
hide not Your commands from me...
Make me understand the way of
Your precepts,
and I will meditate on Your wondrous deeds.
Your compassion is great, O Lord.
(Psalm 119:10, 18-19, 27, 156)