

**Spirit**  **Christ**  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



April 23, 2026

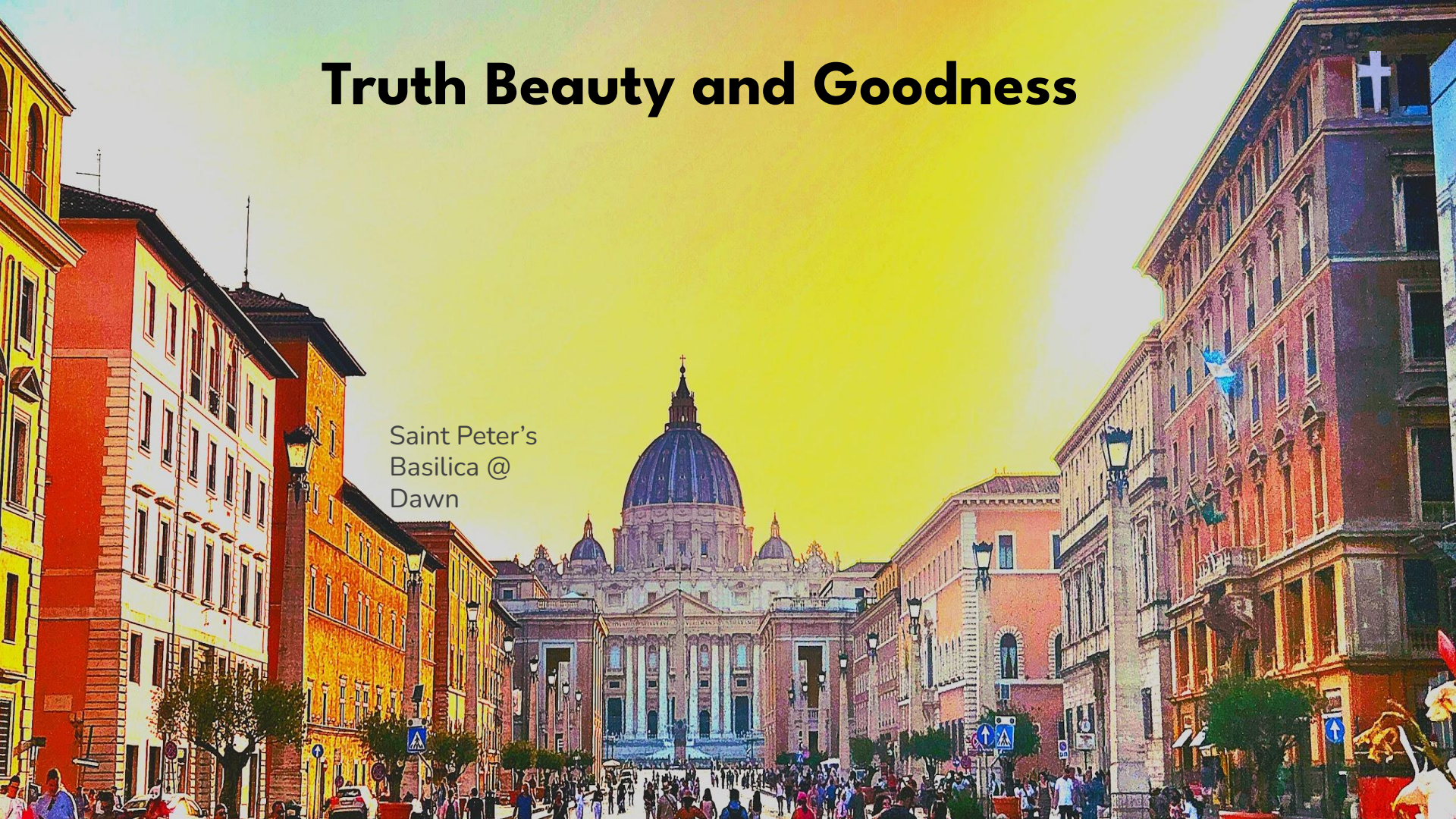


# Announcements

- 1) Next Class is on April 30th - Potluck Easter Party
- 2) Rehearsal for Catholics TOMORROW 5:30
- 3) Rite of Entrance Date - May 3rd -  
Catechumens Only
- 4) Mystagogy through 5/21/2026

# Truth Beauty and Goodness

Saint Peter's  
Basilica @  
Dawn



# Truth Beauty and Goodness - The Transcendentals



- Attributes of Being
- Every Being in Creation Possesses Them
- Their Source is God - Transcendentals in Perfection
- Not Just Possess, but Seek Eternal

Aurora Borealis  
Over Fairbanks,  
AK

**God Desires  
Us and We  
Desire God**





Truth

“Truth is the mind being in accord with reality”  
- Saint Thomas Aquinas



Ceiling of the  
Austrian National  
Library



# How Do We Come to Know Truth?

- Our Senses - In Good Condition and Functioning Properly
- Reason - Functioning Honestly and Clearly
- Study, Reflection, Experimentation, Debate, Discussion, Charitable Debate of Subjects
- Our Nature Calls Us to Truth



Dominican Sisters In Front of a Crest  
Displaying the Word “Veritas”  
Which is Truth in Latin



# What Hinders Us From Knowing Truth?

- Scientism
- Relativism
- Social Constructivism
- Existentialism





# Questions to Help Discern Our Pursuit of Truth

- Is Our Mind/Concept in Accord with Reality?
- Are We Looking at this with Our Senses and Reason Properly Attuned?
- Is My Thinking Rational and Logical?
- Is My Information And Reasoning Clear and Precise?
- Is the Approach Fair and Balanced?
- How Does This Thought Accord With Revelation? Is There a Disconnect? What Needs Further Exploration?
- On What Intellectual, Moral, or Intuitive Principles am I Basing This?

“Beauty involves apprehending unity, harmony, proportion, wholeness, and radiance”  
-St Thomas Aquinas

Beauty

“Beauty is a type of inner radiance coming from a thing that is well ordered or true to its nature  
- Fr. John Saward



Christmas Market  
Outside Schönbrunn  
Palace in Vienna

# How Do We Come to Know Beauty?

- Pleasing Not Only to Senses, but Also Intellect
- Directs Us toward the Beyond
- Evokes Wonderment
- The Manifestation of That Which We Know to Be True

Donatello's Repentant  
Mary Magdalene



# What Hinders Our Pursuit of Beauty?



- Profanity
- Postmodernism
- Excessive Brutalism
- Grotesqueism
- Performative Art





# Questions to Help Discern Our Pursuit of Beauty

- Do I Find This Subject Beautiful? Why or Why Not?
- Why Might Others Find This Beautiful?
- How Does This Subject Attract?
- Is This Subject Drawing Me Towards God?
- What Delights or Wonders Me About This Subject?

# GOODNESS

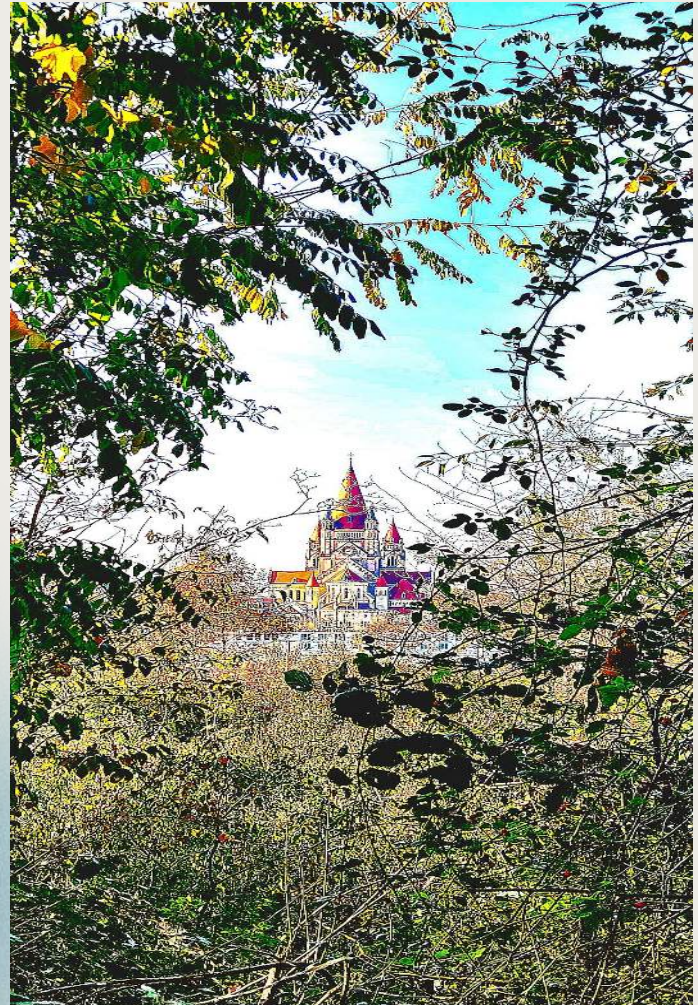


- “Goodness is understood as that which all things desire” - Aristotle
- “Goodness is the fulfillment to perfection of the purpose and nature of the subject” - Saint Thomas Aquinas

# How Do We Come to Know Goodness?

- Virtue
- Prayer
- Gratitude
- Repentance

Saint Francis of Assisi  
Church Vienna, Austria



# What Hinders Our Pursuit of Goodness



- Sin
- Deliberate Acts of Evil





# Questions to Help Discern Our Pursuit of Goodness

- What is This Thing's Purpose?
- What Do I Know About This Thing From My Senses and Reason? From Natural Law? From Revelation?
- What Perfections Are Proper to This Thing in Light of Its Purpose?
- What Would Make This Better?
- What Would Make This Worse?
- Is "X" as Good as "Y"? What Makes "Y" Good and "X" Not?
- Is This Virtuous?
- Is This Also True and Beautiful?

# Placing Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in Your Life - Truth



- **Studying and Growing in Intellect**
  - Read More Books
  - Read More Articles
  - Take Classes
  - Debate With Yourself and Others
  - Be a Constant Student
  - Practice Logic Constantly



# Placing Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in Your Life - Goodness

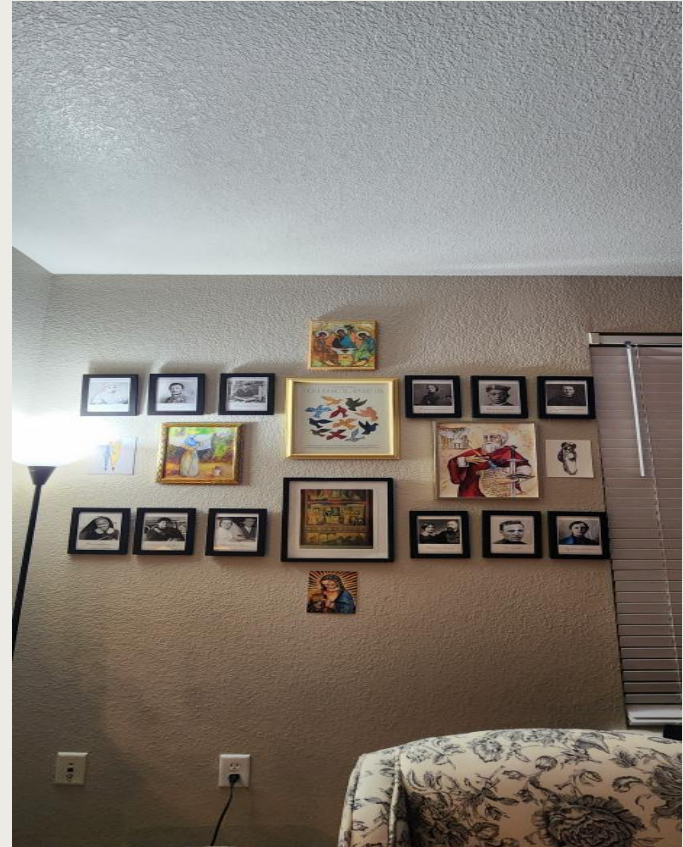


- Continually Grow in Virtue
  - Corporal Works of Mercy
  - Spiritual Works of Mercy
  - Acts of Service



# Placing Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in Your Life - Beauty

- Surround Yourself With Beauty
  - Catholic Art in Home
  - Uplifting Music
  - Support of Arts That Direct Us Towards God



# Catholic Artists or Stores To Support



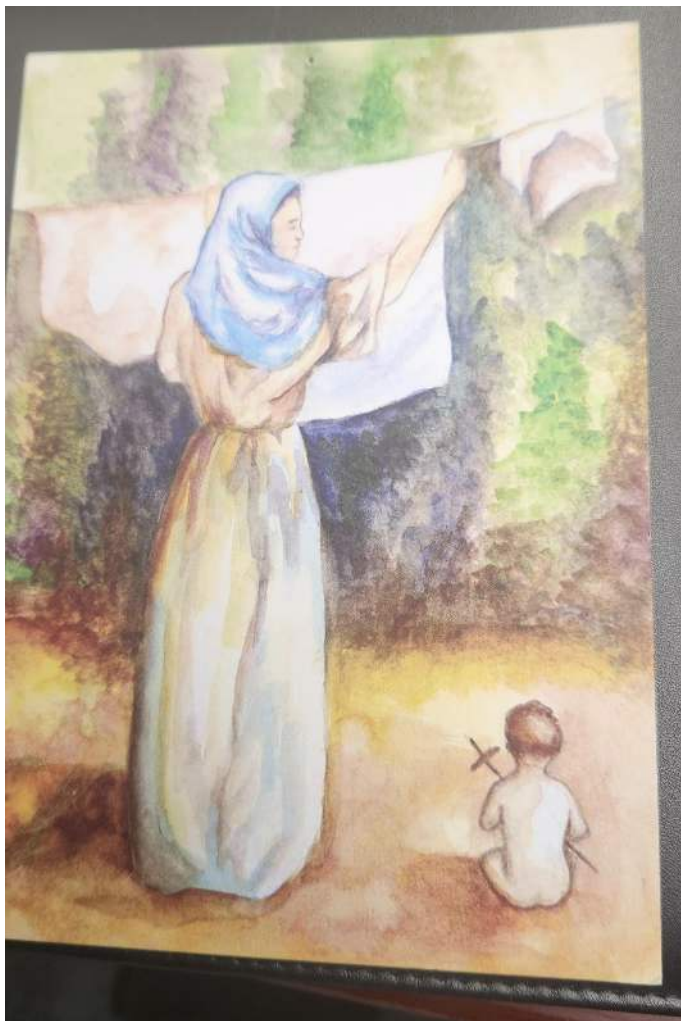
- 1) Mattie Karr
- 2) Leanne Bowen
- 3) January Jane
- 4) Elizabeth Zelasko
- 5) Pacifica Design
- 6) Light Bearer Designs
- 7) Monastery Icons
- 8) Amy Hese Art
- 9) Paper Monastery
- 10) West Coast Catholic
- 11) House of Joppa
- 12) The Retro
- 13) This Little Fiat
- 14.) Gratio Design Co
- 15) Wood On Fire Catholic Art
- 16) Brie Schulze
- 17) Living Heart Co
- 18) Sacred Art Designs US
- 19) Nichole Lanthier



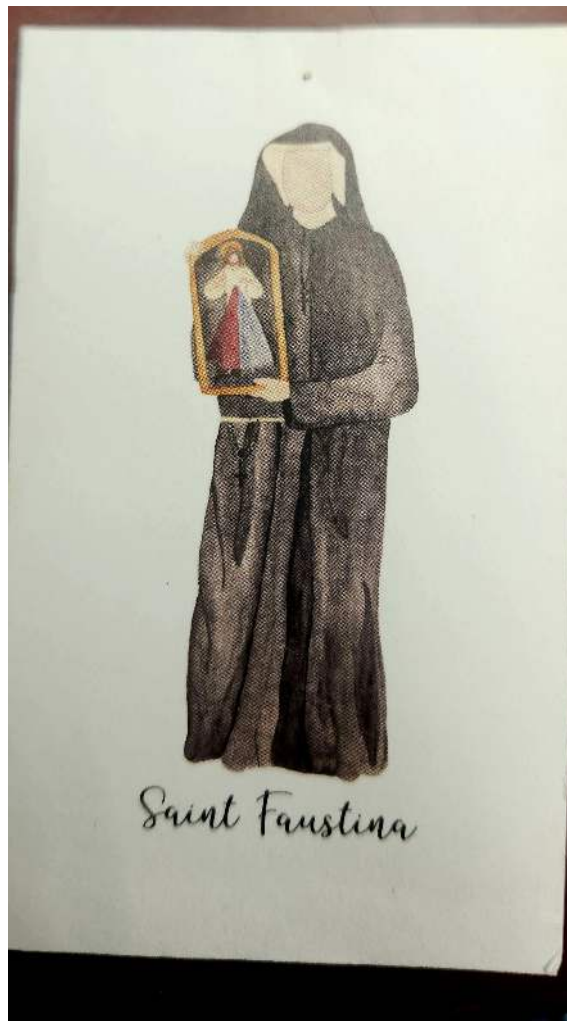
Left: Mattie  
Karr Print

Right: Pacifica  
Designs Art



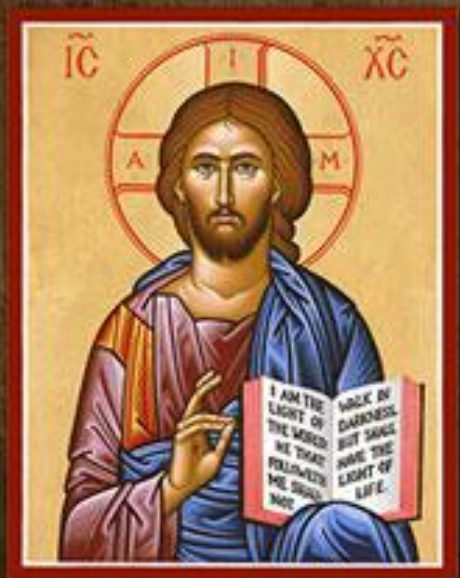


Left: Print by Leanne Bowen



Right: Print by Light Bearer Designs

# FINE ART THAT INSPIRES



CHOOSE FROM 200 OF YOUR MOST BELOVED THEMES OF CHRISTIAN SACRED ART

Monastery Icons Preview



Left:  
Amy  
Hese



Right:  
Brie  
Shulze



# Small Group Discussion

- 1) Where do you find Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in your life?
- 2) Where in your life are Truth, Beauty, and Goodness being diminished?  
How can you improve on those areas?
- 3) How has the Catholic Church fulfilled your desire for Truth, Beauty, and Goodness?
- 4) In today's world, where do you think people struggle most in finding Truth, Goodness, and Beauty?
- 5) Where have you fallen into false representations of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty?
- 6) How can you actively promote Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in your life?

# Closing Prayer

