



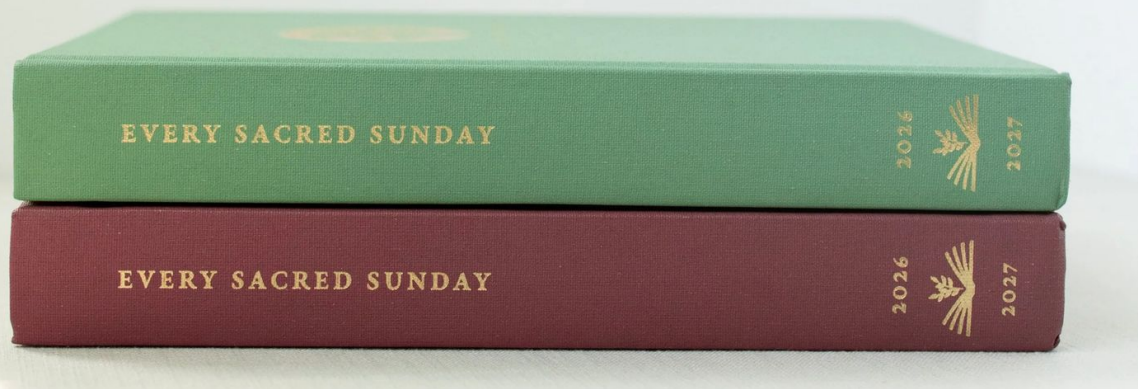
September 24



Announcements



- Begin thinking about Saints and Sponsors
- Continue to Get Forms Turned In
- Volunteer Opportunity
- Continue to Pray



2027 Every Sacred Sunday Mass Journal

GROUP ORDER

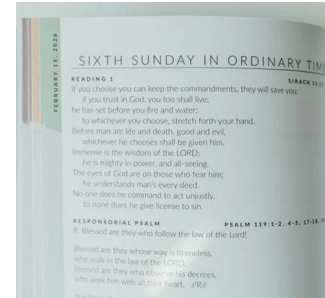
- Every Sacred Sunday Mass Journal – includes all Sunday readings for the year, reflection space, and seasonal prompts
- Order Deadline: October 16, 2026
- Group Discount Price: \$38 each (typically \$50)
- Payment Options: Venmo or Cash

**Group order
form closes**

October 16th



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September 24, Feast of
Blessed Jose Ramón Girbes

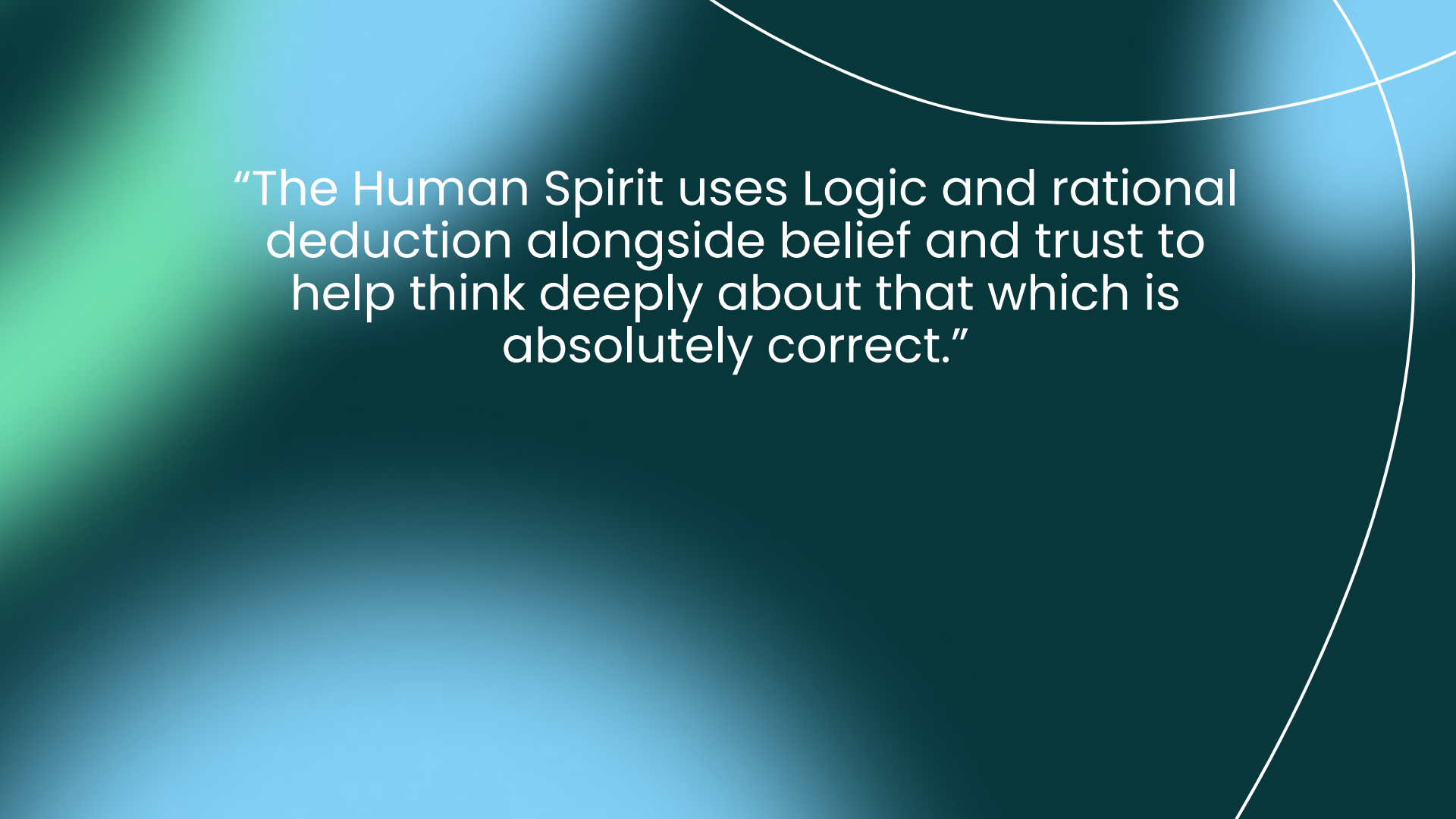
Loving and merciful God, we thank you for planting the gift of faith in our hearts. We lift up to you all those in the OCIA process. Strengthen their faith and open their hearts to the fullness of Your love. Help them to persevere through any difficulties and bless them with the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they learn to walk with You day by day. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

Reason and Faith – Our Response to God



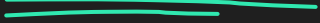
Ben Colwell

“Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the **contemplation of truth**; and God has placed in the human heart a **desire to know the truth**” – Saint Pope John Paul II’s Encyclical Fides et Ratio



"The Human Spirit uses Logic and rational deduction alongside belief and trust to help think deeply about that which is absolutely correct."

Scripture Supporting This



Exodus 33:18

1 John 3:2

Psalms 63:2-3

Psalms 27:8-9

John 14:8



Responding to God through Faith



“Unless you believe, you will not understand.” - Saint Augustine



“I do not seek to understand in order to believe, but I believe in order to understand.” - Saint Anselm of Canterbury

Responding to God through Faith

- Faith is rooted in the Heart
- “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” - Saint Augustine
- *De Magistro*, “On The Teacher” and the three part response to God
- Responding to God is an inward examination that will illuminate our understanding of God



Responding to God through Faith

- Faith Precedes Understanding
- It is upon wondering about God that we come to know God and Understand Him
- Saint Anselm's Ontological Argument



Responding to God through Reason



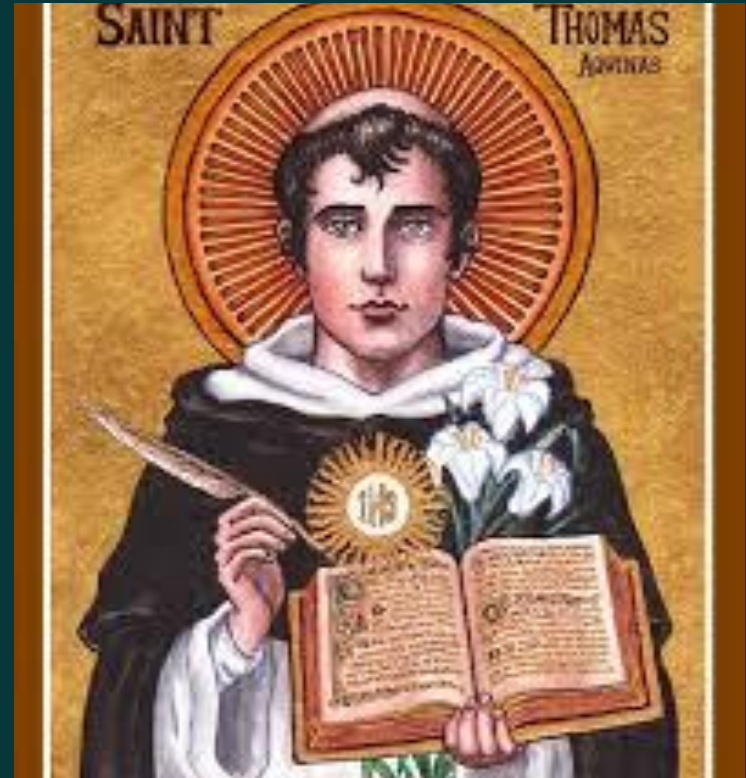
"Truth is the agreement or conformity of reality and the **mind's** judgment on reality. It is "the equation of thought and thing". Truth resides formally, or as such, in the mind which rightly judges a thing to be what it really is. Thus, formally, truth is truth of thought." - Saint Thomas Aquinas



"Reason would turn into unreason if it would stubbornly content itself with what it is able to discover with its own light, barring out everything which is made visible to it by a brighter and more sublime light." - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Responding to God through Reason

- Responding to God involves observing that on the outside and internalizing it as evidence for the Truth
- Saint Thomas Aquinas's Five Ways
 - The Unmoved Mover
 - The First Cause
 - Time and Contingency
 - Argument of Degree
 - Argument of Design



Responding to God through Reason

- Reason is an essential pathway to faith
- Truth requires openness to transcendence
- Faith is not a negation of Philosophy, but the completion of it



Faith and Reason Throughout Church History



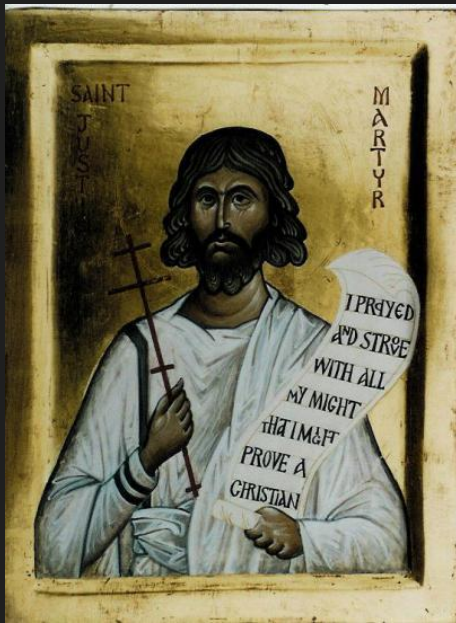
Jusepe de Ribera's
Saint Peter and Saint Paul
(1616)

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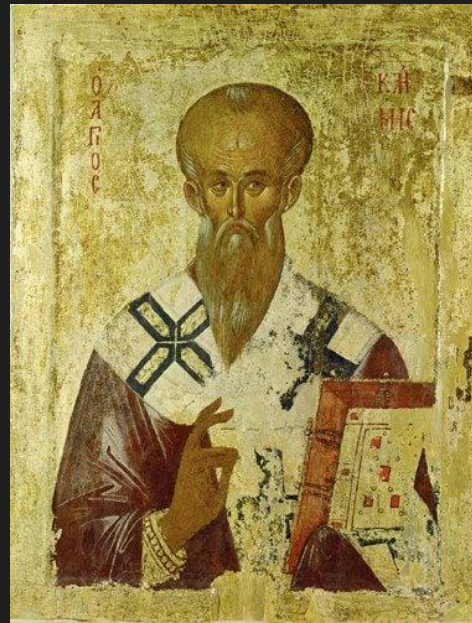


Fedor Bronnikov's *Martyrs in the Arena* (1869)

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Saint Justin Martyr



Saint Clement of
Alexandria



Saint Ignatius of
Antioch

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Mural of Saint Benedict



Michelangelo's *The Torment of Saint Anthony* (1487)

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Saint John Chrysostom



Saint Gregory of Nyssa

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Peter Paul Ruben's *Saint Teresa of Ávila's Vision of the Holy Spirit* (1612)



Rutilio Manetti's *Saint Catherine of Siena holding Christ*

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Vicente Salvador Gomez's
*Apparition of the Virgin to
Saint Albert the Great* (1660)



A sketch of William of Ockham

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André Reinoso's *Saint Francis Xavier preaching in Goa* (1610)



Sketch of Saint Isaac Jogues from a missionary notebook

Faith and Reason Throughout Church History



Bernard Bolzano



Salvador Dalí's *Corpus Hypercubus* as an example of Giovanni Girolamo Saccheri's Non Euclidean Geometry

Faith and Reason Throughout Church History



Saint Mother Teresa



Flannery O'Connor



Servant of God
Dorothy Day

Faith and Reason Throughout Church History



Saint Pope John Paul II



Saint Edith Stein





Small Group Discussion

- 1) In your own response to God, do you find yourself responding more with Faith or Reason?
- 2) How do you see faith and reason working together in your own spiritual pursuit of truth?
- 3) How does faith open the door to understanding God?
- 4) How does reason open to door to understanding God?
- 5) What are some obstacles that keep you from uniting faith and reason in their spiritual life?