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DEVOTION

The strength to give due honor, worship
and service to God.



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“GIVING YOUR BEST TO GOD.”

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OPENING PRAYER

“O holy Heart of Jesus, dwell hidden in my heart, so that I may live only in You and only for You, so that, in the end, I may live with You eternally in Heaven.”

- St. Claude la Colombiere

This is the sum total of our Catholic faith. We believe that God made us out of sheer love. None of us had to exist. We also believe He became man to die on the Cross out of love for us. We further believe that He is present in the Blessed Sacrament with His living Heart of flesh so that we may come to Him and tell Him how deeply we love Him.



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DEFINITION

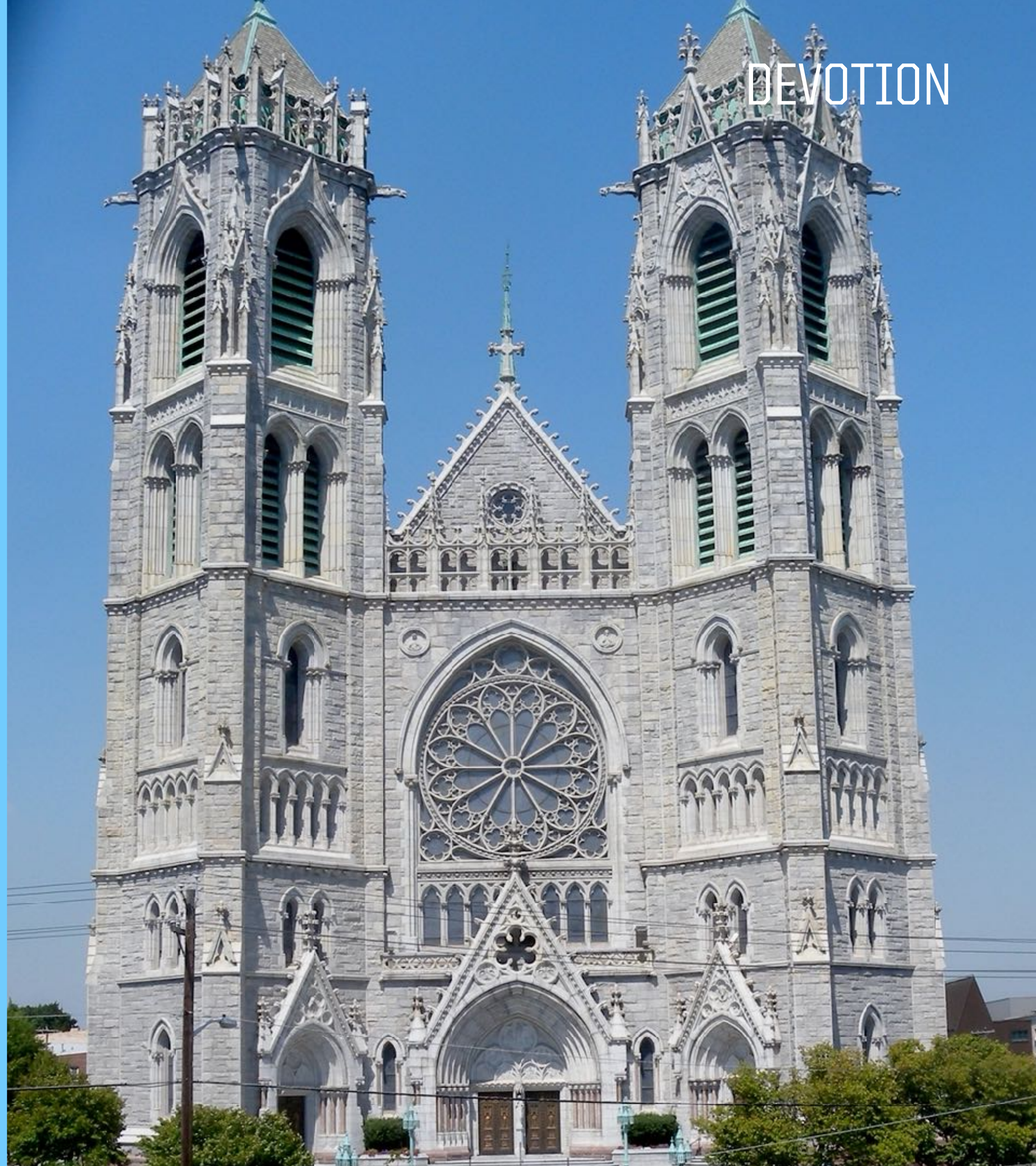
This week our strength building on the virtue of JUSTICE is DEVOTION.

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Imagine the time and devotion it took to build this beautiful church.

The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the fifth-largest cathedral in North America, is the seat of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark.

Construction began in 1899 and was finished in 1954.



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BENEFITS

Devotion to Jesus and His Sacred Heart is all about the practice of selfless love toward selfish people.

It is giving ourselves to persons that do not give themselves to us.

By loving them, we show something of the kind of love that God expects of His followers.

Devotion to Jesus and His Sacred Heart is the solution to the gravest problem in the modern world today: How can we give ourselves to those who do not love us, who even positively hate us?

We can love them, with the help of divine grace, by following the example of Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross out of love for a sin-laden human race.





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CHALLENGE

Let's put our **VIRTUE** into action!

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RESOLUTION

Make a visit to Jesus in the Eucharist one day this school week.

“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest, after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the most helpful to us.”

- St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori
Doctor of the Church

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WHAT DOES DEVOTION LOOK LIKE?



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WHAT DOES DEVOTION SOUND LIKE?

STORY

BOTH SIDES: DEVOTION AND IMPIETY

Nicholas Belizaire was hurt when he heard that four statues outside his church had been vandalized. Three of them were marked with black spray paint while another had white paint dumped onto it outside St. Edith Stein Parish.

One of the statues in particular, a marble depiction of Jesus and his Sacred Heart, has special meaning for Belizaire, an 18-year-old college freshman, because he spent two years working to restore it as part of his final Eagle Scout project.

“The statue was found by Father Joe (Raeke) four years ago. It was face down in the mud and both the hands were broken off,” Belizaire said. “He put it in the shed while he looked for someone to fix it. I went to Father Joe to ask him if he knew of something I could do for my Eagle Scout project and he showed me the statue.”

A year-and-a-half of can drives and selling chocolates at church to raise the \$3,000 to have the hands repaired and to get the rest of the statue restored. After the repairs were made and the mud stains wiped away, he and members of his troop mounted the statue on a cement base on the lawn next to the church.

He was dismayed when he found out this week about the vandalism. “I’m just confused I don’t know why you would want to do something like that,” Belizaire said. “It kind of hurts honestly because I was working on that statue for so long.”

Good news came in the form of 30 volunteers who took steps to remove the paint.



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SMALL GROUP DIFFICULT SITUATION
DISCUSSION

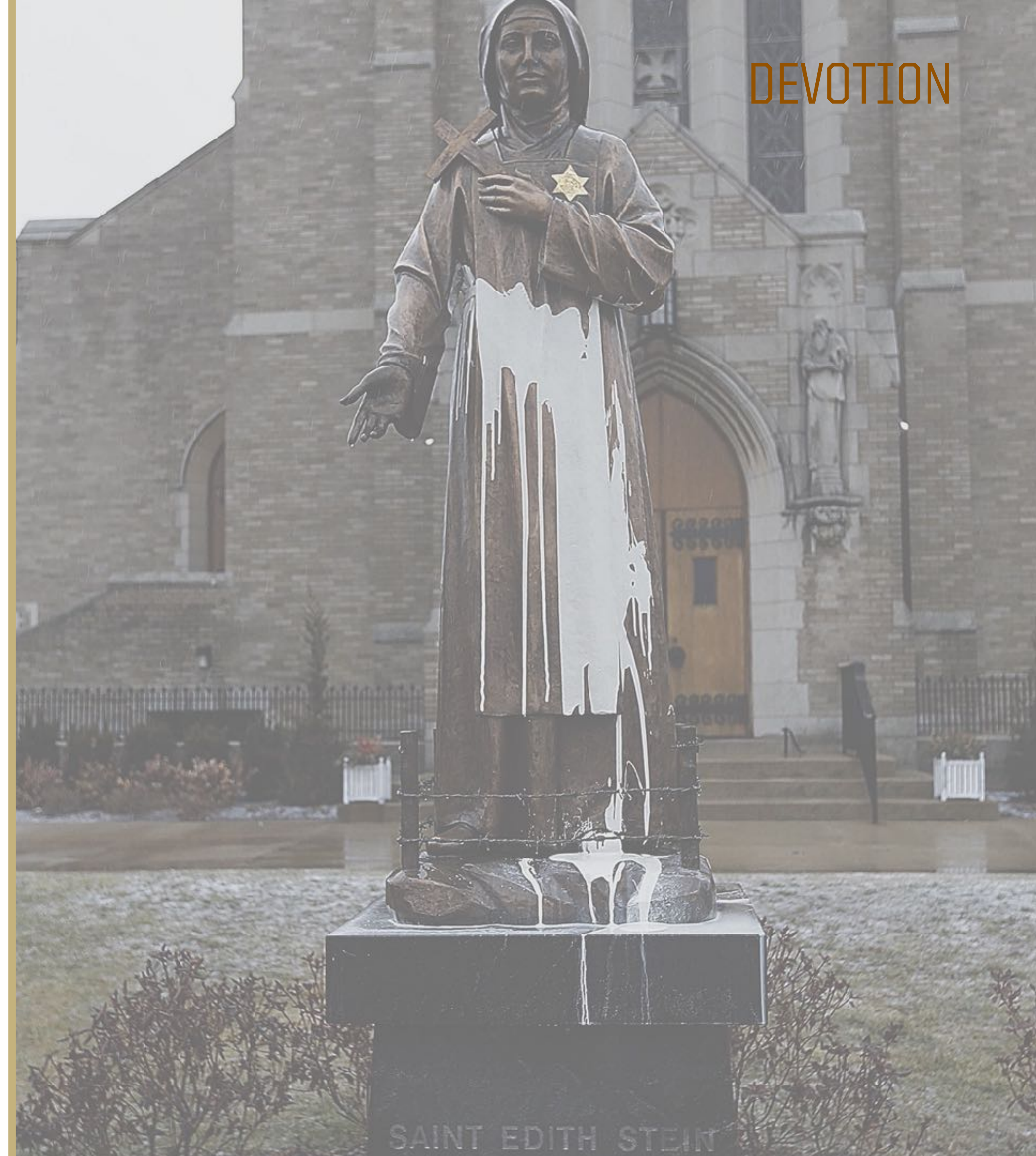
If you overheard people talking about
vandalizing a church, what would you do?

If you saw people vandalizing a church, what
would you say or do?

Does this story help you to value your
Catholic Faith and Catholic Identity more?
Why?

How would you feel if someone harmed
something you loved and put so much time
into?

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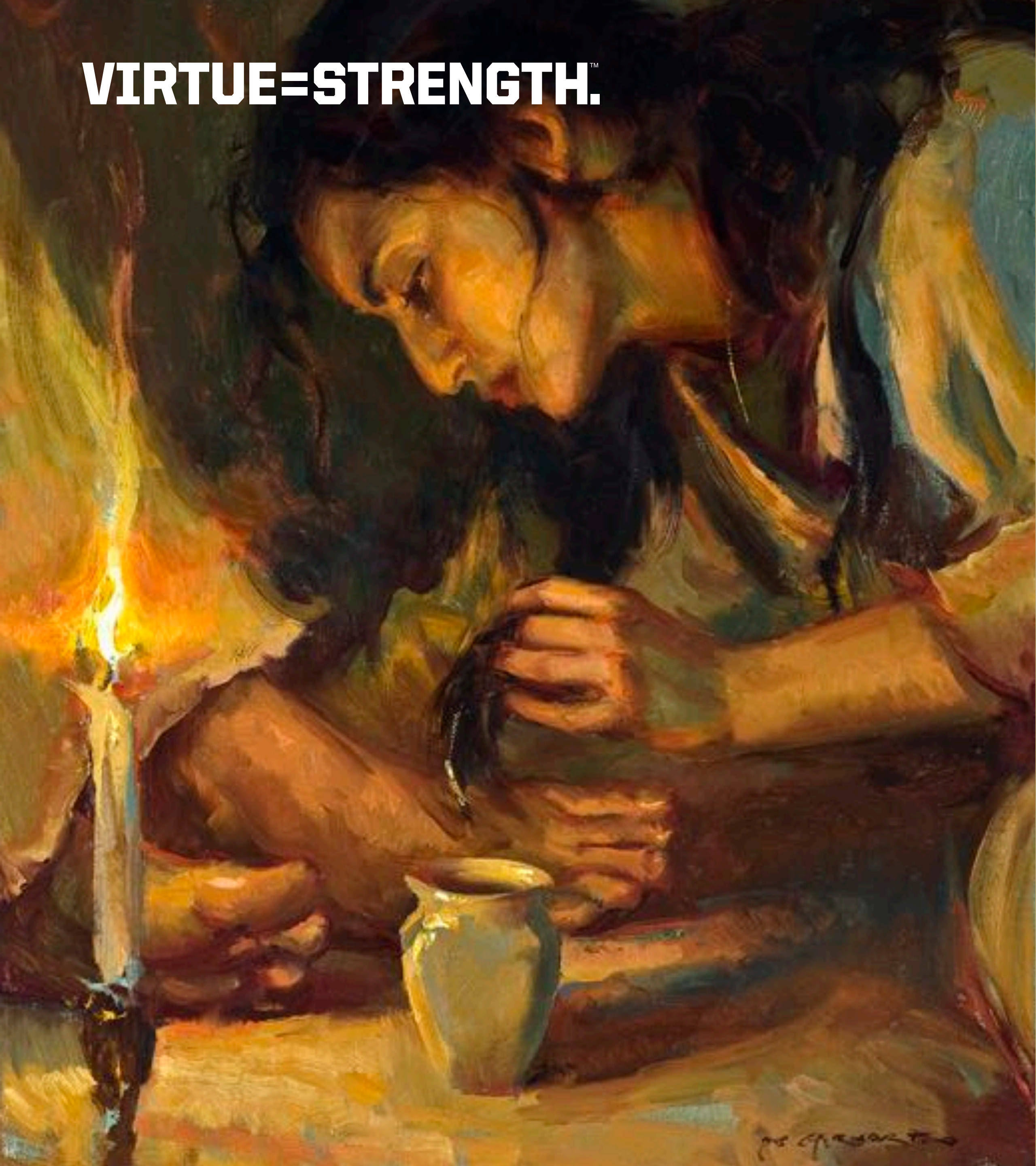


LUKE 7: 36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him— that she is a sinner."

Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



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“One single day of devotion is worth more than a thousand years of worldly life.”

- St. Francis de Sales



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*“Melancholy is the poison of
devotion.”*

*When one is in tribulation,
it is necessary to be more happy
and more joyful because one is
nearer to God.”*

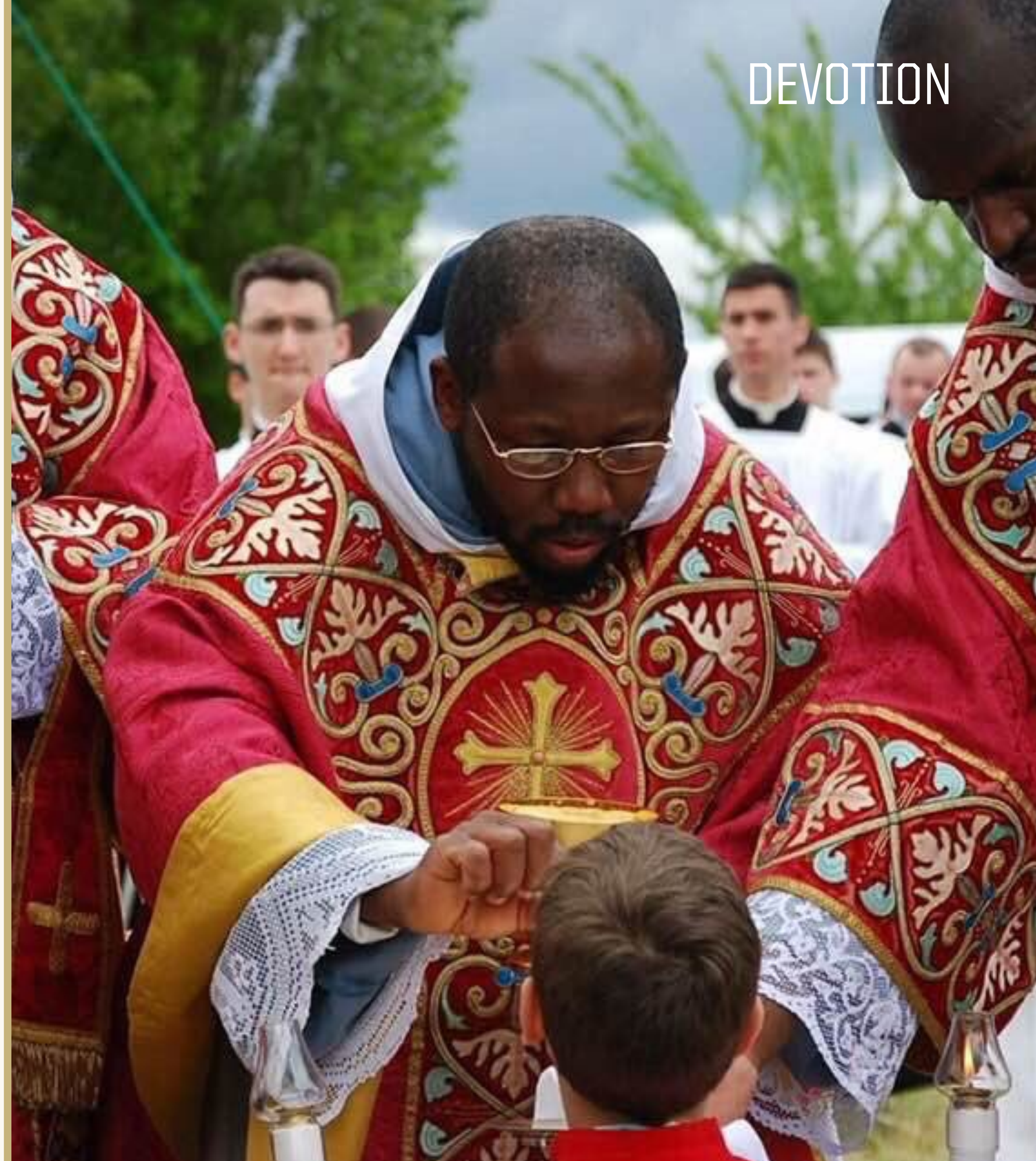
- St. Clare of Assisi

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*“If you want to assist at Mass,
with devotion and with fruit,
think of the sorrowful Mother
at the feet of Calvary.”*

- St. Padre Pio



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*“He who, when tempted,
makes the Sign of the Cross
with devotion,
makes hell tremble and Heaven
rejoice.”*

- St. John Vianney



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*“Make frequent visits to Jesus
in the Blessed Sacrament and
the devil
will be powerless against you.”*

- St. John Bosco





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IMPIETY

The weakness to not give proper honor, worship and service to God.



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“DISRESPECTING GOD.”

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EXAMPLES OF IMPIETY

Taking our Lord's Name in vain.

Vandalism or destruction of statues, church property or other objects dedicated to God, the Blessed Mother, the Saints and the Church.

Mocking or making fun of God, the Church, and those within the Church such as Priests and Nuns.

Talking or messing around in Church.

Failing to genuflect or doing it without attention.

Praying in a rushed manner.

Failing to frequent the Sacraments.

Not wearing our "Sunday Best" for Mass.

What other ones can you think of?

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CLOSING PRAYER

THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

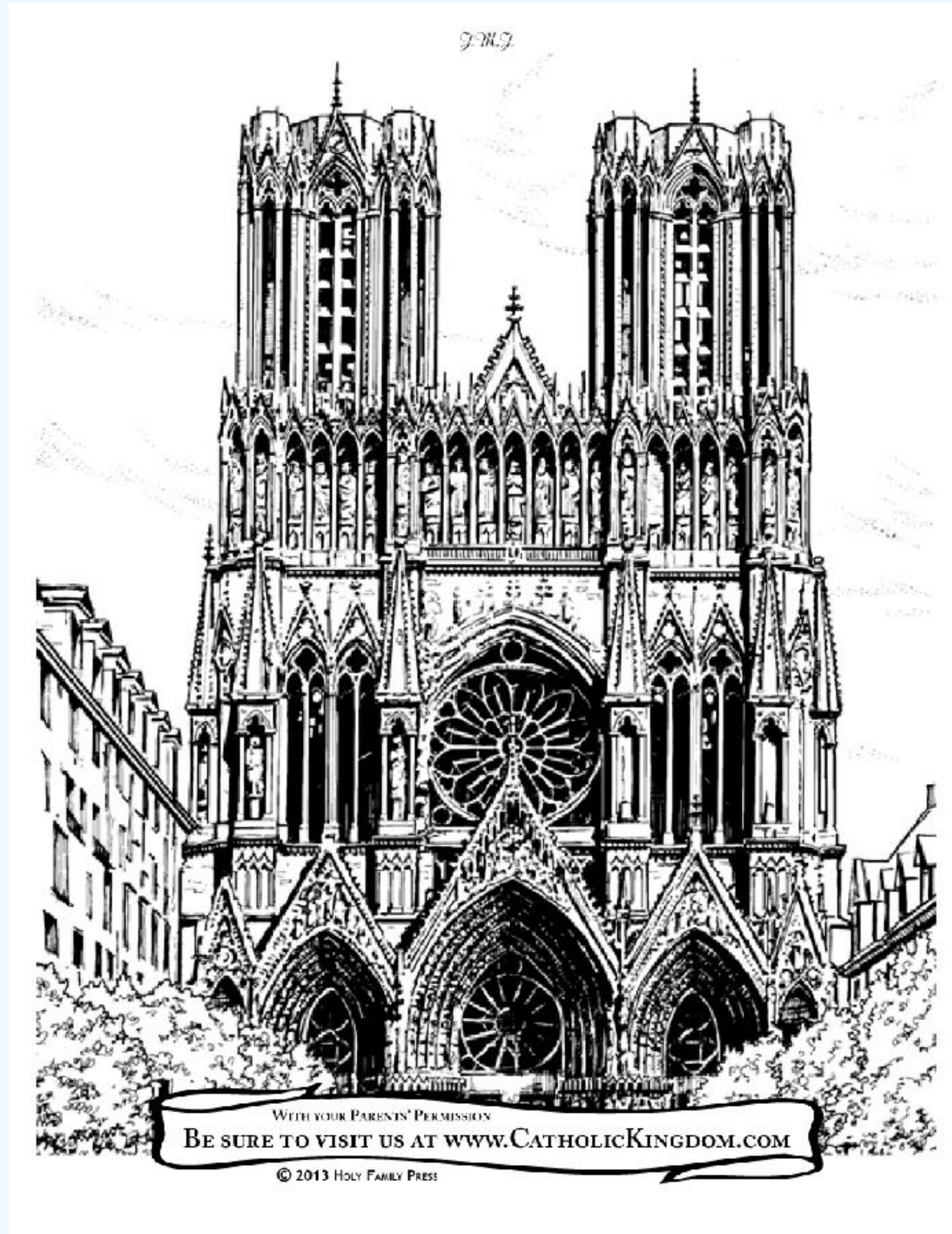
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel
for He remembered His promise of mercy,
the promise He made to our fathers,
to Abraham and His children forever.

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Imagine the tremendous devotion of the men and women who built this magnificent Cathedral in France?

The Mass is so holy and beautiful thousands of men and women spent years upon years building these miracles in stone and glass.

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