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# The West Wagga Wag

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### Coming Events

**Monthly Cuppa, after 9am Mass on last Sunday of the month**

**Adoration - 6 to 7am daily, all night Fridays starting 9pm**

**St Joseph the Worker** Sun 1

**Ascension of the Lord** Sun 8

**Mothers' Day** Sun 8

**Pentecost** Sun 15

**Feast of Christ the Eternal High Priest** Thu 19

**Holy Trinity** Sun 22

**Mary Help of Christians** Tues 24

**Corpus Christi** Sun 29

*"The couple that loves and begets life is a true, living icon ... capable of revealing God."*

Pope Francis  
Amoris Laetitia (no. 11)



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The date for submissions for the next Wag is: **Wednesday June 1st.**

## First Profession for Four Confraternity Students

In a private ceremony this coming Monday, 2 May, four of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest's students will make the vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience and become members of the Confraternity.



Brother Thomas

Thomas Chu, Xavier Nguyen and Joseph Nguyen come from Viet Nam. Richardson Nicholas comes from Sri Lanka.

The men have been in Australia for two years, and have spent the past year in the Novitiate in preparation for making their vows.

After the profession they will continue studies, with the aim of becoming Priests.

The West Wagga Parish thanks these four, together with the other Confraternity students, who have contributed to the celebration of the liturgy and to other parish activities.



Brother Xavier



Brother Joseph



Brother Richardson

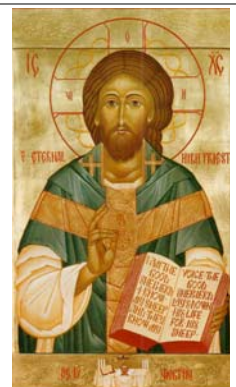
## All invited to celebrate the Feast of Christ the Priest!

**First Thursday after Pentecost (May 19th)**

**7 pm at the Cathedral**

**Divine Office with Benediction**

**Supper afterwards**



## pastor's page

ANZAC day - solemn, moving, and, as always, well attended.

In fact, if anyone had predicted it was a custom from a by-gone age destined to fade into history, they would be very surprised. There were huge crowds getting up before dawn to remember those who gave their lives, and a full Cathedral of the Faithful praying for them as four soldiers stood guard around the holy Altar, and then a grand procession up the main street to the war memorial. It may well be said of the ceremonies and processions that "age shall not weary them". The old fashion is not old, nor are the young destined to loose the treasures handed down to them.

Now, let us turn our thoughts to another tradition, the celebration of Corpus Christi!

As we remember soldiers who gave their lives for us in earthly battles, we even more remember Jesus, Our Blessed Lord, who died to save us from sin, to free us from the slavery it brings, to win a peace and happiness which will last forever in heaven. As the soldiers gave their lives for us, we even more remember Jesus who said, "This is My Body, which will be given up for you...this is the chalice of My Blood poured out for you."

On the **Feast of Corpus Christi** we recall that there is no greater love than for a man to give his life for his friends, and this is what Jesus has done for us. Even more, He is present in every Tabernacle around the world, for us!

This is not, this must not be, a custom of a by gone age. Surely we could not be so ungrateful. And thanks be to God, slowly, we are seeing a resurgence of Eucharistic understanding and adoration. Before World Youth Day in 2008, a youth worker was told by a secondary school principal that 'Adoration' and 'Confession' were "turn-off words for youth". That principal had it all wrong, as the crowds of youth going to Confession at World Youth Day proved. And when Pope Benedict held up the Monstrance containing Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, 400,000 youth were so quiet that we could hear birds in the distance. What a

moment of united adoration!

Processions in many centres are growing bigger. Those fashion-conscious nay-sayers who claimed that processions are not part of our culture (ignoring the custom of sporting parades) have shown themselves poor judges of fashion. When Eucharistic and Marian processions are organized, they are enjoyed by many people.

As with ANZAC day, **Corpus Christi Day** is a time to grasp more firmly the greatest treasure Jesus has given us - the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

On ANZAC Day, hearing the beautiful 'Ode' helps us ponder the meaning of the occasion. Likewise, hearing prayers which Saints have composed in thanksgiving for Holy Communion helps us appreciate this amazing reality. From time to time we will make these available at Mass to help in our thanksgiving, but for now, let me share one such prayer, from St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio).

*Fr Thomas Casanova CCS*

**Stay with me, Lord**, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You.

You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervour.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place

of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches.

It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You.

It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows.

O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need You.

Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You!

Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. Amen.



# May Jokes



My little daughter was watching my wife in the kitchen one day, while she was making turkey for supper. When my wife stuck a meat thermometer inside the turkey, my daughter made a sour face and said, "you're not going to get me to eat that, Mom!" "Why not?" Asked my wife. "Because if its sick I don't want any!"

What's the worst thing about being an octopus?  
Washing your hands before dinner.

Why did the man stare at the can of orange juice?  
Because it said 'concentrate.'

How does the man in the moon eat his food? In satellite dishes.

At a all-you-can-eat restaurant Josh came back to the table, his plate full for the fifth time. "Josh!" exclaimed his mother. "Doesn't it embarrass you that people have seen you go up to the buffet table five times?" "Not a bit," said Josh, "I just tell them I'm filling up the plate for you!"

Why couldn't the sesame seed leave the gambling casino?  
Because he was on a roll.

What starts with "t" ends with "t" and is filled with "t"? A teapot.

We were at a carnival and my 4-year-old son won a thermos. "What's a thermos?" He asked my wife. "A thermos keeps hot things hot and cold things cold." My wife replied. The next morning as he was leaving for school I stopped him and asked, "what did you pack for lunch today?" He replied, "don't worry, dad, I have it all in my thermos." "What did you put in there?" I asked. "A cup of soup, and an icecream!"

What does the richest person in the world make for dinner every night?  
Reservations.

I was in a restaurant the other day and I ordered a chicken soup. When I started eating it I didn't see any chicken in it, so I called over the waitress to complain. She tells me "if you don't like it that way you better not order dessert!" "Why?" I asked. She looks at me and says "its angel cake."

Did you hear the joke about oatmeal? It's a lot of mush.  
A man visits his aunt in the nursing home. It turns out that she is taking a nap, so he just sits down in a chair in her room, flips through a few magazines, and munches on some peanuts sitting in a bowl on the table.  
Eventually, the aunt wakes up, and her nephew realizes he's absentmindedly finished the entire bowl. "I'm so sorry, auntie, I've eaten all of your peanuts!" "That's okay, dearie," the aunt replied. "After I've sucked the chocolate off, I don't care for them anyway."

Q: What country did candy come from? A: Sweeten

Q: How do you fix a broken pizza?  
A: With tomato paste.  
When the waitress in a New York City restaurant brought him the soup du jour, the Englishman was a bit dismayed. "Good heavens," he said, "what is this?" "Why, it's bean soup," she replied. "I don't care what it has been," he spluttered. "What is it now?"

## Why Engineers Don't Write Recipe Books

Chocolate Chip Cookies:  
Ingredients:

1. 532.35 cm<sup>3</sup> gluten
2. 4.9 cm<sup>3</sup> NaHCO<sub>3</sub>
3. 4.9 cm<sup>3</sup> refined halite
4. 236.6 cm<sup>3</sup> partially hydrogenated tallow triglyceride
5. 177.45 cm<sup>3</sup> crystalline C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub>
6. 177.45 cm<sup>3</sup> unrefined C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub>
7. 4.9 cm<sup>3</sup> methyl ether of protocatechuic aldehyde

8. Two calcium carbonate-encapsulated avian albumen-coated protein

9. 473.2 cm<sup>3</sup> theobroma cacao

10. 236.6 cm<sup>3</sup> de-encapsulated legume meats (sieve size #10)  
To a 2-L jacketed round reactor vessel (reactor #1) with an overall heat transfer coefficient of about 100 Btu/F-ft<sup>2</sup>-hr, add ingredients one, two and three with constant agitation. In a second 2-L reactor vessel with a radial flow impeller operating at 100 rpm, add ingredients four, five, six, and seven until the mixture is homogenous. To reactor #2, add ingredient eight, followed by three equal volumes of the homogenous mixture in reactor #1. Additionally, add ingredient nine and ten slowly, with constant agitation. Care must be taken at this point in the reaction to control any temperature rise that may be the result of an exothermic reaction.

Using a screw extrude attached to a #4 nodulizer, place the mixture piece-meal on a 316SS sheet (300 x 600 mm). Heat in a 460K oven for a period of time that is in agreement with Frank & Johnston's first order rate expression (see JACOS, 21, 55), or until golden brown. Once the reaction is complete, place the sheet on a 25C heat-transfer table, allowing the product to come to equilibrium.

A January 1994 Reuters News Service story on Manuel Oliveira's ice cream shop in Merida, Venezuela, reported on his 567 flavors, including onion, chili, beer, eggplant, smoked trout, spaghetti parmesan, chicken with rice, and spinach. He said some flavors fail; he once abandoned avocado ice cream, and tossed out 99 pounds of it, because it wasn't smooth enough.



# The Corporal Works of Mummy and Daddy: Living the “Little Way” of Family Life

**MOM**  
is just  
**WOW**  
upside down.

In preparation for our oldest child's First Communion, we were reviewing the various **Works of Mercy**. When he heard that they included things like feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty and clothing the naked, he looked up at us and said, “You guys do those things all the time. They should call them the Corporal Works of Mommy—and Daddy too!”

Our son stumbled upon a great spiritual truth. Family life can be an incredible engine of spiritual growth. The Works of Mercy as practiced at home—what I have come to call The Corporal Works of Mommy and Daddy—remind us that charity truly does begin at home, and that there is no better place to remind each other what we are worth in God's eyes—that is, to practice mercy—than in the home. Here are some ways you can draw greater spiritual significance from living out the simple tasks of life in your family.

## The Corporal Works of Mommy & Daddy

**Feeding the Hungry:** Family members truly bless one another when they create a nurturing place around the dinner table for communion and conversation to occur and when they take time to plan nourishing, heartwarming meals. Tons of research reveals the benefits of families sitting down to meals together including everything from better physical and mental health outcomes, higher academic achievement, and greater

life and relationship satisfaction. Add “growing in holiness” to the list!

**Give Drink to the Thirsty:** What parent hasn't been asked to get a thirsty child a drink in the middle of the night? Getting up and serving that child cheerfully with compassion is a work of mercy that reminds the child that his or her needs are important and that they will be heard and loved even when it is inconvenient for us to do so.

**Clothe the Naked:** Finding the grace to be patient while dealing with a toddler who only wants to wear the blue shirt or helping a teen dress attractively, yet modestly, isn't just an exercise in patience, it's an opportunity to help your children remember their worth in God's eyes!

**Sheltering The Homeless:** Putting in the thought, time, and effort it takes to make your house a welcoming home by working to make it a beautiful, orderly, yet comfortable and hospitable place is a great way to remind yourself and your family of their dignity as children of God. And teaching your family to be good stewards of what you have been given is an important lesson in godly gratitude.

**Visit the Sick:** When you respond to a sick child lovingly, refusing to treat him or her as a burden or an inconvenience even though the illness has thrown your schedule into chaos, you are practicing mercy, growing in personal holiness, and showing your child his or her worth in God's eyes and yours.

**Visit the Imprisoned:** It is one thing to banish our children to their rooms or to time out when they have committed some offense, but when we visit them a few minutes later, talk them through their error, teach them what to do instead, and work to heal their hurts and rebuild our relationship, we are practicing true mercy and showing our children they still have worth in God's eyes and our eyes even when they mess up.

**Bury the Dead:** Helping a child deal with sad transitions in life, whether due to the loss of a pet or favorite relative, or other events that can turn family life upside down, requires incredible compassion and sensitivity—especially when we are dealing with our own grief. Doing this well enables our children to connect with God's loving presence even in times of sadness.

## The Spiritual Works of Mommy and Daddy

Of course, there are Spiritual Works of Mommy and Daddy too. There isn't room to address these at length here, but it should be obvious that there are ample opportunities to admonish wrongdoing, instruct each other in the right things to do, counsel each other work through doubts, comfort each other in times of sadness, bear wrongs patiently, forgive willingly, and pray for one another.

## Saint Making Machines

The truth is, our homes can become saint-making machines if we simply realize the transforming, spiritual power that exists behind even the most mundane tasks of family life. We can use The Corporal Works of Mommy and Daddy to cooperate with God's plan to make us and our children into the saints we were created to be!



## Arizona Woman Claims Full Healing After Venerating Relics of St. Charbel



Physicians cannot explain why her eyesight was fully restored after prayers to St. Charbel Makhlouf of Lebanon

John Burger, *Aleteia*, April 5, 2016

When Dafne Gutierrez, a 30-year-old blind mother of three, stood in front of a priest for a blessing, she felt there was someone standing on her right. Her family told her later that the priest was standing on her left side.

“There was somebody [on the right] touching me,” she told her sister-in-law, who responded, “But there was nobody close to you.”

“And ever since then I was feeling my body differently,” Gutierrez said in an interview Monday.

She was at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church in Phoenix on a Saturday in mid-January for the visit of the relics of the St. Charbel Makhlouf, which were being

brought around to many of the 36 Maronite parishes in the United States. Over the next couple of days her husband noticed something unusual about her. He asked her what the matter was. “You seem different,” he said.

Before dawn on Monday morning, she complained to him that it felt like her eyes were burning. Her husband noticed a smell in the room that resembled meat burning.

She tried opening her eyes. “I couldn’t see clearly, but I could see like shadows. I told him, ‘I can see you,’” she recalled.

Gutierrez had lived with Arnold Chiari malformation since she was 13. Two years ago she lost vision in her left eye, and then in her right eye last year. Doctors inserted a shunt to try to relieve the pressure, but that failed. Her headaches were “vise-like,” and she was afflicted with tinnitus, vomiting, dizziness and seizures. She was approved to go to a rehab/nursing facility because she couldn’t care for her children.

Her sister-in-law heard that the relics were coming and that St. Charbel had healed a blind boy in Mexico. Gutierrez is neither Maronite nor Lebanese, but as a woman of faith she prayed for the saint’s intercession. He’s had a great track record of healing, even after his

death in 1898.

Not only was her vision restored, it was restored to 20/20, said Dr. Anne Borik, one of several physicians to examine Gutierrez. “The pressure in her brain got to the point where it caused damage to the optic nerve. After this happened, the optic nerve looked completely normal, with no signs of damage or atrophy,” she said in an interview “There’s nothing in the medical literature that anything like this had ever happened.”

She said that a long-standing damaged optic nerve causing blindness “does not just all of a sudden look normal in two days with complete restoration of vision.” According to the medical committee of which she was a member, she said, “We have no medical explanation and therefore believe this to be a miraculous healing through the intercession of St. Charbel.”

“God gave me my vision back for a reason,” Gutierrez said. “I want to be able to help others. I give testimony wherever I can because it’s important for people to know that God does exist and he does hear us. I tell people, ‘Don’t lose the faith. And the most important of all is confession, which brings you healing.’”



**Mother Teresa walked up to a wealthy man and holding out her hand asked, “give me something for the poor.” The man spat in her hand! She closed her hand to make a fist, placed it to her heart and said, “that was for me and my sisters.” Then, holding out her other hand, she asked, “give me something for the poor.” The man did - and continued to do so for the rest of his life!**

## Today, I turn 31. I'm a man. And I'm Proud of it.

I'm not sure when men decided that 30 was the new 15. When men thought it was better to remain independent than making a commitment to another. When men we're courageous in business and battle but afraid to be fathers. I'm not sure when video games and "guy night" became more important than tee-ball and date night. When 4 year relationships weren't long enough for a proposal. When staying out became cooler than showing up. I'm not sure when men became boys.

Our culture has a boy problem. In Italy, they call it Peter Pan Syndrome. I call it immaturity and selfishness. Men so focused on their dreams, their visions, and their

desires they find themselves wealthy, known, and alone.

The adult world doesn't need more boys. We need men who will grow up, know up, and show up. Who will fight for romance and commit quickly and stay indefinitely. To turn their hearts toward children and work to raise them well. To be friends who grow friends. Not just by compliments, but accountability and conviction. We need more men.

We need more men of integrity and character. Those who will hold a moral code and not compromise it. Those who love women, treat them as they would their own daughters and lead them when everything doesn't make sense... They would lead. We need more men.

Today, I turn 31. I'm a man. And I'm proud of that. Please share as a birthday gift.

*Dale Partridge*



## 10 Ways to Annihilate Your Masculinity

Jared Zimmerer

### Don't take a stand for anything

The measure of a man largely depends on the principles he adheres to. Oftentimes this means taking a stand for what is right at some point in your life. As the great Winston Churchill once said, "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

### Use others

How a man treats those weaker than himself reflects his character. If you consistently use others for your own selfish gain, you prove that you don't have the sand to do it yourself.

### Complain constantly

A real man loves difficulty and is always willing to compromise on things other than his principles. If you continuously groan and moan about life, politics or family life, what have you done except show your inability to lead?

### Objectify women

Women deserve our respect. Every one of them are someone else's mother, sister, or daughter. By objectifying them you lose your own honour and dignity.

### Ignore the greats

History is filled with men of passion, integrity and virtue. If you disregard their legacy, you will never have a legacy of your own.

### Abhor reading

The written word is a treasure trove of authentic masculinity. Within the sacred bounds of the two covers lies the key to the map our own lives and the ability to know what greatness is.

### Hate exercise

Laziness is a sign of weakness. Not only does the gym biologically enhance your testosterone levels, it creates a permeating presence of standing for what you believe in and the willingness to take a hit in the process.

### Focus on material goods

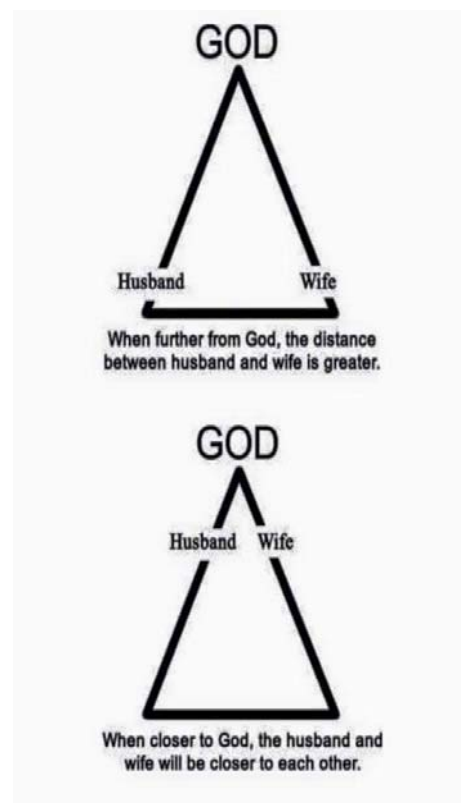
Toys are just that: toys. In the words of St. Paul, "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." 1 Corinthians 13:11

### Blatantly use strong words

The constant use of strong words decreases the significance and impact of their use in times of need.

### Fear children

Children are our future. In them we make a difference on the world by forming them rightly and preparing them to carry on the mission. Fearing a child, or the raising of them, is admitting to your own immaturity and weakness.



# Polish Eucharistic Miracle Approved Amid Nation's 1,050th Anniversary of Christianity

by CNA 04/19/2016

LEGNICA, Poland — A bleeding Host that “has the hallmarks of a Eucharistic miracle” was approved for veneration in Poland over the weekend.

The announcement was made by Bishop Zbigniew Kiernikowski of Legnica on April 17.

On Christmas Day 2013, a consecrated Host fell to the floor, the bishop said. It was picked up and placed in a container with water. Soon after, red stains appeared on the Host.

Then-Bishop of Legnica Stefan Cichy created a commission to monitor the Host. In February 2014, a small fragment was placed on a corporal and underwent testing by various research institutes.

The final medical statement by the Department of Forensic Medicine found: “In the histopathological image, the fragments were found containing the fragmented parts of the cross-striated muscle. It is most similar to the heart muscle.” Tests also determined the tissue to be of human origin and found that it bore signs of distress.

Saying that the Host “has the hallmarks of a Eucharistic miracle,” Bishop Kiernikowski explained that in January 2016 he presented the matter to the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

In April, in accordance with the Holy See’s recommendations, he asked parish priest Andrzej Ziombrze “to prepare a suitable place for the relics so that the

faithful could venerate it.”

The announcement coincides with the 1,050th anniversary of Christianity in Poland. The power of Poland’s “invincible national spirit” and resilience to countless foreign invaders lies not with her government or military, but in the nation’s Christian identity, its president said on Friday.



## Albert Einstein on the Catholic Church vs Hitler

"Being a lover of freedom, when the revolution came in Germany, I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but, no, the universities immediately were silenced.

"Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities, were silenced in a few short weeks. ...

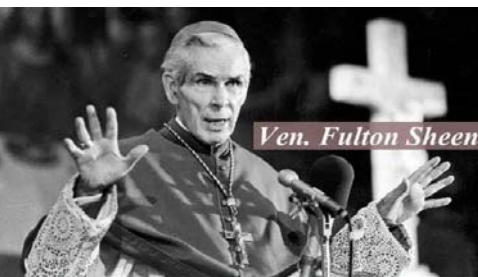
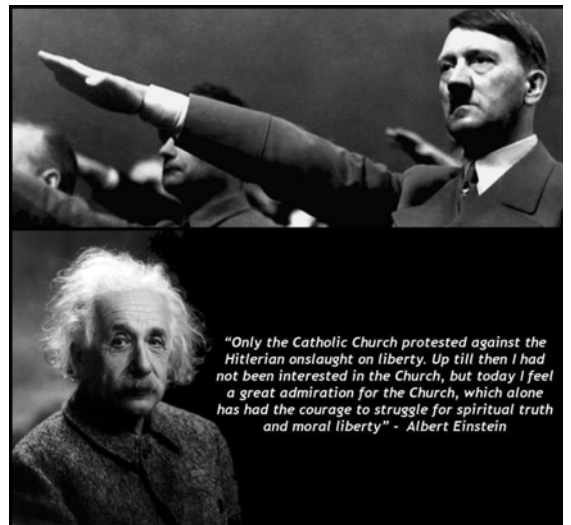
"Only the Church stood squarely

across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth.

"I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom.

"I am forced thus to confess that what I once despised I now praise unreservedly."

— Albert Einstein, *Time* magazine, Dec 23, 1940, p. 38



Ven. Fulton Sheen

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**YOU WILL NEVER BE HAPPY IF YOUR HAPPINESS DEPENDS ON GETTING SOLELY WHAT YOU WANT. CHANGE THE FOCUS. GET A NEW CENTER. WILL WHAT GOD WILLS, AND YOUR JOY NO MAN SHALL TAKE FROM YOU.**

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**Atheists Hate Him!**



**Thirteenth Century Priest Discovers 5 WEIRD WAYS to Prove God Exists**

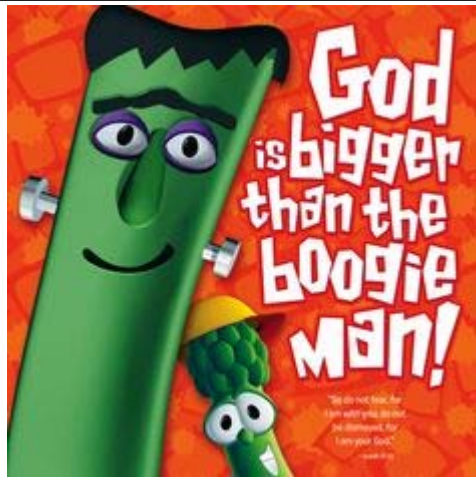
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## The Father Sends a Helper

The Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things ... My own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give ... Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.  
John 14:26

TEACHER	SPIRIT	OBEY
GREATER	WORLD	LOVE
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FATHER	WORDS	HOLY
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