

hundred feet deep. How close could you drive the car to the edge of the highway?"

Jim answered: **"I could drive the car within a foot of the edge of the ravine!"**

Pat answered: **"I could drive the car within eight inches of the edge of the ravine!"**

"And you Mike," the Bishop asked, **"what would you do?"**

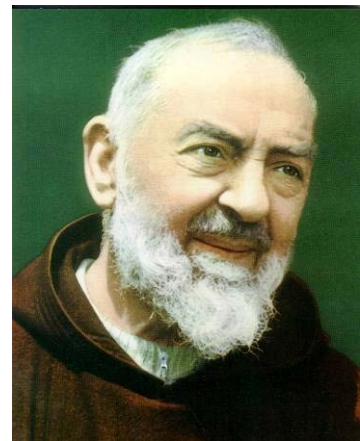
Mike thought a minute and then said: **"Your Excellency, I would drive the car as close as possible to the mountain. And I would stay as far away from the edge of the ravine as possible."**

"Then you are the man I want to be my chauffeur," the Bishop replied. **"I don't want anyone taking any chances with my life!"**

It is never good to take a chance with your life. Once a man took a chance with his life by going over the dangerous Niagara Falls in a barrel. He could have been killed. Another man walked on a rope that was stretched over top of Niagara Falls—he was taking a chance with his life. He could have slipped, or a wind could have come up and blown him right into the waterfalls and he would have died.

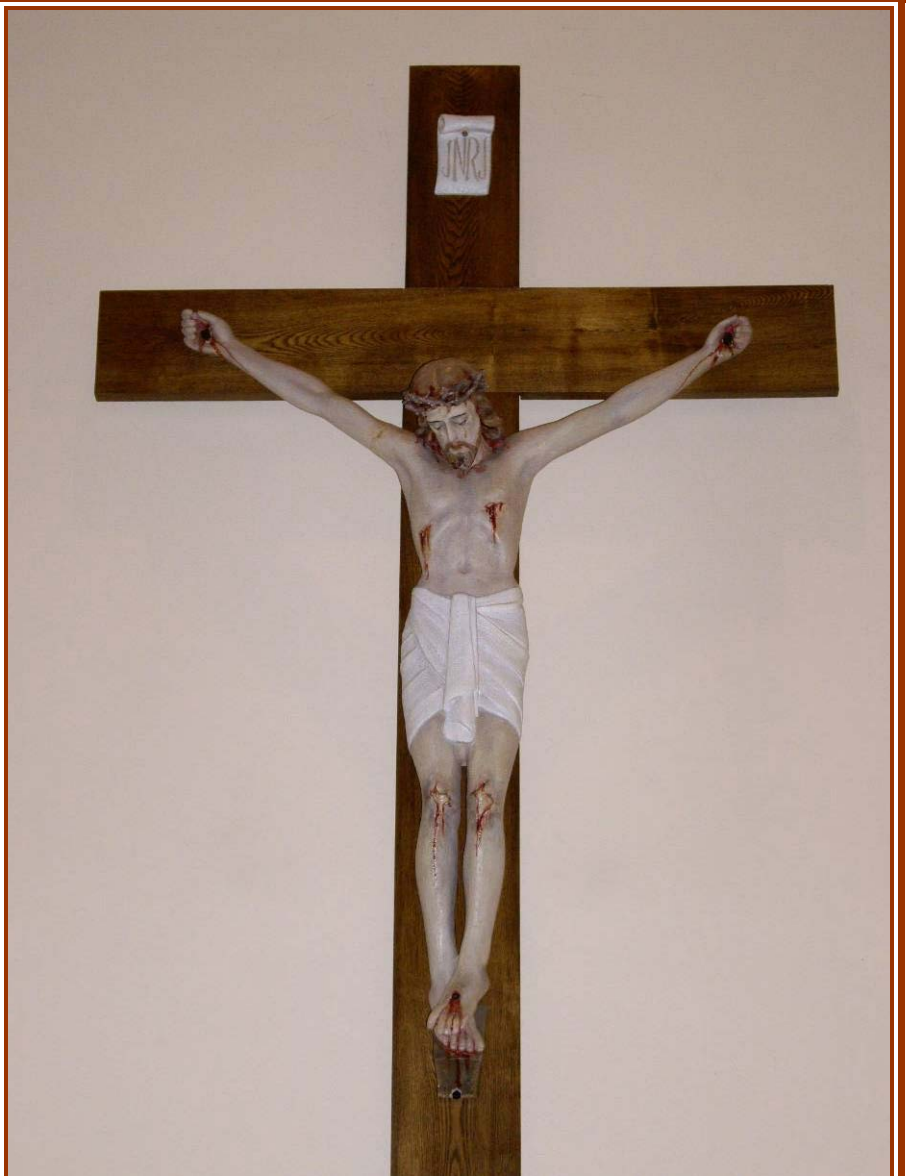


But what is worse than this? Ah! Maybe you guessed it? We all take a chance with our eternal life when we commit a mortal sin. By committing a



mortal sin we could die in that state and be lost forever in the eternal fires of Hell! We would never go to Heaven! We would never see God! **Now that would be terrible!**

So, never commit a mortal sin. Never go near to the ravine where you could fall and be lost forever. Always stay far away from the devil. And remember the words of St. Padre Pio of Italy: **"The devil is like a mad dog on a chain."** Don't go near him and you won't get bit. Don't go near him and you won't commit a **mortal sin!**



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Hail , o Hol y Cross!

Dear Crusaders,

The stripping of the Cross is certainly one of the most moving ceremonies of Holy Week. As the priest unveils the Holy Cross, he will repeat three times these beautiful words: "Here is the wood of the Cross, let us adore!" After the priest, the faithful will come forward to venerate the Holy Cross.

I guess you know quite well that the ceremony of Good Friday is pretty long, especially when it is done after the Stations of the Cross. So, let me give you good advice that will help you to pay attention to that ceremony. It is very simple: when it will be your turn to come to kiss the Cross of Jesus, think: If Jesus offered His life in sacrifice for me, what I am going to do for Him?

One day, Our Lord spoke to St. Gertrude as she was kissing her crucifix. He told her: "Whoever kisses or devoutly gazes at the crucifix, will receive the mercy of God. Out of love for your soul, I was covered with wounds and was bound to a cross. But, if it was needed, I would bear again all suffering only for your soul."

After looking at the pictures of the Stations of the Cross, a young Crusader said: "I cannot explain, but since I looked at Jesus on the Cross, it changed my heart!"

It is my wish that our Crusaders from Canada will follow that example, and look often at the Cross of Jesus. This will help you to put into practice the motto of the Eucharistic Crusade: **Sacrifice**. Look at Jesus and offer Him the sacrifice of doing well your duty of state, without complaining; offer Him the little sacrifices that you are making at meals. This will help Jesus to quench His thirst: the thirst for the salvation of souls.

By doing so, the Crusaders will be like Simon of Cyrene, for they will help Jesus to carry His Cross. If a sacrifice appears to be tough, just think that by doing so, you will help Jesus to carry his Cross.

So, remember that when it will be your turn to kiss the Cross of Jesus.

Father Dominique Boulet

* On March 13th, I said Mass for the intentions of the Eucharistic Crusade in Canada

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On the Sunday before Ascension Day, Catherine was given the Last Rites.



Her mother, who had joined the Mantellate many years before, asked for Catherine's blessing and also gave Catherine her blessing. Then after blessing all her friends and children, Catherine

bowed her head and died—it was April 29, 1380.

The End

St. Catherine of Sienna pray for us!

DON'T TAKE CHANCES

Little Talks to Little People

Many years ago three men were applying for a chauffeur job. A chauffeur is a person who drives somebody around to wherever they want to go. The names of the three men were: Jim, Pat, and Mike. The man who wanted a chauffeur was a certain Bishop O'Brien. He was a very busy man and needed somebody who he could really count on.



So he asked the men a question: ***"Let's just pretend for now that one of you is driving me along a mountain highway. On one side there rises up the side of the mountain. On the other side there is a ravine more than three***

Florence—bring them back to the Catholic Church. Do with me what you like, only please grant me this favour." Her prayers were answered: in July 1378, Florence returned to the Catholic Church.



After his election, Urban VI scolded the French Cardinals for living in too much luxury. These cardinals refused to obey and insinuated that Pope Urban's election was not true. Catherine tried to stop this revolt of cardinals but they refused to listen to her and they elected a false pope: Clement VII.

Pope Urban VI now created new cardinals to fill the empty places—but he was surrounded by enemies. At the request Urban VI, Catherine begged the cardinals to be faithful to the Pope and their duties. She also begged the Pope to be more kind and patient, for the Pope had a very bad temper.

In the south of Italy, Queen Joanna of Naples had joined with the false pope—Clement VII. In April 1379, she welcomed him at Naples, after he had been defeated by the papal armies. But the people of Naples were horrified to see that great honour was given to a false pope. They assembled in crowds, shouting: "**Long live Pope Urban!**" Before long it was discovered that Queen Joanna wanted to kill Pope Urban, so he excommunicated her. Later she died a terrible death!

Amidst all these things, Catherine prayed and suffered. Her heart was broken because of all the fighting that the Italians were doing. Catherine did practically nothing but pray and suffer for her people. Then, she went into ecstasy before a picture of a ship representing the Catholic Church and it was made known to her that she was to give her life as a victim for the Catholic Church.

Catherine became very ill, but before dying she gave special advice to all her spiritual children: "**Practise continual and humble prayer. Do not judge others and don't even talk about their wrong doings. Put your trust and confidence in God, and love one another, so that you will truly be my beloved children. Put yourselves in the presence of God and offer Him tears and fervent prayers for His Holy Catholic Church.**"

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA



St. Catherine of Sienna is the patron saint of Italy. She was born in Sienna, Italy in 1347 and was the youngest of a family of twenty-five children.

As an infant Catherine, with her sweet and lovable ways, was able to comfort and cheer those who were sad. Catherine had a special devotion to Our Lady right from her baby years. As soon as she learned how to speak she learned the '**Hail Mary**'. She would kneel on every step and say the '**Hail Mary**' and then angels would carry her from the top of the stairs back to the bottom of the stairs.

One day when Catherine and her brother Stephen were outside Catherine saw in the sky Jesus with many saints. After having this vision she was more silent and thoughtful. Soon after this Catherine made a vow to Jesus and Mary: "**I promise Thee Jesus and Mary that I will never take another spouse but God, and I will keep myself pure for Thee alone God, until my death.**"

Catherine wanted to live and pray like the holy hermits and she would spend long hours in prayer. She gave part of her meals to her brother Stephen or the cats under the table. She even scourged herself with a whip of cords.

When Catherine was twelve her parents wished to find a husband for her—in those days this was normal. Catherine told her parents that she would never marry so they treated her harshly, took away her prayer room and put her in the kitchen to work as a servant so that she would not think about God all the time. While working as a servant she thought of her parents as Jesus and Mary and the rest of the people in the house as the Apostles and Disciples of Jesus. Catherine served all with such great love and gladness that everyone was amazed at her. At the same time she kept a special place in her heart where she would always be alone with God. God assured her that if she did this she would find peace and continual rest in her soul which no storm or tribulation would be able to disturb.

Catherine cut off her hair to prove to her mother that she didn't want to get married. When her mother saw the hair gone, she was horrified. But she believed that Catherine's hair would grow back and that she would get married in the end.

One day St. Dominic appeared to Catherine saying: "**You will one day wear the habit of the Dominicans.**" After this Catherine told her family of the vow which she had made as a child to be the spouse of Jesus. To this her father replied, "**Follow freely what you have vowed. From this day on no person in this house will try to stop you from doing God's Holy Will. Pray**

for us—that we may go to Heaven.” Now Catherine was able to help the poor, serve the sick and comfort prisoners.

In 1365, when Catherine was eighteen, she received the habit of the Third Order of St. Dominic—the Mantelate. For three years, except for going to Mass, she hardly ever left her cell under her father’s house, and never spoke to anyone except God and her confessor. She did much penance: she wore a very rough haircloth shirt and a large iron girdle with sharp points. She was humble, obedient, and denied her own will.

Seeing that Catherine was so holy, the devil filled Catherine’s mind with terrible impure thoughts. Then he filled her soul with terrible darkness. Poor Catherine saw herself many times on the edge of Hell—how she suffered, but God helped her. She continued to pray, be humble, and confident and to love God’s Holy Will. Later the devil tempted Catherine to pride but she remained humble, and in the end overcame all the devil’s temptations. After this Jesus, Mary, St. John, St. Paul and St. Dominic appeared to Catherine. Mary took Catherine by the hand and asked Jesus to put a ring on her finger. Jesus gave her a ring with four pearls and a diamond on it saying: **“Now you are married to Me, your Maker and Saviour.”**



Catherine loved to pray in St. Dominic’s Church. Here Jesus appeared to her and exchanged His heart with her heart. When Catherine was in her little cell He would come and walk up and down with her as she recited the psalms. One day Jesus told Catherine, **“I am He who is and you are that which is not.”** And some time later Jesus told Catherine: **“Now you must take part in the family life of the household and look after the poor and the sick in Sienna.”**

God rewarded Catherine’s charity to the poor by many miracles, often multiplying the food in her hands. But greater than this miracle was the patience she had in bearing the complaints and scolding given to her by some people. Catherine also looked after the wounds of two women who were lepers and another who had cancer. Even though they complained our saint showed them the sweetest charity in order to win them over to God.

When Catherine was twenty-one, her father died. She comforted her mother and the other members of the household for God had told her that her father went straight to Heaven when he died.

Catherine had some enemies who thought that she was not a saint, and that she was fooling many people. But when some of these enemies came to see her they were converted and became humble, because she prayed for them and showed them how truly humble and good she was. (Continued on page 9)

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God had given Catherine the grace to read the hearts of all those who came to see her. She was always willing to help those who were sad or sorrowing. And she loved to help sinners telling them that there was still hope for their conversion to God and that they were still able to do some good with their life.

Catherine had a following of people that she gave spiritual direction to. They were sisters, monks and sinners, both men and women. And they sometimes caused her sadness if they fell into sin or would not do as she had told them. She also begged God to save every one of her disciples and to stop the devil from taking any of them.

In 1374 the Black Plague broke out in Sienna. Death carts were taken from home to home to pick up the dead bodies. The Mantelate and their friends went into the most infected parts of the city and comforted the living and the dying and buried the dead.

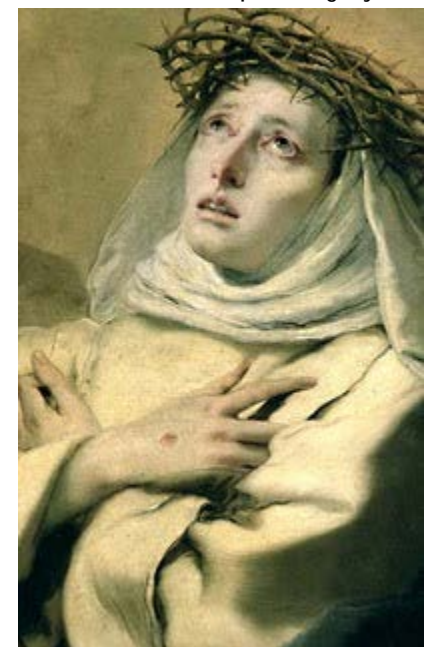
Normally the Popes ruled in Rome, but during Catherine’s life they were living in Avignon, France. Italy was divided into different states and they were always fighting with each other. Catherine begged Our Lord with prayers and tears to give peace to Italy. Then God told Catherine that she was to be the person to bring the Pope back to Rome. She wrote to Pope Gregory XI, encouraging him to come back to Rome.

One day, as Catherine was attending Mass, she went into ecstasy. Suddenly she rose into the air and stretched out both of her arms. Her face shone with a heavenly light. Then Christ Crucified came down in a great light while red rays darted from his wounds and pierced her hands, feet and heart. Catherine had received the stigmata—the wounds of Our Lord.

Florence, Italy rebelled against the Pope—they did not want to obey him. Catherine and the Pope tried to get the people of Florence to say they were sorry but the people would not repent.

Catherine went to Avignon to talk to the Pope. She encouraged the Pope to come to Rome. Finally, on September 15, 1376, Pope Gregory XI went to Rome where he was received him with great joy. As her mission was done, Catherine returned to Sienna.

After settling some fighting between two families in Italy, Catherine decided to help the people of Florence repent of their sins. Catherine wrote to the newly elected pope Urban VI: **“Please have pity on the people in**



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Enrolments in the Eucharistic Crusade: Ottawa, ON, February 20, 2011

Daily offering

(To be recited every morning when you wake up)

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, and in reparation for my sins. I offer them particularly **for the faith, and its worldwide propagation.**

ST CATHERINE
CHAUFFEUR
ST DOMINIC
MOUNTAIN
HEAVENLY
FLORENCE
STIGMATA
MIRACLES
AVIGNON
HUMBLE

CATHOLIC
HERMITS
SINNERS
PLAGUE
REPENT
SIENNA
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TREASURE CHART FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2011

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Note about sending your total to the Secretariat:

- Vancouver, BC:** give it to Mrs. Leung
- Wilmot, ON:** give it to Fr. Peter Scott
- Welwyn, SK:** give it to Mrs. Mailloux
- Winnipeg, MB:** give it to Fr. Gerard Rusak

Other locations: Preferably, e-mail the total:
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